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CENTENARY OF SAMUEL LEE

A Carpenter Who Became Professor of Arabic

ON July 27th, 1803, the Union Society of Shrewsbury visited Wrexham and rang 5,021 Grandsire Caters, the first ten-bell peal in Wales. One of this band was Samuel Lee, a young man then working as a carpenter in humble circumstances, who in later life had a most interesting career.

In his early days he knew both poverty and hardship. Born at Longnor, near Shrewsbury, on May 14th, 1783, he was one of a large family, and his parents were very poor. After a scanty education at the village Charity School he was apprenticed, at the age of 12, to a Shrewsbury carpenter. He would probably be about 16 when he chanced one day to open a book printed in Latin. This so aroused his curiosity that he managed for a few pence to obtain a second-hand Latin grammar, and in odd moments he began to study.

Shortly afterwards he was introduced to ringing by his half-brother, James Lee, a capable ringer, who rang many peals. As a probationer with the Union Society, young Samuel made good progress, and before long was a full member, taking part in all their performances. In his own words, 'I had a great love for the Exercise.' As no complete record of the Union Society survives, a full list of his peals is not possible; the writer has traced five, all of Grandsire Caters. Besides the peal at Wrexham, already mentioned, he rang at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 5,057 on October 30th, 1802; 6,065 on March 26th, 1805; and 10,097 on April 5th, 1808. His last peal was 5,219 at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on September 2nd, 1811.

During this period we know that other peals, including Bob Royal and Maximus, were rung in the town, and we can be reasonably certain that he took part in them. A frequent visitor to Shrewsbury at this time was Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, and between him and Samuel Lee a close friendship developed which lasted until the death of Lawrence in 1823.

Shortly after the peal at St. Mary's in 1811, a great change took place in Lee's circumstances. Unknown to anyone he had continued during these years to devote every minute of his spare time to the study of languages, and had completely mastered Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Persian and Arabic. Too poor to be able to afford more than one book at a time, his method was to copy out the whole contents of a grammar before selling it to obtain the next. He had married early, and his entire wage never exceeded

6s. per week. At length, quite by accident, his talents became known. Several prominent men in the town took a great interest in this local genius, and with the aid of the Church Missionary Society he was enabled to enter Queens' College, Cambridge, in 1813.

His career from this time onwards fully justified the support he had received. He graduated M.A. in 1819 and took orders, being appointed Professor of Arabic to the University, B.D. in 1827, and D.D. in 1833, besides continuing his studies in Oriental languages until he had completely mastered at least 18. At the same time he maintained his interest in ringing, corresponding with Samuel Lawrence and others. From time to time he rang touches with the Cambridge band, whose striking did not always please his critical ear! His active connection with ringing probably ended when he left Cambridge to become Vicar of Banwell, Somerset, and he devoted the remainder of his life to his linguistic studies, translating parts of the Gospels into many languages, and writing many books, all of which show his profound genius. In June, 1838, he became Rector of Barley, Hertfordshire, where he died on Dec. 16th, 1852.

On December 20th, 1952, Shropshire ringers paid a tribute to his memory with a peal of Grandsire Cinques at his old tower of St. Chad's.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' January 31st, 1913

ODD CHANGES

Five hundred peals for one Association is a record of wonderful service rendered, and this valuable service has been given by Mr. Keith Hart, who . . . on Monday completed his fifth century for the Sussex Association. . . . We believe that only three other ringers can claim such a record. Mr. William Pye and Mr. Prewett have each scored 500 for the Middlesex Association . . . and probably the late Rev. F. E. Robinson . . . rang 500 for the Oxford Guild.

[Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, had reached that total for the Norfolk Diocesan Association. The feat is, of course, much more common to-day, but still a noteworthy one. Mr. Hart eventually rang 900 peals for the Sussex Association.]

From inquiries made, Mr. J. McMillan believes that the St. John's Guild, Portmadoc, can claim to be the first Welsh-speaking band to ring a peal. Their performance was one of Grandsire Triples on Boxing Day.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Tues., Jan. 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER Treble	ANTHONY AGER 7
JOHN McDONALD 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
MURIEL REAY 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	HENRY H. FEARN 10
JOHN PINFOLD 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

A 70th birthday compliment to William C. Dowding.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 7
MURIEL REAY 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	HENRY H. FEARN 9
ANTHONY AGER 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER 5	*GEORGE E. FEARN 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* 250th peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK 6
CLEMENT GLENN 2	LEONARD RODMELL 7
*JOHN M. HARROP 3	JOHN G. HOBSON 8
RONALD H. DOVE 4	CHARLES BARKER 9
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD 5	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method, and on ten bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER Treble	RODERICK J. LEES 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
HARRY GRIFFITHS 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 8
SAMUEL BIRCH 4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

Rung half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the Rt. Rev. E. S. Woods, late Bishop of Lichfield.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	ALLEN MORGAN 8
REGINALD WOODYATT 4	CYRIL TANSELL 9
JOHN THOMAS 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

A farewell to the Rt. Rev. Bertram Lasbrey, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Worcester and Rector of All Saints' Church, upon his retirement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 2	THOMAS BOWLES 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	JAMES ADAMS 7
CHARLES COLES 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to William H. B. Wilkins.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*FRED LACEY Treble	HARRY HALL 5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON 2	JACK BRAY 6
*BRIAN CUTHBERT 3	GEORGE W. MOODY 7
*RONALD CHAFER 4	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

NESTA D. SMITH Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
RICHARD M. CURRIE 2	OSCAR G. SMART 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL 7
JOHN R. TOLMAN 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN McDONALD Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
MURIEL REAY 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, QUEENSBURY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

SAM LONGBOTTOM Treble	RALPH BEAUMONT 5
JOHN F. BRYANT 2	JOHN HENRY FIELDEN 6
GEOFFREY INGHAM 3	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 7
*KENNETH PALMER 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY F. BRYANT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
WALTER H. POOLE 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	*WILLIAM E. TURNER 7
ROGER KEELEY 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal in the method.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 480 each of Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge, and 800 of Bristol, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY .. Treble	†GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 5
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
*WILLIAM WENBAN .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 7
FRANCIS KIRK .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

*First peal of Spliced away from the treble. †First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SALLIE BONE .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 2	DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 6
WILLIAM S. MAY .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
DONALD COOMBES .. 4	GERALD FROST .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

*First peal of Major.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

DANIEL D. COOPER .. Treble	*WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. 5
LEONARD A. TIDY .. 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 3	JAMES W. KNIGHT .. 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT .. 4	ROYDON DAVIES .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.
*First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. G. Talbot.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LISCARD IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
*NORAH M. BIBBY .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
JOHN W. BEST .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY .. 4	R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C. 13 D.O.).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

*150th peal. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 220).

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Johnson's Variation.	JOHN McDONALD .. 5
CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	RODERICK J. LEES .. 6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 2	*MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

*First peal of Surprise Major.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*JOHN N. DISERENS .. Treble	†FRANK W. LEWIS .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS .. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 6
AUDREY B. DISERENS .. 3	REGINALD W. REX .. 7
MRS. A. DISERENS .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany and as a compliment to Miss Nance Morgan and the Rev. Martin Rogers, assistant curate, on their recent marriage.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUCAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

Parker's Twelve-part.	DENIS ROE .. 5
CLEMENT W. JOSE .. Treble	A. HUBERT EPLETT .. 6
ALAN CARVETH .. 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 7
JAMES P. BLOND .. 3	STEWART J. ROBINSON .. Tenor
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4	

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany, and as a second wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Williams, who were married at this church.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RICHARD GARDINER .. Treble	BERNARD BOVER .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	PETER J. CAME .. 6
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. A bachelors' peal.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Jan. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.	ROGER HAWKESWORTH .. 5
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Treble	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 6
EDMUND MALIN .. 2	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	*WILLIAM R. JOHNSON .. Tenor
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4	

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

*First peal. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. S. Woods, Bishop of Lichfield, and patron of the Stafford Society, also Mr. W. J. Bastone, head ringier and verger for 15 and 25 years respectively at the above church.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 22 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation)	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 5
FRANK LONG .. Treble	BERTIE RIDGEWAY .. 6
NANCY MARKLEW .. 2	EDGAR VALLANCE .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3	FRANK MELLOR .. Tenor
EDWARD SOWMAN .. 4	

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred Cotton, for many years captain of St. Mary's and district secretary of the M.C.A.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 WATERLOO BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

WILLIAM LOVE .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 4	CEDRIC CURSON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal of Triples in the method (?). Composition contains the 5 and 6 their maximum number of courses 'home' at backstroke.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. Treble	*PETER MARRIOTT .. 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 2	JOHN UNDERWOOD .. 6
*RODNEY HARRISON .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 4	†SIDNEY H. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

*First peal in the method. †150th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
*WINIFRED M. BURTON 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
MICHAEL E. BROWN 4	JOHN B. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Kathleen Proctor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Treble	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE .. 5
*JOHN J. MORRIS 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
HAROLD KILBY 3	ERNEST JELLEY 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	CECIL H. F. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

*50th peal together.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the Bishop of Lichfield, father of the Rev. R. Woods, M.A., now Archdeacon of Singapore, who was until recently Vicar of this parish.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Fri., Jan. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
MARY FULLER 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The conductor's 400th peal for the above Association.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Jan. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
DENNIS BERESFORD .. Treble	JOAN BERESFORD 5
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
EDMUND MALIN 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER 7
*CLIVE M. SMITH 4	MARK N. CULLING Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. S. Woods, Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. Treble	*GRAHAM R. EYLES .. 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 7
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 4	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

*First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JACK BAILEY Treble	WALTER G. SOAR 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
*FREDERICK W. STONE .. 3	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

*First peal of Major. H. Taylor's 50th peal with the ringers of the 6th and tenor.

