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## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

**L**AST week we published the report of the 318th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Year by year these fixed dates in the ringers' calendar occur, but repetition provides no weariness. Each of the great dinners of the 'craft,' to use the word of a recent Master of the Ancient Society, have their own characteristics. Of the College Youths it could be said that they approach in style the model of one of the City Companies. Despite the warmth of friendliness, there is a decorum about the proceedings. The entry of the Master accompanied by his stewards is more than the formal reception of the chairman that is accorded at most dinners.

One characteristic, not exclusive to the College Youths, is the respect—it almost reaches veneration—to those with long membership. The list of those present with over 50 and 60 years' membership who attend the function does not get less with advancing years. Mr. Alexander Young's innovation of some years back of honouring the 'Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' provides one of these links with the past; there is a touch of solemnity as these men are honoured. Some of the former Masters have been men of distinction in state or commerce, but the vast majority are just ordinary men, with little known about them. Perhaps 'ordinary men' is not the right phrase, because by the very virtue of their election they were men who gained the respect and confidence of ringers of their day and generation; to the outer world 'ordinary,' but to their own intimate circle men who held the esteem of their fellows.

The experience of passing through such a chair is no light honour; the memory remains constant and these past Masters in a sense, although the College Youths have a democratic constitution, are the guardians of the Mastership. It is a sobering thought for any Master that if the Society and ringing remain as to-day their names will be read out 100, 200 and 300 years hence with perhaps an epitome of their lives. The Society should indeed appoint its historian to compile such details so that generations to come should know something of their forbears.

While the Masters in the main have come from the Metropolis and its environs, this is in no sense an exclusive prerogative. The provinces have made their contribu-

tion. An essential qualification for the Master is that he should attend the meetings of the Society and not be merely the figurehead at the annual dinner. With a programme of over 40 meetings a year held with one or two exceptions in London, the opportunity of the highest honour in this Society is outside the scope of most provincial members. But the College Youths have a far greater membership outside London, as is also the case with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Of the 53 members who joined the Society last year, only four lived within the ambit of Greater London.

The question might well be asked, Why do ringers as far afield as Cornwall, Wales, Lancashire and even in distant British Columbia desire to join this venerable Society, or the Cumberlands? The practical privileges of membership are, in the main, denied them. Perhaps once in a while the country meeting of the Society will be held in their locality or they might possibly arrange for a peal of the Society to be rung in their neighbourhood, or again they can undertake the journey to London to be present at one of the anniversary dinners. It is, however, in the intangible benefits of membership that the urge to join is forthcoming. Probably the first is tradition, the consciousness of membership of a Society of continuous existence from the days of Charles I. This sense of heritage with the past wells a feeling of pride in the heart of man. But the tradition is not one of mere continuity. The College Youths pride themselves on a standard of achievement. This does not mean that every member is a perfect ringer, although a standard of performance is one of the qualifications for membership. (Whisper it not, but there are bad strikers in every ringing society, although some might have more than others.) Generally speaking, however, the Society maintains a high standard in its ringing based on the fact that the attraction to membership comes from men who are keen ringers, love bells and, above all, the fellowship of their fellow-ringers. 'Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.' These men look to the origin of organised ringing and thus become College Youths. Take any year and read the list of those who have passed over; they are invariably ringers honoured and revered who in their respective localities have given leadership in their own towers and enhanced the prestige of church bell-ringing. Their example is one to emulate and the honour of kindred association is indeed great.

**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

PETER J. STANIFORTH .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
SAMUEL MARTIN .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 8
DONALD THEEDOM .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
*DOREEN DUTTON .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 11
JOHN A. ACRES .. 6	†RICHARD PRIME .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Canon J. R. Collins, a much-respected friend of the ringers of the Cathedral band.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. Treble	*FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 2	*ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 8
GEORGE W. CECIL .. 3	*HARRY J. MILLATT .. 9
*ERNEST W. PYE .. 4	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 10
†TERRY EARLE .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6	*WALTER ARNOLD .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL, Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

ROYDON DAVIES .. Treble	WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. 7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND .. 2	*†GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 8
GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. 3	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 9
*ALBERT J. ADAMS .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 10
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 5	FRANK E. DARBY .. 11
ARNOLD BRUNTON .. 6	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor and on 12 as conductor.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Queen Also a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

ALAN J. BROWN .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 8
JAMES FERNLEY .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal of Surprise Royal in Blackburn.