Rung for the second anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Hatch. Also for the engagement of Miss Winnie Hodgkinson and Mr. Walter G. Soar.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	ROBIN G. TURNER 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 2	PETER BORDER 6
GEORGE F. BURTON 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 7
EDMUND E. PEARSON 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in this method (E. W. Tipler's D.13/1).

PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD WALSH Treble	JOSEPH TOMLINSON 5
BRIAN TOMLINSON 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY 3	CHARLES CLEGG 7
*WILLIAM LANGHORN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

J. S. Wilde's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT, SEN. .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
GEORGE W. PIPE 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sun., Jan. 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER Treble	ANTHONY AGER 5
MURIEL REAY 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

MICHAEL SLANEY Treble	DONALD BOURNE 4
JUNE M. HENSHAW 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 5
JOHN BEARDMORE 3	EWART AUGUSTUS EDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*JOHN FORD Treble	MICHAEL SLANEY 4
JUNE M. HENSHAW 2	DONALD BOURNE 5
*MICHAEL BESWICK 3	*GEOFFREY BEARDMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD BOURNE.

*First peal. First peal of Doubles for the whole band. First peal as conductor.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MICHAEL SLANEY Treble	*BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 4
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	*IVOR R. NICHOLS 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW 3	*ERIC NIXON Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

*First peal of Doubles. First peal of Stedman as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JUNE M. HENSHAW .. Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	MICHAEL SLANEY .. 5
BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of London Surprise, one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

GEOFFREY BEARDMORE .. Treble	BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 4
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	MICHAEL SLANEY .. 5
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD MOORE .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING .. 4
*MRS. M. MOORE .. 2	*TERRY EARLE .. 5
*JOHN LEEMING .. 3	*ALAN SYDER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: Double Court, Bourn Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	JOHN E. CANNELL .. 5
MARY FULLER .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob, and three extents of Single Oxford, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 4
BERT W. MAY .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. 5
CECIL C. BISHOP .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Arranged and rung for the 85th birthday of William J. Walker, of Upchurch, father of the treble ringer, and for the 80th birthday of Herbert E. Simpson, of Sittingbourne.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: 1, Ockley and Morning Star; 2, Norbury and Morning Star; 3, College Exercise and Morning Star; 4, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star; 5, Capel and Oxford; 6, Kingston and Oxford; 7, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*A. EDWARD DOBB .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN .. 4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 2	FREDERICK FLINT .. 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal. First peal of Spliced on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hett. Mrs. Hett, née Miss Jean Haynes, is a member of the Warsop band.



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DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble PETER J. CAME 4
EDWARD W. ROAST 2 JOHN WEST 5
ERNEST G. ROAST 3 JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Brig.-Gen. J. T. Wigan, for many years churchwarden at this church. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung by the local Sunday service band.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, College, Childwall and Wavertree College. (2) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob. (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise. (4) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob. (5) Hereward and Oxford Bob. (6) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob. (7) Kent Treble Bob, with 117 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

*F. ERIC ROBERTS 2 *MICHAEL P. MORETON 4
†WILFRID F. MORETON 3 *FREDERICK R. HARRIS 5
*FREDERICK A. JAINE .. Treble *LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

*First peal in 25 methods. †First peal of Minor in 25 methods. The first peal in 25 methods for the Guild.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany, and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael P. Moreton.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Jan. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being forty-two different extents, comprising four each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman and Grandsire, and three each of April Day, Kennington, Southrepps, Northrepps, Clifford Pleasure and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

ERIC EDGINTON Treble JOHN H. JOYNER 4
RICHARD J. WARRILOW 2 *CLIVE M. SMITH 5
JOHN R. JOYNER 3 BRYAN E. CARSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.

*50th peal for the Society. First peal in twelve methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Society.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. G. F. Benbow, churchwarden and choirmaster at St. Augustine's, who was interred on January 2nd, 1953.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*†FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble ERNEST MORRIS 4
*†B. STEDMAN PAYNE 2 *PETER J. THOMAS 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON 3 BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*First peal in the method. †25th peal together.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eighteen extents (10 callings) and two 240's of Grandsire, and twenty extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt. in B.

*GEORGE CASE Treble HENRY O. BAKER 3
SHIRLEY GOLDING 2 *JACK HUGHES 4
†BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

*First peal of Doubles. †First peal on five bells and in two Doubles methods.

A birthday compliment to the conductor. Rung on the front five after meeting short for Minor.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising a 720 each of Union, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*LINDA R. BINNINGTON .. Treble BERTRAM J. COGGINS 4
HARRY P. FLOYD 2 ALAN R. PINK 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3 WILLIAM G. CUDD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal of Doubles and in seven methods.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.
GEORGE A. ROGERS Treble HARRY WRIGHT 4
JOHN SITCH 2 DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3 HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Charles Harrington, one of the famous Fryerning company, who died suddenly on December 14th, 1952, within two hours of ringing for Evensong.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, and two each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

MRS. T. J. MARRIOTT .. Treble TOM J. MARRIOTT 4
LEONARD WARREN 2 PETER MARRIOTT 5
WALTER G. SOAR 3 ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT.

First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment, also a farewell peal to A. J. Marriott, who enters H.M. Forces on January 26th.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*HORACE MAIR Treble JAMES ADAMS 4
WALTER FERN 2 LAURENCE H. BUSBY 5
†CHRISTINE M. HALL 3 THOMAS S. BOWLES Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS S. BOWLES.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.'

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Rung on the front six.

*FRANCES E. ELLISON .. Treble *RICHARD G. LATHAM 4
HARRY BLACKBURN 2 CHARLES BLACKBURN 5
†ERIC ROUGHLEY 3 †JOHN R. AUSTIN (16) Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

*First peal of Grandsire Doubles. †First peal.

WORMHILL, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MRS. MARGARET E. WHITE Treble ALEC RICHARDSON 4
*BRIAN WOODRUFFE (14) .. 2 †MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 5
WILLIAM A. SMITH 3 ERIC ELLISON Tenor

Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.'

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HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 23, 1952, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
AT COURTSIDE, WEST AVENUE, BASFORD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.
ERIC NIXON 1—2 | MICHAEL SLANEY 3—4
RONALD BARLOW 5—6
Conducted by RONALD BARLOW.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 1—2 | ERIC NIXON 5—6
RONALD BARLOW 3—4 | MICHAEL SLANEY 7—8
Composed and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.
Composition contains the extent of 7568s, 7856s and 5867s.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 28, 1952, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.
ERIC NIXON 1—2 | *MICHAEL SLANEY 3—4
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5—6
Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

* 25th peal together.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,
AT COURTSIDE, WEST AVENUE, BASFORD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 1—2 | MICHAEL SLANEY 3—4
ROBERT ANDERSON 5—6
Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1952, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT 78, NEW ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 240 Grandsire (Morris's) and 10 six-scores each of Stedman, Original, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 19 different callings and 40 changes of method.
VINCENT W. RIGG 1—2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3—4
N. DAVID LANE 5—6
Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPliced PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Consisting of 4,224 Plain Bob and 792 Gainsborough Little Bob with 132 changes of method. Each course rung P.P.G.P.P.
Tenor size 17 in A.
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 5—6
HARRY POYNER 3—4 | ERNEST MORRIS 7—8
Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1—2 | HARRY POYNER 7—8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3—4 | ALFRED BALLARD 9—10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5—6 | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 11—12
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Friday, Jan. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT 23, SOUTHDALE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
KATHLEEN HIGGINS 1—2 | PETER BORDER 5—6
ROBIN G. TURNER 3—4 | R. JAMES COOK 7—8
Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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Members of the Ancient Society of College
Youths will extend their sincere sympathy to
their esteemed secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, in the
death of his wife. Mrs. Peck died in hospital
on Saturday.

We regret to learn that Mr.
W. H. J. Hooton met with
an accident in his garden
which has injured an eye. As a result he has to
stay in bed for two weeks without reading,
writing or visitors. Will those wanting Central
Council publications kindly refrain from sending
their orders during the next two weeks?

All matter intended for publication in 'The
Ringing World' should be addressed to the
Editor, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.
Delay arises when items are sent to members of
the Editorial Committee.

The Great Glenn handbell ringers collected
£41 7s. at Christmas by ringing selections. The
sum of £25 was sent to Dr. Barnardo's Homes,
£10 to the Coronation Fund and £6 7s. to their
own Bell Repair Fund.

'A Flat' writes recalling Mr. Harold J.
Poole's first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major
in 1920. He adds, 'Had I and Freddy not had
a fair amount of ale he would not have got that
one. The Rugby and Coventry men were stone
sober.'

The bells of Warmley Parish Church, near
Bristol, rang a welcome home to Allan Burge
on January 15th, he having seen service in
Korea with a long spell overseas. Allan is the
son of Mr. V. Burge, one of the chief ringers
at this church. There is no better welcome
home than the bells of your parish church.

The completion of 50 years' membership of
Goole Parish Church company and of the York-
shire Association was marked by the presenta-
tion of a Ronson lighter to Mr. C. W. ('Billy')
King. The presentation was made by Mr. J.
Waud on behalf of the Goole company and
ringing friends in the district. Formerly a ship's
steward travelling mainly between London and
Goole, Billy invariably rang for service wherever
his ship was in port.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of tower cap-
tains of the Maidstone Dis-
trict reminds Mr. E. Barnett
of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St.
Luke's, Bromley Common, on August 25th,
1933, by a band of tower captains who de-
scribed themselves as tower keepers. It was
conducted by the late William J. Jeffries.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at Mit-
cham on January 17th was called with 54
singles and three bobs.