GREENWICH, LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 7
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 8
ARTHUR S. MASON .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5	JACK DAFTERS .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY, Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

First peal at Greenwich since the restoration of the church and bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

GEORGE W. HUGHES .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*VALERIE PHILLIPS .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 2	ERIC T. LEE .. 6
†JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 7
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 4	‡W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERIC FLINTHAM .. Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY .. 5
†JOSEPH W. ELMITT .. 2	JOHN R. YOUNG .. 6
ARTHUR YOUNG .. 3	*DEREK SMITH .. 7
ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

BRIAN E. DOWNIE .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
STELLA HUGHES .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5056 CATESBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5
STELLA HUGHES .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb.

URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Treble	GEORGE BUTTON .. 5
*MARIAN H. MILLS .. 2	ROY K. DUESBURY .. 6
FELIX H. ERITH .. 3	†PERCY W. MILLS .. 7
*MICHAEL A. MILLS .. 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT, Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

CATESBY SURPRISE MAJOR.

58, 14, 56, 38, 14, 58, 36, 3.

2nds place lead-end—4ths place bob.

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, Nov. 10, 1955.

**WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Nov. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.  
**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WALDEN .. .. . Treble	GWEN I. RUSBY .. .. . 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. . 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. . 7
GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. . 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER BORDER.  
First peal of London on the bells.

**DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER .. .. . Treble	CECIL RADDON .. .. . 5
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. . 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. . 6
ALAN DUGDALE .. .. . 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. . 7
FREDERICK JACKSON .. .. 4	DENIS MADDOCK .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.  
**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble	*H. GEORGE HART .. .. . 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. . 6
ALICK CUTLER .. .. . 3	*PETER D. BEEDIE .. .. . 7
*ELSIE K. HART .. .. . 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. . Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.  
Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.

**ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Nov. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 HAWKHURST BOB TRIPLES**

Hubbard's Ten-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
C. JOHN CASTELL .. .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. .. . 5
ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. . 2	HAROLD REED .. .. . 6
REGINALD W. REX .. .. . 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. . 7
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. . 4	WILLIAM L. GILKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.  
The first peal to be rung in the method.

**HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 TUNSTEAD LITTLE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR**

CHARLES H. MOORE .. .. Treble	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. .. . 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. . 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. . 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
The first peal in the method.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,*  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. . 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. .. 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. . 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. . 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. . 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. . Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

**LEICESTER.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 16 cwt.
E. CHARLES TURNER .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. . 5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. .. 2	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. . 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. . 4	FRANK CRANE .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by Mrs. P. J. STANFORTH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Rev. Canon J. R. Collins, Vicar of the above church for 26 years, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

**NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 8½ cwt.
*ISOBEL INMAN .. .. . Treble	RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. . 5
DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. . 2	RUTH A. CAREY .. .. . 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. . 7
JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. . 4	*MICHAEL V. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

\* First peal.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

**A PEAL OF 5152 VALBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.	
DIANA J. PERRINS .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. . 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. . 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. . 3	PETER BORDER .. .. . 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. . 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.  
The first peal in the method.

**MAULDEN, BEDFORD.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5024 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.	
CHARLES H. HARDING .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. . 5
JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. . 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 3	BRYAN S. COPE .. .. . 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. . 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.  
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

**OXFORD.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 4½ cwt.	
*CHRISTINE WOODWARD .. Treble	WALTER F. HOLLOWAY .. . 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 2	JAMES ADAMS .. .. . 6
DAPHNE CASTELL .. .. . 3	HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. . 7
CHARLES COLES .. .. . 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. The 100th peal on the bells since their augmentation.

**VALBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

58, 14, 56, 16, 12, 38, 56, 1.  
2nds place lead-end—4ths place bob.  
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, Nov. 17, 1955.



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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 18, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. . Treble	*HARRY M. WINDSOR .. . 5
VICTOR A. PERRY .. . 2	PETER NASH .. . 6
ROBIN WILSON .. . 3	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. . 7
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. . 4	MICHAEL F. AMOS .. . Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.  
\* First peal of Major.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5120 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE .. . Treble	†RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. . 5
*JOAN BERESFORD .. . 2	†JEFFREY B. WEBB .. . 6
†ANN BARR .. . 3	†EDMUND MALIN .. . 7
*GEORGE E. OLIVER .. . 4	†PETER BERESFORD .. . Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
\* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE BASILICA OF ST. CHAD, METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. . Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. . 5
GEORGE E. FEARN .. . 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. . 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. . 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. . 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. . 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. . Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.  
Rung for the opening of the Vienna State Opera.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PATRICIA HOWARD .. . Treble	BASIL W. WHITE .. . 5
FRANK H. HICKS .. . 2	KENNETH SNELLING .. . 6
ALBERT W. BOND .. . 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. . 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. . 4	RAYMOND OVERY .. . Tenor