A bachelors' peal has been rung at Writtle,
Essex. Now then, spinsters, look to your
laurels.

Mrs. Leslie Mills and Miss Janet M. Spurgin
are the first ladies to ring a peal at Worming-
ford, Essex.

Errata.—In the peal of Grandsire Triples at
Taunton (see page 19), it was the first peal
'inside' for F. Matravers and the first peal on
eight for G. Uglow.

The late Mr. G. Jones, whose obituary ap-
peared in our last issue, lived at Ludgershall,
Bucks, not Ludgershall, Wilts. We thank cor-
respondents who have pointed out the error.

Two silver weddings of special interest to
the Exercise take place next Wednesday: Mr.
and Mrs. George Fletcher, of Caister-on-Sea,
and Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Park, of the
Durham and Newcastle Association. Congratu-
lations.

Farnham District's message in annual
report presented last Saturday: 'We must try
to help others less experienced and to be more
tolerant and kindly in our thoughts and ex-
pressions towards one another in and out of
the belfries of our District. By so doing we
shall be more worthy of our calling as church
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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1952

Mr. G. E. Fearn Heads the List

Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, was the leading peal ringer for 1952 with the magnificent total of 124 peals. This does not equal Mr. Harold J. Poole's total of 143 peals in 1949, but it is the most prolific year Mr. Fearn has yet enjoyed. Last year the honour went to Mr. Poole with 107 peals to Mr. Fearn's 105. Since 1948 Mr. Fearn has passed the century mark each year.

Second position is held by Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, of Hereford, who was at one time Master of the Oxford University Society. He has the splendid total of 90 peals.

Mr. Harold J. Poole is the leading conductor, having called 65 peals; the previous year he conducted 79 peals. Mr. Nolan Golden conducted 60 of his 62 peals in 1952.

Miss Muriel Reay, of Birmingham, with 75 peals, all on tower bells, is the leading lady. She did not figure in the 1951 list. She is followed by Mrs. H. J. Poole with 52 peals, one more peal than she rang last year. No other lady rang 40 or more peals.

	Tower	Hand	Total
George E. Fearn ..	122 (35)	2	124
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	76 (40)	14 (10)	90
Harold J. Poole ..	73 (54)	12 (11)	85
Miss Muriel Reay ..	75	—	75
Arthur V. Pearson ..	72 (9)	—	72
Brian G. Warwick ..	48 (11)	16 (9)	64
Henry H. Fearn ..	63	—	63
Maurice G. Turner ..	60 (21)	—	60
Nolan Golden ..	61 (59)	1 (1)	62
Howard Howell ..	62 (33)	—	62
Peter J. Staniforth ..	48 (15)	11 (1)	59
Martin Thorley ..	46 (1)	9	55
Peter Border ..	32 (18)	22 (3)	54
Edward Stitch ..	54	—	54
Mrs. H. J. Poole ..	52	—	52
John Worth ..	50 (28)	2 (2)	52
Arthur G. Bason ..	51 (4)	—	51
George Sayer ..	51 (1)	—	51
John Pinfold ..	50	—	50
J. Norman Hadley ..	49 (2)	—	49
H. William Barrett ..	47 (3)	—	47
John R. Mayne ..	41 (6)	6 (1)	47
Fredk. E. Wilshaw ..	30 (6)	17	47
Clive M. Smith ..	43 (10)	1	44
Anthony Ager ..	43	—	43
Bryan D. A. Woolley ..	43	—	43
Jack R. Worrall ..	32 (24)	11 (7)	43
Joseph W. Cotton ..	42 (6)	—	42
Terry R. Hampton ..	42	—	42
O. Michael Slaney ..	13 (3)	29 (10)	42
Bert Gogle ..	41 (1)	1	42
Roger Leigh ..	41 (16)	1	42
John Hill ..	40	2	42
John E. Bibby ..	41 (14)	—	41
John A. Underwood ..	40 (2)	—	40
Robin G. Turner ..	9 (1)	31 (19)	40

Figures in parentheses denote number conducted.

There are a number of other well-known peal ringers whose names are not recorded. We hope to publish a supplementary list in a fortnight's time.

FIFTY YEARS WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The recent jubilee with the Sussex County Association of Mr. S. F. Haffenden, verger and captain of ringers at Goring-by-Sea, marks an interesting link with ringing at this Sussex tower. He was introduced to the Sussex Association by the late Mr. Harry Evans, ringer at the nearby tower of Heene, who, incidentally, was present for ringing at Goring on 50 consecutive Christmas Days.

The good wishes of the Association go to Mr. Haffenden and the several old stalwarts who have maintained the long ringing tradition in Sussex.

A peal to mark the occasion was rung on Monday evening, January 12th.

ROYAL SOCIETY of CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Appeal for More Country Peals

A SATISFACTORY year was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held on January 17th in the vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided, supported by the treasurer (Mr. W. R. Winterton) and the secretary (Mrs. C. J. Matthews).

Apologies for absence were read from Mr. H. Burton (Luton), Mr. J. Stith (Shenfield), Mr. P. Spice (Bromley) and Mr. J. Millhouse (Lincoln). Probably the weather was responsible for the absence of Mr. A. Pulling and Mr. F. Blondell, who had hoped to be present.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Cross said that the church authorities had agreed that the annual meeting should be held on the third Saturday in January as a static date.

The balance sheet, presented by the treasurer, showed a bank balance of £116 1s. 6d., an increase of £7 19s. 2d. over the previous year. The dinner account showed a small profit.

EIGHT MEMBERS FROM AUSTRALIA

The secretary reported that 35 new members had been elected, eight from Australia, and thanks were due to Mr. A. R. Botting for the good work he had done in that respect. Mr. Botting was also instrumental in arranging one of the three peals rung this year for the Society. This was a peal of Bob Minor at Yass, conducted by R. W. Ferris, the first Cumberland peal in Australia. It is hoped that this may be the first of many, especially as this is Coronation year. By a coincidence, a peal of Bob Major, at Finchley, conducted by A. Butler, was rung on the same day, April 26th, the anniversary of the first peal of Bob Major in 1725. The other peal was London Surprise Major at Swanscombe, conducted by Mark Lancefield.

In connection with the Australian peal, Mr. George Gilbert thought the Australian members should be heartily welcomed and congratulated on their enthusiasm.

The secretary hoped that many more peals would be rung this year by country members as well as those in London under the auspices of the Society.

All meetings this year were well attended and this was very encouraging. Bishopsgate and Westminster were visited in March, Bray in June, and Chislehurst and Eltham in September, while a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at St. Martin's and St. Margaret's, Westminster, in spite of the great fog in early December, was well supported.

The annual dinner in October was again a very successful function, and the dinner secretary should be gratified at the result of all the hard work he had put into making the affair run smoothly.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected: Rev. F. J. Winterton (Barnet), P. Dickinson (Cheriton), G. E. Roope (Northampton), A. H. Bates (Old Windsor), Misses M. E. and S. Collins (Burham), Misses Jean Dawson and P. Bourn (Clitheroe) and Miss A. Dannel (Slough).

The election of these members was ratified: Miss S. Knight (Gosport) and Miss Joan Hills (Grays).

Before vacating the chair, Mr. G. H. Cross thanked the officers and members for the support he had been given during the year. Mr. Cross was unanimously elected Master. The other officers re-elected were: Mr. W. R. Winterton, treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Matthews, secretary; Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, senior steward; Mr. F. J. Matthews, junior steward; Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. A. R. Ling, trustees; and the hon. auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mr. T. H. Francis.

It was suggested that the Spring meeting be held at Harlow Common on March 28th. St. Albans July 4th, and Bromley September 19th.

An additional meeting would be held at Shore-ditch on November 21st. Alternative proposals were left to the discretion of the secretary.

Mr. F. J. Matthews asked to be relieved of the position of dinner secretary owing to pressure of work, and Mr. Geoffrey Carter and Mr. Arthur Butler were asked to organise the dinner this year. It would be held on Oct. 3rd.

THE NURSERY OF THE CUMBERLANDS

Mr. T. Bevan made an appeal for funds towards the repair of the bells at St. Ann's, Highgate, when the estimate was received. This church has often been regarded as the 'nursery' of the Cumberland, and Mr. Cross recalled that the first peal of London Surprise for the Society was rung there in 1892, conducted by George Newson.

With regard to the proposed re-issue of the Rule Book, with a revision of the history of the Society, a committee was formed to deal with this; Mr. T. H. Francis as convener, together with the Master and Trustees.

Mr. Cross asked the secretary to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. G. H. Daynes on the death of his wife.

The Society had been thanked in no uncertain terms by the Rev. P. Ashton, lately curate of St. Martin's, for contributions towards the bell fund of Clifton, Bristol, where he is now Vicar.

A member of the Society since 1901, William Keeble died in April this year and the company was asked to rise in silence to his memory. Mr. Cross said that he had been probably in his time one of the finest ringers of London Surprise.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of St. Martin's and Shoreditch for the use of the bells and the canteen helpers for the splendid tea provided.

Thanks to the 'Wizard of Westminster,' the bells of St. Margaret's were rung after the meeting, a privilege much appreciated by the visitors.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District Meeting

For their first meeting of the year the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association met at Wingham. Sixty-two members were present, these representing 23 towers in the area.

Ringling during the afternoon was followed by the usual service, this being held in the church and being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Brockman, who also gave a most interesting address.

Tea was taken in the Village Hall and an excellent meal soon disappeared. The usual business items were then dealt with. Six new practising members were elected, also one new honorary member. For the next quarterly meeting, Sturry was the only tower nominated. For the by-meeting previous to this, St. Lawrence's, Thanet, out-voted Barham. News has, however, been received that St. Lawrence's tower is out of commission owing to structural repairs, so the meeting will revert to Barham.

Mr. S. Walter gave a comprehensive report of the proceedings at the committee's annual meeting at Maidstone, for which report he was cordially thanked. A balance sheet of the social held last November was presented and accepted, and it was decided that another of these pleasant evenings be arranged later this year.

The Vicar was thanked for allowing members the use of the bells and for conducting the service. A big thank you was also given to Miss Joan Kemp for making all the local arrangements, which included the tea, and the ladies who helped her during the meal were also thanked.

Further ringling was held during the evening, methods up to Double Norwich being practised.

B. J. L.

A PEAL ON THE LIGHTEST SIX

Difficulties in a Derbyshire Village

High on the limestone hills of Derbyshire is the farming village of Wormhill, with a population of 250. Standing in a wooded setting at the lower end of the village is the parish Church of St. Margaret, noted among ringers for possessing the lightest ring of church bells in the country.

Five of the bleakest miles westwards is the parish of Fairfield, and consequently thoughts have turned at various times to Wormhill's bells. One of the Fairfield ringers, in the course of earning his daily bread, has at times to sit in Wormhill Churchyard for hours at a time, and during his lunch hour has paid visits to the belfry, each time returning with the feeling that 'pealing' would be hopeless without a great deal of attention.

Moral support was forthcoming from another member of the band when, fresh from a peal success at Darley Dale, the return journey was made via Wormhill with a view to assessing the attention required, but as the light was fading little more than a casual glance could be taken of the missing rope ends and the smallness of the belfry.

Various other casual visits were paid, but it was not until December 27th, 1952, that 'Operation Wormhill' was put into force, when on that date the Vicar, the Rev. A. Shamash, was contacted, and found to be most agreeable to the use of his bells and only too pleased to have them put in order and rung properly. The usual procedure for Sunday services is to have three of the choir girls to chime two each.

A quick look round the belfry showed that four ropes had been cut off below the sally, tenor's stay was missing, and the only slider to be found was one that had been fitted on a previous visit. All the bells were inscribed 'J. Taylor, Loughboro (except the smaller ones, where even Loughboro had to be abbreviated to Loboro to get it on), 1863,' all but the tenor, which for some reason is 1864. It may be that the founders could not complete such a large order in one year!

On January 3rd the same two individuals proceeded to Wormhill, complete with tools, sliders and twelve yards of three-ply clothes line! Arriving about 10 a.m., it was thought advisable to catch the 1.40 bus home, as not enough jobs would be found to fill in the remaining hours until the next one at 5.40!

Far from catching the 1.40 bus, two further visits were necessary before the bells were safely ringable. Much speculation was centred on the rusty pieces of wire which were fastened to the centre of the frame on the slider's loose side and nailed to the uprights 2in. above the slider's guide at each side. Had some previous ringers used an electrical recording device? The reason for this amateurism was not apparent until the 3rd and 4th sliders were fitted, when it was found that with such a small arc for the stay to swing in, instead of pushing the slider along it was trapping it, so further amateurism, and by fitting wedge-shaped pieces of wood to each end of the slider's guide, to lift the slider at each end of its path, a satisfactory result was obtained. As well as these, three new rope guides required making and fitting, the tenor's wheel rim needed securing, and a new pulley had to be made and fitted to the treble to replace the original one which was missing.

Apart from these minor but necessary items, the bells were in remarkably good order, and there was not the slightest sign of decay in the wooden frame and fittings, but it is doubtful if Messrs. Taylors will see eye to eye with our bellhanging efforts.

Friday, January 9th, found six Fairfield ringers trying their hand at Minor, when the second's slider and the tenor's stay were soon disposed of. Bob Minor was first tried, but one found oneself leading four blows too soon if slightly overpulling. Kent was next tried, and by now more control was attained, but it was a rather doubtful band that made its way home.

Saturday, January 10th, saw zero hour, and after approximately 500 settling-down changes a peal of Kent was brought round in 2 hours and 44 minutes.

* Much discussion took place afterwards as to the likeness of the sound of the bells. Some said handbells, and one mentioned a market-place crockery dealer, but it is evident from telephone calls received by the Vicar from outlying districts that the sound of the bells carry well.

It has since come to light from some books in the Vicarage that the bells are the back six of a ring of eight, originally intended to be hung in Messrs. Taylor's Campanile and were in some way or other acquired by Wormhill Parish Church.

After the peal the ringers were unexpectedly invited to the Vicarage for refreshment, and they would like to take this opportunity of recording their thanks to the Vicar for this and the use of the bells.

THE LADIES' GUILD

North-Eastern District Inaugurated

The inaugural meeting of the North-Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. John's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on January 10th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and a variety of methods was rung.

After an excellent tea, at which 30 ringers and friends were present, the business meeting was held. Canon Stephenson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, was in the chair and 21 ladies were present.

The following officers were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. H. McGuinness; secretary, Mrs. N. I. Lea; general committee, Mrs. M. Fidell and Mrs. S. Park; District committee, Miss M. Fidell, Miss J. Hall, Miss Killingley and Miss K. Softley.

Five ringing members were proposed for membership, bringing the total of ringing members in the area up to 21. Three honorary members were also elected.

A vote of thanks to Canon Stephenson for taking the chair was proposed by Mrs. S. Park, and Mrs. N. I. Lea proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. John's for the use of the bells.

The business meeting closed at 5.50 p.m. after which ringing was resumed until 7.30 p.m., when members attended Evensong.

It was agreed by all present that the meeting had been a great success and that the ringing had been of a high standard.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD AT REPTON

Annual Meeting

FOR the beginning of Repton's history, one must go back to early times when the Saxons were slowly becoming converts to the Christian faith; it was for a time the ancient capital of the Saxon kingdom of Mercia and is older probably than Derby, the county town.

Repton Church is dedicated to St. Wystan, an early Christian martyr; most of the fabric of the church was rebuilt about 1340, but the chancel of the old building was retained. Beneath this is a unique Saxon crypt, discovered in the 18th century. This crypt has always been regarded by archaeologists as a remarkable example of ancient Saxon work, the roof being supported by four spiral columns.

To the modern visitor Repton Cross, with its well-worn steps, immediately strikes a note of antiquity, and Repton retains to-day many gabled and half-timbered buildings, and in the picturesque part of the village are several very old cottages. Just as Repton's ancient story is associated with its church and its mediæval fame, so its modern history centres on the school, and amongst the many English schools Repton has an envied tradition.

It was at this church so steeped in ancient history that the Guild held its seventh annual meeting, when upwards of 60 ringers were present from a wide area. Ringing on the beautifully toned ring, augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Taylors in 1935, began at 2.30 p.m. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Harcombe) conducted the service and gave the address, in which he spoke of the work of ringers being a real witness and of the bells reminding people that the work of the church still continued.

Following tea, the annual meeting was held, at which the chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson (in the unavoidable absence of the president, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert) presided.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) presented the yearly report. He spoke of the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. C. H. Brown (Winhill), Mr. J. H. Dunmore (Ashby) and Mr. G. Wood (Repton). Six meetings had

been held during the year with an average attendance of 30 per meeting. During the year three honorary, three ringing and seven non-ringing members had been received into the Guild.

PEAL RECORD

Forty peals had been rung in 14 towers in four counties, with 10 conductors. Mr. W. P. Whitehead headed the list of conductors with a total of 19, followed by Messrs. J. W. Cotton (6), R. Beniston (4), Ernest Morris (3), B. G. Key (2), W. G. Soar (2), S. H. Jones, D. Beresford, F. E. Wilshaw and J. Underwood (one each). Three 'In Memoriam' peals were recorded by the Guild on the occasion of national mourning for the death of H.M. King George VI.

Personal achievements during 1952 were: Mrs. S. H. Jones, 25 peals and first lady member of the Guild to ring two peals in a day; Mr. S. H. Jones, 100 peals for the Guild; Mr. W. J. Leach, 50; Mr. E. W. Beadmoore, Mr. W. F. Woodward and Mr. W. G. Soar, 50 peals each for the Guild.

The statement of accounts, read by Mr. J. W. Brittan, showed that receipts balanced the payments.

Officers elected for 1953 were as follows: President, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. S. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce, with four members as the committee.

Preceding the business meeting votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to the local members for their hospitality.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening included touches of Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise Major and a ladies' touch of Grandsire Triples.

Towers represented were Burton (St. Modwen's and St. Paul's), Ashby, Measham, Ticknall, Rolleston, Netherseale, Overseale, Lullington, Derby (Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's), Ockbrook, Duffield, Spondon, Kingsbury, Wednesbury, Packington and the local company.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A REPLY TO MR. A. PINK

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pink is correct in his facts but wrong in his conclusions. To me there is no paradox. It not infrequently happens in courts of law that a judge or magistrate after passing sentence suggests that it is time such and such a law be amended, but that does not alter his judgment, neither will it if the law is subsequently altered. It was quite in order for the Council to vote against the admission of the peals in question and then to pass a resolution to examine the rule concerned. The actual wording of the motion could have been better and no doubt would have been amended if time had permitted. As it stands, it seems to me to be a bit of 'cheek.' It recognises the rule concerned (despite the plea of ignorance put forward at the time), it admits the breaking of this rule, and then views 'with apprehension' its enforcement. And what is the 'status quo'? I would say that it is the rule which has been in existence for 50 years now, and not the ignoring of it.