Composed by R. BALDWIN. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

S. ARTHUR READ .. . Treble	*FREDERICK SAVAGE .. . 5
*DAVID HOARE .. . 2	*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. . 6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. . 3	RONALD G. BECK .. . 7
*VICTOR SAVAGE .. . 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. . Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.  
\* First peal in the method.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 14 cwt.
G. LEONARD HEWITT .. . Treble	JOHN WHITING .. . 5	
THOMAS NEWMAN .. . 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. . 6	
ERNEST PALMER .. . 3	LESLIE BARRY .. . 7	
*PETER CLARKSON .. . 4	ERIC COOKSLEY .. . Tenor	

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.  
\* First peal of Triples.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

VALERIE PHILLIPS .. . Treble	JOAN M. PHILLIPS .. . 5
*JANET BURROUGHS .. . 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. . 6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. . 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. . 7
GEORGE FRANCIS .. . 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. . Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.  
\* First peal.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part No. 4.		Tenor 12½ cwt.
*BERYL D. HOLLAND .. . Treble	CHARLES G. JONES .. . 5	
MOLLIE TILBURY .. . 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. . 6	
PHILIP G. MORGAN .. . 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. . 7	
JOSEPHINE A. GREEN .. . 4	LESLIE EVANS .. . Tenor	

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.  
\* First peal. 25th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band.  
Mr. L. Evans has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 26 cwt.
BRO. FREDERICK G. LEAKER, St. Kenya Lodge, 1833 .. . Treble		
BRO. ERIC NAYLOR, Beacon Court Lodge, 1967 .. . 2		
BRO. WILLIAM F. J. COPE, Elizabethan Lodge, 7296 .. . 3		
BRO. GILBERT H. HARDING, Concord Lodge, 632 .. . 4		
BRO. ALAN A. HILLIAR, Burnett Lodge, 6789 .. . 5		
W. BRO. EDWIN H. NASH, Royal Somerset Lodge, 973 .. . 6		
BRO. ALBERT M. TYLER, Burnett Lodge, 6789 .. . 7		
BRO. JOHN M. STALLARD, Burnett Lodge, 6789 .. . Tenor		

Conducted by BRO. ERIC NAYLOR.  
Rung to commemorate W. Bro. Nash's year as W.M. of his Lodge.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*J. B. JACKSON (Emman.) Treble	G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. . 5
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) 2	*F. B. COOKSON (S. John's) 6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. . 7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 4	J. H. FIELDEN (S. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. T. COOK.  
\* First peal. The ringer of the fourth has 'circled the tower.'

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*ELISABETH B. SCOTT .. . Treble	*PETER G. WILLIAMS .. . 5
MARGARET A. SOFTLY .. . 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. . 6
*MARION S. CABEY .. . 3	E. ALAN RAWLINSO .. . 7
ENID SOFTLY .. . 4	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. ALAN RAWLINSO.  
\* First peal. First peal as conductor and in the method.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*MARY FULLER .. . Treble	DEREK P. JONES .. . 5
*IAN H. ORAM .. . 2	*JOHN L. MORRIS .. . 6
*BRIAN BLADON .. . 3	*PHILIP MEHEW .. . 7
ROBERT COLLINS .. . 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. . Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.  
\* First peal in the method.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN F. PENFOLD .. .. Treble	*PETER J. RYE .. .. 4
*MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
*FREDK. W. LAWRENCE .. 3	†J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, College Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4
DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. . 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on his 83rd birthday.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*GEORGE SHELLARD .. .. Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
BARRY E. SAUNDERS .. .. 2	†WILLIAM F. EYDEN .. .. 5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal. First of Surprise on the bells. The above band are all eligible bachelors of the Towcester Branch.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*BRIAN E. BRANCH .. .. Treble	LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. 4
MRS. T. G. FOX .. .. . 2	HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 5
THOMAS G. FOX .. .. . 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal.