Finally Mr. Pink is wrong in saying that the question of Plain Bob lead ends has yet to be re-examined. My letter on behalf of the Methods Committee a few weeks ago told the Exercise that this had been done and we were unanimous in recommending the retention of the rule.—Yours sincerely,

Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

CANDLESBY SLOW COURSE

Dear Sir,—I should like to make known another Slow Course Doubles method, similar to Rugby, recently published herein. We first rang it at Alford on September 21st, 1950, and have lately taken it up again. In the absence of any known name, we called it Candlesby Slow Course, after a local five-bell tower. I should be glad to hear of any earlier name.—Yours truly,

J. IVOR SMITH.

15, Commercial Road,
Alford, Lincs.

THE METHOD

12345	
21435	
24153	
42513	120
45231	
54231	2345
52413	
25143	2534
21534	2453
12354	4253
12534	13245

Three times repeated.
Three callings.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest 'For Beginners' throughout the series and deem them very useful. I do think an improvement (XXVI.) can be made in bringing Grandsire Triples into rounds at hand, as a call at the 'rounds' makes the touch false in repeating the first changes of the touch. I would use the course end 000264 (these bells coursing in 642) then treat 357 as 234. Thus 362457 from which to call the bells round at hand.

Single	at 1	473562
S	at 2	264357
B	at 4	642357
B	at 1	736542
S	at 5	357264

Rounds at next handstroke lead, which may avoid a false touch.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton Som.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the account which appeared in your paper of January 9th, which described the ringing of the bells at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, on Christmas morning; first, to find that the founder of the bells was Thomas Bulleston, of Aldgate, for Northill's former first (now No. 2) bell, 'Sancte Gabriel Ora Pro Nobis,' was made by him in 1510, the only bell we have, except the last, 'Victory 1939-1945,' which is not a recast.

But, further, I have an old print of this church of 1737, which contains the following information concerning the church and bells, which seems to suggest that the present bells may not have been the church's original bells. I give it in full for the benefit of those interested:—

'The Priory of St. Bartholomew was founded by Raherus about ye year 1102, upon a moorish spot of ground. K. Henry II., having granted ye Prior and Canons a Privilege of holding an annual Fair within their own District, ye place soon became inhabited and ye Parish Church was probably founded about that time; 'tis thought the Convent either officiated therein or presented to it, till their dissolution, in 1539; when ye 6 tuneable Bells were sold to ye Parish of St. Sepulchre, and ye W. part of ye Church demolished to ye Choir, wch ye K. order'd to be annex'd to ye Parish Ch; wch must have stood at ye E. end of yt of ye Convent; Q. Mary gave it to ye Black Friars, who officiated therein until Q. Eliz's reign, when it was granted by Parlmt. to ye Inhabitants for their Parish Church. The Patronage of ye Rectory was granted by K. Hen. VIII. to Sr. Robt. Rich. whose descendants ye Els. of Holland have since present'd to it, but 'tis now devolv'd to ye family of Edwards. It is situate on ye E. side of Smithfield, near ye N. end of T lane, in ye ward of Faringdon without; but tho it is within the Liberty of London yet . . . reigners are free to practice any vocation within this Precinct.'

I have reproduced the abbreviations as they appear in the print. This has now no personal interest to my family, and I would gladly present the old print to the Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, provided the Rector and churchwardens wish to preserve it in the vestry or any other suitable place.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN (Rev.).

Northill Rectory, Biggleswade.

FIRST LADY TO RING A PEAL AT BEVERLEY MINSTER

Dear Sir,—Peals on the glorious ring at Beverley Minster are few and far between. They are undoubtedly men's bells and Mrs. J. E. Turley was deservedly congratulated on the way she struck her bell. Incidentally, we believe we are correct in saying that Mrs. Turley is the first lady to ring a peal at the Minster.—Yours sincerely,

CLEM GLENN.

Nottingham.

RINGERS' MEMORIAL TO REV. HERBERT DRAKE

Dear Sir.—The Suffolk Guild of Ringers at their annual meeting held on Easter Monday last, voted a sum of £5 5s. for the provision of a sanctuary bell for Ufford Church in memory of the late Rev. Herbert Drake, the former Rector. Mr. Drake was an enthusiastic ringer, also founder and first secretary of the Suffolk Guild, a position he held for many years.

The sum voted does not cover the cost of the bell and it is thought that ringers who knew Mr. Drake might wish to contribute towards this very suitable memorial. Subscriptions (limited to 2s. 6d.) will be acknowledged and should be sent to the undersigned at Centre Villa, Ufford, near Woodbridge, Suffolk.

CHAS. E. FISHER.

PULLOXHILL BELLS

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. E. C. Gobey's query about the fate of Pulloxhill (Beds) bells, the best I can say, owing to the absence of churchwardens' transactions at Pulloxhill, is that while it is quite likely that the original bells were sold to help rebuild the nave and tower, they certainly did not go to Shillington.

The old tower and nave were in ruins till the first part of the 19th century and were completely rebuilt about 1845. The one bell in the present little sandstone tower is inscribed, 'Thos. Mears of London. Fecit 1800,' and thus may be a survivor of the original supposed ring, or, more likely, a 'temporary' replacement. The tower would seem to be quite suitable for a light ring.

A similar fate seems to have overtaken the original bells at Arlesey, Beds, judging by the old rhyme:—

'Arlesey, Arlesey, naughty people,
Sold their bells to build their steeple.'

The present tower and ring of six date from about 1870. Strangely, there is also a story that Arlesey bells were sold to Shillington.

This rumour concerning Shillington is curious, as the bells there were a complete ring, a tuneable, heavy five, by 1638, and were cast for Shillington, as the churchwardens' accounts show. They certainly did not come from Pulloxhill or Arlesey. The latter's bells, presumably broken, in fact, were used in 1712 by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, to provide metal for the new eight at Bletchley, Bucks.

The link is probably that Shillington tower also fell in 1701, in a storm, the bells being undamaged and eventually rehung in the present brick tower; the mutual misfortune*, with a little confusion of events due to hearsay evidence, probably giving rise to the Shillington part of the stories. I hope Mr. Gobey is now an octogenarian Treble Bob ringer and will go on enjoying that distinction for a long time to come!—Yours faithfully,

DEREK P. JONES.

* Hexton, three miles from Shillington, in 1947 became the latest victim of this local failing; see recent correspondence.

A 43 YEARS GAP BETWEEN PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note about Wimborne Minster being a rare tower for peals, I believe we can beat this.

Prior to the peal of Oxford Treble Bob on November 15th the previous peal was at Loughton, Essex, in 1909, making a lapse of 43 years. However, I hope it will not be so long before we get another.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK RILEY.

Loughton, Essex.

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RINGERS' WEDDINGS

PILOT R. TAPPENDEN, R.A.F. — MISS H. GORRINGE

Two ringers of St. Lawrence's Church, Hawkhurst, Kent, were married at All Saints', Hawkhurst, on January 10th. The bridegroom was Mr. Roy Tappenden, a pilot in the R.A.F., son of the late Mr. J. Tappenden and of Mrs. Tappenden, of Gun Green, Hawkhurst, and his bride Miss Helen Gorringer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gorringer, of 3, Sandrock, Hawkhurst.

The bride's father is captain, treasurer and secretary of St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, ringers and Master and treasurer of the Hawkhurst and District Guild of Bellringers.

Miss Gorringer, who has been ringing about seven years, was taught by her father and has about 20 peals to her credit. She is an excellent striker and possesses nearly an unforgettable memory and perfect bell control. When the time comes for her departure from Hawkhurst the loss to the local belfry will create a vacancy difficult to fill with a lady ringer of Miss Gorringer's ability. She was also very competent during her term of office as secretary of Hawkhurst and District Guild. The bridegroom also started ringing in Hawkhurst. Both of them sang in All Saints' choir.

There was a full choir at the wedding which, headed by the processional cross, met the bride on her arrival at the church.

The bride was given away by her father and wore a beautiful dress of white French velvet with veil and orange blossom. She carried a white prayer book with ribbons and red carnations suspended.

Two small bridesmaids — Miss Margaret Mitchell and Miss Elizabeth Mitchell (cousins of the bride)—wore scarlet velvet with velvet caps and velvet muffs to match.

The Vicar of Hawkhurst (the Rev. A. S. M. Leese) officiated, and Mr. Norman Rummary (a former Hawkhurst ringer) was best man.

The service included the hymns, 'Praise, my soul,' 'Lead us, Heavenly Father,' 'The Lord is my Shepherd' and 'O perfect love.' Mr. P. Weston played the organ.

Handbells were rung by Messrs. A. H. Kemp, J. G. Powell, J. Brown, G. Billenness and C. Baker as the bride and bridegroom were leaving the church.

About 114 guests attended the reception at the Victoria Hall.

As the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon at Torquay the bells at St. Lawrence's Church were rung by Messrs. G. Billenness, A. H. Kemp, J. G. Powell, C. Baker, J. Brown, H. Baker, A. Gorringer, Mrs. J. Hannington, Miss A. Wood, Miss D. Kent, Master D. Chantler and Master O. Bean. The bride travelled in a three-piece grey worsted suit.

On the previous day a presentation took place in the belfry. On behalf of the local company Mr. G. Billenness offered hearty congratulations and best wishes to the bride and bridegroom, then Mrs. J. Hannington presented the ringers' gifts of six soup spoons and six table spoons.

MR. ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP — MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE

One of the only two rings of five bells in the London area was rung at the wedding on Saturday, January 17th, of Miss Audrey M. Castle to Mr. Eric T. Beauchamp at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Merton. The wedding was of particular interest to members of the London County Association, since both bride and bridegroom are former officers and a number of members of the Association were present, including the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. H. Heaton-Renshaw, M.A., Vicar of Merton, and Mr. W. H. Taylor was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of white cloque with a full veil embroidered with bells and was attended by Miss Susan Transdale, godchild of the bridegroom. Mr. Derek Castle, brother of the bride, was best man.

Ringers before and after the service was by fellow-members of the Association and friends from nearby towers and included a touch before the service, conducted by the bridegroom.

After a small reception at the bride's home the newly-married couple left for a short honeymoon on the South Coast. Their future address will be 114, Monkleigh Road, Morden, Surrey.

Among the wedding presents was a tea service and pyrex ware from ringing friends at the towers of St. Leonard's, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung as a compliment at the nearby Christ Church, Mitcham, soon after the ceremony by R. Charge 1, J. Euston 2, H. Allen 3, J. Chapman 4, R. Sanders 5, S. Howard (conductor) 6.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY GOES 'HOME'

On Sunday, January 18th, the bells of St. Michael's, Bristol, were heard for the first time for just over three years. Services were held to commemorate the restoration of the church, which had suffered extensive damage during the war. Fortunately the tower remained intact, and until 1949, when it showed signs of becoming unsafe, the bells rang out for services in the temporarily repaired church.

Since that time the University Society has been homeless, yet far from inactive. The small, struggling, ever-changing band has been made more than welcome at many towers in the Bristol area. The help and encouragement that we have received has enabled us to practise regularly and teach interested fellow-students.

In his address, the Rector (the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones) welcomed us back to St. Michael's and spoke of the appreciation by members of the parish in which the University stands.

St. Michael's will be among the towers open on the Society's Ringing Day, Saturday, Jan. 31st (see notice columns), and the service will be held there prior to the dinner. Visitors will be welcome on that day and at any time.

H. J. T.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting was held at Halifax Parish Church on January 10th. The fine recast ring was put to good use in various methods.

The short service was ably conducted by the president. After service some ringers went to nearby cafes while others enjoyed cups of tea provided by voluntary helpers. Various suggestions to try and form a team for this tower have been put forward but it is a difficult job to start with no ringers at all. Visitors made the most of the invitation to carry on ringing while the business meeting was held in the vestry. Apologies for absence and minutes of last meeting were soon dispensed with. Almond-bury was settled for the next meeting on March 7th. The yearly report showed membership the same as last year, 50.

The financial report was adopted as satisfactory with a balance in hand. In view of another matter to be discussed, the election of officers was deferred until the next meeting.

The Society has been invited to form itself into an Archdeaconry one and, after discussion, a majority vote decided to accept this course. Ringing was then enjoyed by members until 8 p.m. Forty members and visitors from a wide area attended this successful meeting. A. W. B.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Crewe Branch Report Maintenance of Sunday Ringing

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 17th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. George Packer, and included rounds for the beginners, standard methods to Kent, Bob and Cambridge Royal, with a 'bit' of Superlative. Between 50 and 60 ringers took part, representing 20 towers, including two branch veterans, Mr. Albert Crawley and Mr. Charles Page, also Miss E. Robinson (Hertfordshire).

The Guild Office was said at 4.30 by the Vicar (the Rev. Francis Gentry), the first service to be held in the newly-decorated church. The Guild Office is an important part of the meeting; three former ringers of Christ Church, Mr. James William Edge, Mr. Richard T. Holding and Mr. Harry Overton, later of Wrenbury, who had been called to higher service, were specially remembered.

Close upon 80 ringers and friends sat down to tea, including the Vicar of Christ Church, the Vicar of Alsager (the Rev. Gwynne John), Mr. J. W. Clark (the Guild Ringing Master) and Mrs. Clark.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar of Alsager, who reviewed the year's working. The hon. secretary (Mr. Wilfred Kerr), in presenting his report, said that although there had been a loss of six ringing members during the year, the monthly meetings had been well attended, but, what was more important, Sunday service ringing had been well maintained. Mr. Stenson, in presenting the hon. treasurer's report, said they had not lost anything, and as they were not a money-making concern, the balance of £5 12s. was quite satisfactory.

The election of officers produced only one important change. The chairman said as Crewe was the centre of the branch, he thought the Vicar of Christ Church should occupy that position, and formally moved his election from the chair. The Rev. Francis Gentry was duly elected. The new chairman's first duty was to move a hearty vote of thanks to his proposer for his services to the branch since he held that office, which was carried with acclamation. Other officers elected were: Hon. secretary, Mr. Wilfred Kerr; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Frank Stenson; Ringing Master (8-bell towers), Mr. George A. Packer; Ringing Master (6-bell towers), Mr. Ivor R. Nichols; instructors, Mr. Bernard J. Ongley, Mr. Herbert Sutton and Mr. George A. Packer; representatives to General Committee, Mr. R. D. Langford, Mr. G. Packer and Mr. B. Ongley; auditors, Mr. E. J. Boffey and Mr. A. Perry. Thirteen new ringing members were elected and three junior members duly made.

An omnibus vote of thanks, including all who had helped to make the meeting so pleasant and successful, was passed.

The following meetings and dates were approved for 1953: February 21st, Holmes Chapel; March 21st, Lawton; April 11th, Audlem; May 2nd, Wyburnbury; May 16th, Goostrey; May 30th, annual Guild festival, Chester; June 20th, Barthomley; July 25th, Wistaston; August 8th, Wrenbury; August 22nd, Marbury; September 12th, Acton; October 3rd, Alsager; October 17th, Nantwich; November 21st, Market Drayton (joint with the Shropshire); December 19th, Sandbach; January 16th, 1954, Crewe, annual meeting.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. J. Mace 1, H. King 2, Miss S. Banks 3, R. P. Andre 4, E. H. Jones 5, J. Dafters 6, S. W. Ball (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

WARSOB, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob: Keith Davis 1, Doris Marshall 2, Joan Smith 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Midnight Eucharist.

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Disney 1, Miss J. M. Simpson 2, M. D. Stanforth 3, R. G. W. Copson 4, W. A. Lacey 5, D. S. Harris 6, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 7, G. H. Argile 8. First quarter in the method for 2 and 4. First quarter in method by the local Sunday service band, and rung for the birthday of the mother of the ringer of the 6th.

ASHBITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Yarde (first quarter) 1, S. N. Bristow 2, R. Yarde 3, J. Manning 4, H. Bristow (cond.) 5, Miss F. Norman (first quarter) 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Manning 1, R. Alderman 2, S. N. Bristow 3, Miss P. Norman (first quarter) 4, H. Bristow (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6.

BEDWELLY, MON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bryant 1, Miss J. Powell (first quarter as cond.) 2, Miss H. Evans 3, G. Flower 4, A. R. Price 5, A. Williams 6. For Watch Night service.

BOLSOVER, DERBS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Neeps 1, G. Davison 2, L. Coe 3, Miss P. J. Leaning 4, J. Saxton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, A. B. Cooper 7, G. C. Briggs (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the addition of two bells to make the octave.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Simon's, 120 Grandsire, 420 Plain Bob): Miss D. Charlie 1, H. Green 2, G. Lunn 3, M. Williams 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, D. Bonham 6. First in three methods by 1, 3 and 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Church of St. Dunstan's, on Jan. 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): B. Wildsen (first in two methods) 1, Mrs. Gladys Stockbridge 2, A. Philpott 3, J. Stockbridge 4, Mrs. Brenda Chatfield (cond.) 5, A. Butler 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Philpott, also for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler.

CARDIFF.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Roderick 1, F. Hannington 2, A. R. Price 3, Miss J. Powell (first in method) 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, R. Coles 6, D. King 7, S. Barker 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. K. Heath to Miss M. Blackburn.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Corinne Gale 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, E. L. Reece 3, J. Whitehorn 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, R. Tomlin 6, D. E. Parsons 7, S. F. W. Kimber 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Gainsborough Little Bob Major: R. Chicken 1, Miss M. A. Softley 2, K. Arthur 3, S. C. Walker 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, K. Cheesman 6, D. A. Bayles 7, C. N. Harrison (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. T. Finely 1, R. G. Blackman 2, Miss B. M. Ball 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, W. G. Challen 5, P. R. Blackman 6, N. J. Smith 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 5.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of Christ the Saviour, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Scrutton (first away from tenor) 1, Beryl Cowlin 2, J. E. Churchill 3, Daphne Luke 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, W. Everleigh 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, T. Dew 8. Rung on the octave of the Epiphany.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,952 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, Mrs. J. Niblett 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, J. Niblett 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, W. Wenban 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. Composed by A. F. Lewry. Taken from the 'Ringing World,' December 19th, 1952.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,320 Annable's London Surprise: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HEREFORD.—On Jan. 15th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Jarrett 1, M. P. Moreton 2, A. T. Poulton 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. J. Webb 5, L. Evans 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. Quartermain 8. Half-muffled for Charles Edwards, for many years master of Hereford Diocesan Guild.

HOLLOWAY, N.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hales, jun. (first quarter) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, E. F. Pryor 4, J. Hales, sen., 5, H. H. Begrie (cond.) 6, W. D. Prockson 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Jarrett 1, L. Evans 2, R. T. Jones 3, A. T. Wingate 4, F. E. Roberts 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, A. W. Davis 7, L. Quartermain 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Edwards, who was for many years master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and who was interred at Fownhope this day.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss E. Farrell 1, Mrs. S. Charnley 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, F. D. Bishop 4, S. Croft 5, F. E. Davies 6, D. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Clarke (first quarter) 1, H. Davison 2, N. D. Smith 3, J. R. Smith 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. W. H. Gray, who had been organist at the above church for forty years.

LUTTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. H. G. Watmough (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, Miss P. M. Campling 4, P. G. Butler (first as cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. H. G. Watmough, who is leaving to take up an appointment as chaplain to H.M. Prisons, Stafford.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Duffin 1, T. Hemmingsway 2, J. T. Duffin (cond.) 3, D. Lockwood 4, F. Bennett 5, C. Ekest 6, M. L. Lockwood 7, L. Fisher 8. Rung fully muffled in memoriam the late Rev. G. H. Marshall, D.S.O., who was Vicar of this church, 1931 to 1943, during which period the bells were recast and augmented to 10.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, at the Church of St. Maurice, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hansford (first quarter) 1, H. O. Thomas (first quarter 'inside') 2, T. G. Myers 3, J. P. Sims 4, R. A. Southwood (first quarter as cond.) 5, B. T. Smith (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Alice Lavers, youngest daughter of Mr. W. G. Lavers, captain of St. Maurice's ringers, to Edward Thomas Kennard.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Massam 1, A. G. Wood 1, J. Wormald 3, G. Ward 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Sirangeway (cond.) 6, E. Spencer (first of Stedman) 7, H. Homer 8.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (300 of Plain Bob, 240 each of April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew and 480 Grandsire): H. Sharratt 1, J. H. Joyner 2, J. A. Townsend 3, A. G. Harding 4, J. R. Joyner (cond.) 5, C. A. Brass 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. G. F. Benbow, churchwarden and choirmaster at the church, who was interred earlier the same day.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Jan. 14th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Guy 1, A. Jackson 2, Ward 3, A. Drake 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, I. Jackson 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. Bassett as Vicar.

SAWLEY, DERBS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob, 120 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): O. Cripps 1, Shelagh Kilbourne 2, W. R. Harrison (cond.) 3, W. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall 5, R. G. Newsum 6. A birthday compliment to John Harrison, brother of the conductor.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. E. Boam 1, B. Holland (cond.) 2, H. D. Holland 3, D. Holland 4, P. E. Sampson 5, W. Holland 6, R. Birch 7, R. Hall 8.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Norfolk, Old, Cassington, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas, Reverse Union, Reverse Canterbury, Plain): A. Cooke 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith (first in ten) 5, Doris Thompson 6.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mary E. Goodenough 1, V. A. Perry 2, Maud Clarke 3, A. J. Hobley 4, June M. E. Hill (first quarter as cond.) 5, M. J. V. Chown 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Bryan D. Hill.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Lawrence 1, F. W. Croft 2, P. W. Croft 3, H. Witterling 4, G. Cherry 5, J. Church 6, W. Brown 7, D. L. Gullick (first as Major as cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years as a ringer of Mr. W. Lawrence, for the last twenty-six of which he has been captain of the band.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne 2, H. W. Barrett 3, H. Brown 4, W. Morris 5, T. Abbott (first quarter) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Jan. 18th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales (first quarter) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 4, W. D. Prockson 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. A birthday compliment to Miss N. Hales. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging of the 7th.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Angela Bell 1, R. G. Bell 2, R. Rowley 3, J. Schofield 4, R. G. Smith 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. King 7, F. H. Crook 8, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 9, H. Schofield 10. First on ten by 1, 4 and 10.

WITHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roger 1, W. Clifton 2, J. Skinner 3, C. Deem (cond.) 4, F. Bastin 5, W. Hayman 6, J. Deem 7, J. Cox 8. A farewell to Mr. John Roger, who is joining H.M. Forces.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—At St. Mary de Wych, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elisabeth Lewis 1, Beryl Holm (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. Holm (first quarter) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, W. Holm (first quarter) 5, H. Cole 6.

KINGSTON'S RINGING MASTER Leaves for Singapore

Kingston-on-Thames Parish Church Ringers' Society have said 'Au Revoir' to their popular Ringing Master (temporarily) owing to his secondment to a Government post at Singapore from H.M. Post Office. Mr. George C. Goodman has 'held the reins' at Kingston in recent years, during which time he has built up an enthusiastic and loyal band round him who maintain regular attendance for Sunday service ringing. He has also pursued the long term policy of teaching willing learners, to ensure the continued strength of the band. This policy is the only sure way of maintaining Sunday service ringing in the future at any tower and is by no means unique, but similar methods if applied at many other towers in the London area would be the means of preventing in the not too distant future the present almost silent state of many London rings of bells.

It had been intended to hold a short outing on a Saturday in December last, ending with a Christmas dinner. The weather, alas, made havoc with the plans, and the day's programme failed owing to the incidence of a real 'pea souper' fog over London and the Home Counties, and the dinner was postponed.

This dinner event was eventually held on January 8th, and was in many ways a sad one, it being the band's formal farewell to the departing Master. All were acutely conscious that this was the last social occasion together before Mr. Goodman's departure on Jan. 21st.

An hour's ringing preceded the dinner, when 18 sat down to a well-served meal under the chairmanship of the new Master, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, at the Langham Restaurant. Before the tables were cleared, Mr. Hawthorne made a short 'farewell' speech, and aptly expressed the gratitude and loyal friendship felt by all. He then presented to Mr. Goodman an initial leather toilet case as a parting gift from the band, and proposed a toast of 'Bon voyage.'

Mr. Goodman obviously had some difficulty in finding suitable words to express his feelings and thanks to all who had sprung this real surprise on him.

The evening ended with handbell ringing (much to the curiosity and, we hope, entertainment of other diners), and the party broke up at 11 p.m. well pleased with the evening, but sadly wishing they had not so soon to say 'Au revoir' for two or three years to Mr. Goodman.

A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Kingston on Tuesday, January 6th, as a farewell celebration, but this unfortunately came to grief after an hour's excellent ringing through a 'shift.' A quarter peal of 1,264 Bob Major was successfully accomplished afterwards by the following: Fisher Dodson 1, Herbert J. Eldred 2, Miss Jean Frear 3, George W. Massey 4, Frank E. Hawthorne 5, G. William Morris 6, George C. Goodman 7, Norman S. Bagworth (conductor) 8. W. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held its annual meeting at Halstead on January 17th, where 70 members assembled from 17 parishes. The Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Swallow) conducted the service and gave the address. Miss H. G. Snowden read the lesson.

At the business meeting the secretary and Master both reported progress in the district, and the honesty of peals and striking was emphasised. The committee recently formed in the district to advise and supervise bell restorations had inspected one ring and reported what they found.

The Master, secretary and committee members were all re-elected, and the Vicar was made an honorary member and five others were elected.

Feering was chosen for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to all who had made the meeting most successful.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY WEBB

An Appreciation

By the passing of Mr. Percy Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs, at the age of 77, on January 13th, the Ely Diocesan Association loses one of its oldest and most valued members. The end was not unexpected as he had been in failing health for a long time.

Mr. Webb had served the Association and church well, being District secretary of the Archdeaconry of Ely for some years up to 1914 and leader in his own tower. There were no buses in those days and in a large and unwieldy District he often cycled some 40 miles to get to the meetings and peal attempts.

When the old ring of six at Ickleton became unringable, in 1927, his advice was sought about their restoration. 'We must have eight,' he said, and eight they got; the lovely ring now in the tower will ever be a tribute to him. When the new eight were installed, although quite capable himself, he insisted that I should conduct the first peal on them. Percy was like that, a most unselfish and lovable man.

The exact number of his peals is not known. He had rung 49 for the Ely Association, some of which he conducted. He rang in the first peal of Superlative in the county and conducted peals of Grandsire Triples with his own local band at Ickleton. Of slight build and rather frail, he always rang round the light end, seldom making a mistake, and his striking was of the best.

The funeral took place at Ickleton on January 17th. The Ely Association was represented by Messrs. G. Harding (Duxford), F. Hurry (Sawston), B. D. Buttress (Great Shelford), C. W. Cook (Newton), T. R. Dennis and E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge). A floral wreath from fellow members was also sent. Three leads of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells round the grave and a touch of 350 Grandsire Triples on the fully-muffled church bells. Other touches were rung after the writer had to leave.

His widow, four daughters and one son mourn their great loss and we shall greatly miss him and his always warm welcome when we visit Ickleton in the future. May he rest in peace.

E. G. HIBBINS.

MR. FRED COTTON

St. Mary's, Hinckley, has lost by the death of Mr. Fred Cotton one who had given the local company loyal service for half a century. He joined the tower about 1900 and was a very useful addition to the band as he was able to ring Grandsire and Stedman and many Major methods. He was also a useful conductor.

Mr. Cotton took over the care of the bells and kept them in good ringing order. He was ever ready to teach beginners to handle a bell and the art of change ringing. In spite of two wars he kept the band together and many of the neighbouring bands owe some of their ringers to the practices at Hinckley held under his tuition.

For a number of years Mr. Cotton was a very efficient secretary to the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association. He only gave up ringing when his health failed.

At the funeral service St. Mary's ringers were represented by Miss N. Marklew, Messrs. B. Ridgeway, A. Ballard, E. Vallance and A. Jordan. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by N. Marklew, A. Jordan, A. Ballard and E. Vallance.

A peal to Mr. Cotton's memory was rung at Hinckley on January 13th. B. R.

MR. SIDNEY ANSELL

After a short illness the death occurred on January 18th of Mr. Sidney Ansell, aged 48, who had associations with the Goring and Tarring bands.

Taking to ringing about 1946 his enthusiasm and drive resulted in helping the Tarring band to be rejuvenated; his work on the wheels, etc., improving the 'go' of the bells 100 per cent. Then, in 1950, the death of his eldest son came as a great blow to him from which he never recovered. In 1951 he moved to Goring, where he carried on his service ringing but his enthusiasm and drive had waned.

Ever there to give a helping hand, he will be greatly missed.

Before cremation at Brighton a short service was held in Goring Church.

His peals totalled about 15, mostly Grand-sire Doubles and Minor. P. R. W.

MR. W. J. BALDWIN

By the death of Mr. W. J. Baldwin, the band at St. John-the-Baptist, Chipping Barnet, has lost a friend who had been a member for 50 years, and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild has lost another and valued foundation member. Mr. Baldwin passed away in his 80th year and had lived in the district all his life, being a well-known cafe proprietor before his retirement five years ago. His ringing activities were confined chiefly to his local tower and he had rung but very few peals. His funeral took place on Friday, January 16th, and was attended by Messrs. S. Casley, A. W. Coles, H. J. Eldred and W. Langley, representing various ringing organisations.

T. J. L.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

Northern District

The annual district meeting was held at Hitchin on January 17th. Ringing commenced prompt at 3 o'clock, but after an hour of good ringing the tenor clapper broke, which put an end to most of the ringing, but it was possible to continue until 4.30 with the tenor being chimed behind with not very good effect.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. O. Walsh) from the Association's service paper. Tea was provided by the Triangle Cafe, to which 44 members did justice.

At the business meeting the Association's president, Mr. T. J. Southam, was in the chair, supported by the Vicar and the general secretary. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to their late president, Mr. A. E. Symonds, of Hitchin.

The district secretary's report stated that 15 new ringing members were elected during the year, five honorary members and three non-resident, making a total of 23. Twelve peals were rung, as against 14 in 1951.

In presenting his balance sheet, the district secretary said that the balance on the year was £20 16s. 6d., of which £8 7s. 6d. came from collections and donations.

Mr. J. Dean was elected Ringing Master, Mr. E. Boek district secretary and Messrs. F. Croft, H. Werrett, W. Houghton, A. Harris, P. Jones and F. Fidler committee. Messrs. P. Jones and A. Harris are to serve on the General Committee. The next annual meeting will be held at Hitchin, and the next district meeting at Norton on Saturday, February 21st.

The following were elected members. Miss B. Marks, Mr. B. Marks (Knebworth), Mr. and Mrs. F. Turner (Welwyn), D. Sutcliffe (Baldock) and D. Orme (Hitchin). The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service.

Evening ringing took place at Baldock until nine o'clock. Methods ranged from rounds to Superlative.

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BIRTH

BENSTEAD.—On Sunday, Jan. 11th, 1953, at 20, Stanley Close, North Hinksey, Oxford, to Irene, wife of Robert Benstead, a brother for Pauline—Bruce Graham. 2075

SILVER WEDDINGS

FLETCHER—PARKER.—On Feb. 4th, 1928, at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks, president of the Central Council, assisted by the Rev. R. C. Evill, Vicar of Edmonton, and the Rev. E. Forbes, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Bush Hill Park, George William Fletcher, of Southgate, to Edith Kate Parker, of Enfield. Present address: The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. 2054

PARK—THWAITES.—On Feb. 4th, 1928, at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, by the Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave, M.A., B.D., W. Norman Park to Sadie Thwaites. Present address: 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 2044

IN MEMORIAM

COLES.—In loving memory of C. T. Coles, died Feb. 2nd, 1946, and his beloved son, Freddie, killed in Tunisia, April, 1943. 2049

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CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—Practice night Thursdays 7.30-9 instead of Fridays. 2064

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting will be held at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' towers available 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. 2005

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Meeting at Beckenham, Sat., Jan. 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Oliver's Cafe, High Street, 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1998

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. George-the-Martyr's, Borough, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Ringing to follow. Please make own tea arrangements.—A. M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 2023

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caversfield on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Bicester (8) available 7. 2011

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting will be held on Jan. 31st at Croydon. St. John's bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall, Silverdale Road. Nominations for general officers 1953.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1988

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. All Saints' and St. Michael's bells available from 2.30. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.30. 1996

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Alverstoke (8), Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, in Brodrick Hall. 5. 2029

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Feb. 2nd. 7.15, general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 7th, annual general meeting. 2.30-4, Festival Church, St. John's, Waterloo Road; 3.45-4.45, Southwark Cathedral; service 5; tea, business, handbell competition, Chapter House. 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral afterwards. Names, please, Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 2020

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Ashcott, Feb. 7th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 2057

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Feb. 7th, Amptill (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Rochester Treble Bob.—Bryan Pattison. 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 2042

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Feb. 7th, Southam (8), 2.30-3.30; Ladbroke (5) 3-4; Harbury (5) 3-4.30. Service at Harbury 4.30, followed by tea and social in Village Hall. Good bus service between Leamington Spa and Harbury. Please notify early for tea to Mr. J. Barrett, 9, Pineham Avenue, Harbury, Leamington Spa, or R. J. Edden (Harbury 314). Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 2037

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Clearwell, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (4) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday Feb. 4th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton Coleford, Glos. 2047

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. To obtain tea, a card by Wednesday, 4th, please, to Mr. J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 2059

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those letting me know by Thursday Feb. 5th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Bromyard, Hereford. 2026

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridenorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridenorth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service. St. Mary's. 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Notifications for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridenorth. 2053

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th. 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names, if possible, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Wat. 7936. 2048

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Philip's, Nelson, on Feb. 7th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2045

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2050

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Belgrave (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Feb. 4th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston. 2046

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby (8), February 7th. Names for tea, by Feb. 4th, to G. W. Moody, Walcot, Scunthorpe. 2013

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Burslem, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Own arrangements for tea; cafes nearby.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2043

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., preacher, Rt. Rev. Bishop Wilfred B. Belcher, M.A., M.C., Rector of Diss. Tea 5 p.m. at the Corn Hall. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers. Names for tea, by Feb. 3rd, please, to A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 2020

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Stanford-in-the-Vale, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 2033

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Shaw, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Feb. 4th, to Mr. E. W. Robinson, 56, Kiln Road, Shaw, Newbury. 2067

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Old Bradwell, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 2063

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Wokingham on Feb. 7th. Service at All Saints' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 4.45 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Notify for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. W. J. Brooks, 13, Langborough Road, Wokingham. 2065

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Ravenshorpe, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Names for tea, before Feb. 3rd, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2062

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting at Great Cheverill (6), Feb. 7th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2058

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Thrybergh on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Names for tea, certain, to Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 2071

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Daybrook, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham. 2052

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual District meeting, Sudbury, Feb. 7th. All Saints' (8); St. Gregory's for Minor and Doubles only at 2.30 p.m. Election of officers. Tea at Unity Club. 5 o'clock, for those who notify Mr. A. J. Haynes, 68, Queen's Road, Sudbury.—L. D. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2006

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Annual business meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Feb. 4th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2060

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke, Feb. 7th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and ringing, Newport, 5 p.m.—Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 2016

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 3 p.m. 2073

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Over (8) on Saturday, February 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Feb. 10th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2074

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—February meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. All old friends specially welcome. 2068

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Exminster, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at the Stowey Arms. Names, please, Tuesday, Feb. 10th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 2041

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual, Honiton Clyst, Feb. 14th. Names for tea by 10th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. Service 4.30 p.m. 2076

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Institute (2s.), followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, by Feb. 11th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 2056

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Great Chart, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2070

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Bearsted, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2066

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent (8), Feb. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. A. Lygo, Kelvinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 2039

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting at Prestwich, Feb. 14th. Bells of St. Mary's, Prestwich, will be available. Tea, Co-op Cafe, Tower Buildings, Prestwich. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from Mr. G. A. Bell, 129, St. Ann's Road, Prestwich, together with money, up to Feb. 11th. 2040

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Fulney bells also available in evening. Names for tea, before Feb. 6th, to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 2051

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Merthyr Tydfil, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hanington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 2038

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, Feb. 7th, to Mrs. C. Hall, Staverton, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 2069

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Dundee meeting will be held on Feb. 14th. Bells of St. Paul's Cathedral and Old Steeple available. Ringing begins at Old Steeple at 3 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 1992

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea, by 10th, to Mr. A. Ashby, 16, Boughton Road, Clowne, near Chesterfield.—H. Denman. 2061

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual District meeting at Mildenhall, Saturday, Feb. 14th 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church, or bring your own. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 2072

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. Annual meeting, Heene, Feb. 14th, 2. Service 4.15. West Tarring 2.30-3.45. Names for tea, please, by 9th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 2055

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — The 65th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at 6 o'clock on March 7th in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street. Tickets 14s. 6d. each. Early application with remittance is essential. Ringing arrangements will be announced later.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2007

QUARTER PEALS

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Pugh (first in method) 1, Ann Barr (first in method) 2, C. M. Smith 3, A. G. Isaacson (first in method 'inside') 4, M. W. Fairey (first in method as cond.) 5, J. N. F. Fairey 6. Rung to traditionally 'ring out the old year and ring in the new.' Also on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): G. E. Pugh 1, M. W. Fairey 2, Ann Barr 3, B. E. Carson (first quarter 'inside') 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, D. W. Barr 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Lichfield.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Richardson (first quarter) 1, J. Harrold 2, A. Cozens 3, I. Dickinson 4, K. Perkins (cond.) 5.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on Jan. 11th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, L. Pearson 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, W. Williams 7, A. R. Ling 8, F. J. Matthews 9, P. N. Bond 10.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rothwell 1, R. Bagnall 2, W. Thompson 3, B. Rothwell (14, first quarter) 4, N. Tompkins 5, A. Lomas 6, J. Thornley 7, C. F. Jones 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. T. Robins on his arrival in Swinton.

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