NAZEING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. W. SAMS .. .. . Treble	B. G. BURTON .. .. . 4
F. WHITBY .. .. . 2	W. WHEELER .. .. . 5
S. CLARK .. .. . 3	W. H. ALEY .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by W. H. ALEY.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. H. F. Hawkins, for his silver wedding anniversary.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK BAILEY .. .. . Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 4
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 2	BENJAMIN BARKER .. .. 5
JOHN S. HARRISON .. 3	ALFRED MOULD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

First peal of St. Clement's Bob Minor by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Bailey.



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STITHIANS, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
MARGERY A. BIRCH .. Treble | ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 4  
ALAN CARVETH .. .. 2 | DAVID PENROSE .. .. 5  
A. HUBERT EPLETT .. .. 3 | ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

Rung to mark the institution of the Rev. J. R. Jose to the benefices of Stithians and Perran-ar-Worthal.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.  
FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble | J. HARRY COOK .. .. 4  
\*ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 2 | WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 5  
MICHAEL VERNON .. .. 3 | JOHN VERNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Evander L. Littlewood, a ringer at All Saints', Asfordby.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) and (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Willaden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY SAGE .. Treble | SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4  
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2 | NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 5  
\*IVOR JENKINS .. .. 3 | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal in 25 methods 'inside.' 50th peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. E. D. Reeman, on completing ten years' service in this parish, and on his recent appointments as Rural Dean and as an honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Treble | \*GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 4  
JOHN COUZENS .. .. 2 | ROBERT ALLCOCK .. .. 5  
ROY OWEN .. .. 3 | TONY OWEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

\* First peal in two methods.

The second ringer has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.  
FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble | ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4  
\*GERALD JOHNSON .. .. 2 | JOHN VERNON .. .. 5  
\*WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 3 | MICHAEL VERNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Minor as conductor and first as conductor on tower bells.

Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall. Also as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Simms-Reeve, of Croft, on their wedding anniversary.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, London, York, Bourne, Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.  
JOHN HALL .. Treble | GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. 4  
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2 | HARRY HALL .. .. 5  
RONALD CHAFER .. .. 3 | JACK BRAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and one one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.  
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Treble | RONALD E. BURT .. .. 4  
DAVID VOKES .. .. 2 | C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 5  
T. CHARLES BROWNE .. .. 3 | WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Warren, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss C. Warren.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, and one extent each of York Surprise, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. Treble | \*JOHN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4  
\*MADELEINE CHAPPLE .. 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5  
\*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3 | D. KAY ADKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal in five methods.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Seven extents (C.C.C. No. 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150).

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble | CHARLES S. RYLES .. .. 4  
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 2 | ARTHUR W. HALL .. .. 5  
EDWIN SHARRATT .. .. 3 | WILLIAM CARNWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

All the band have now rung Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

\*JOHN LE MARIE .. Treble | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4  
WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 2 | JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. 5  
THOMAS J. CLARK .. .. 3 | THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Marie Rowley and Mr. J. A. C. Barker, which took place at this church prior to the peal.

PENYFAL, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (six callings). Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Treble | WILLIAM T. PETTY .. .. 3  
THOMAS E. HIDDINS .. .. 2 | MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS .. 4  
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

First peal on the bells, cast 1903.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the return to health of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Sturdy.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

IVOR JENKINS .. Treble | SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4  
SYDNEY SAGE .. .. 2 | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5  
\*BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 3 | NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NEIL D. LOMAS.

\* First peal in three methods.

Rung for the opening by the Vicar of the new parish hall, and its dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chester.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HENRY PRATT .. .. .	Treble	GEORGE SAUNDERS .. .. .	4
CECIL BARKER .. .. .	2	PETER WOOD .. .. .	5
RONALD SUCKLING .. .. .	3	ALFRED LITTLE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

FRANK BRUNT .. .. .	Treble	DENIS HOLLAND .. .. .	4
GEORGE R. HINER .. .. .	2	SAM SCATTERGOOD .. .. .	5
BARRY HOLLAND .. .. .	3	HARRY MORTEMORE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

Rung by the Sunday service band as a 77th birthday compliment to George West (Nov. 18th).

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE COOKE .. .. .	Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. .	4
*GEORGE GREEVES .. .. .	2	JOHN COUZONS .. .. .	5
S. H. WATERFIELD .. .. .	3	TONY OWEN .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

\* First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. .	5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	3-4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. .	7-8

Composed by J. CARTER.

Rung silent.

SCAWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT GREENGATES.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. .	1-2	JACK BRAY .. .. .	5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. .	3-4	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. .. .	7-8

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 14. Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. ..	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. .	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3-4	DAVID HOARE .. .. .	7-8
		KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Arranged for David Hoare, it being his first peal on ten handbells.

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Recent visitors to Cape Town have been Roy Hubbard from St. Mary's, Chartham, Kent, now serving in the M.V. 'Trevince,' who presented the tower with a fine new stay; and Roy Towler from Basutoland, formerly of All Hallows', Ordsall, Retford (one time secretary of the North Notts Association), who was a lay member representing Basutoland at the recent Synod. His vivacious company was much enjoyed, and Woodstock ringers were delighted to gain a quarter peal with him.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Denis J. Woodhams, of Tooting, sails for Australia on the 'Orcades' on January 4th. He has been appointed geologist to the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority at Cooma, New South Wales, and expects to be away from this country for two or three years.

By ringing in the peal of Minor at Whetstone on November 12th, 13-year-old Roland Cook, of Asfordby, Leics, has now taken part in peals of Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major.

In the peal at Rugeley on October 15th (page 724) it was Roger Chicken who rang his first peal in three methods and first of Minor 'inside,' and not James B. Morley.

Miss Elizabeth Cooper (15) impressed the Beddington band on the way she rang her first quarter—Grandsire Caters. It was a fine start to her ringing career.

The correct report of the peal at Stanwell, Middlesex, on November 5th should read M. Hatchett 1, Monica Howard 2, F. T. Blagrove 3-4, W. Birmingham 5, P. Lawrence 6, and not as published.

Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, at less than two months short of his 86th birthday, has rung a peal of Plain Bob Major at Oxford. Can he claim to be the oldest tower bell peal ringer?

We are pleased to report improvement in the condition of Mr. Frank E. Pervin in the Cleaver Ward, Gulson Hospital, Coventry. Mr. Pervin wishes to thank those many friends who have so kindly written him letters of sympathy and encouragement.

Congratulations to the Kent band, conducted by Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, who rang the peal of 5,280 Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods at Tonbridge on Nov. 20th. This is the third band to ring this peal. It is time Middlesex ringers pulled something out of the bag.

The 1,000th peal for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was rung at Heavitree on November 19th.

The many friends of Mr. W. J. Prescott, of Bath, will be pleased to hear that he is now back in harness again after several weeks of illness.

Brethren who took part in the Masonic peal at Mells would like to thank W. Bro. and Mrs. Nash for their very kind hospitality extended to them after the peal.

Seven members of Southampton University Society, conducted by a member of Birmingham University Society, rang a peal at Netley Abbey on November 16th. The Southampton University Society have now visions of their first peal.

How pleasant to hear those little-used Rayne bells going once again on November 19th, to a peal which marked Peter Wood's entry into National Service. And still more pleasing to know that they were being rung by some of the Essex Northern Division 'forgotten men.'

The Misses Diana G. Ward and Joan M. Wilcockson, of Stanmore, write telling us of their happy holiday in South Wales, and through our columns would like to thank Miss Jean Powell, of Bedwellty, and others who made them so welcome.

## THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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# PEAL RINGING IN SURREY

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WITH Surrey we come to another county where large numbers of peals have been rung (almost as many as Suffolk since 1881, despite the fact that more were rung in the earlier days of the period than now). Many of the famous London churches are in this county, which partly explains why, in many churches, we find a greater popularity 70 years ago than now. This is not true of the tower with the most peals—Beddington (10). There has been very consistent ringing here, and its 307 peals have come regularly through the years. Except for the war years, only in 1885, 1901 and 1909 has no peal been recorded, which is a great record. Even Loughborough Bell Foundry has three silent years in its history—1910, 1918 and 1919—whilst Crayford has two and Erith four. One-hundred-and-fourteen peals were rung from the first on the bells in 1877 to 1914; 129 came between the wars, and there have been 64 since 1943. Thus the average per year is greatest between the wars when probably the greatest achievements of 10-bell ringing in the history of the art were accomplished there under Mr. C. H. Kippin. But space forbids enlarging on the matter.

Holy Trinity, Guildford (8), comes very close to Beddington, for it has just reached the 300 mark, as was mentioned recently in this paper. Two previous peals had been rung before the first published in the ringing press (in 1899), and they were in 1780 and 1813. From 1899 to 1914, 56 were rung; from 1919 to 1939, 133, and from 1943 to 1955, 109 (the average is dropping recently, for whereas 18 peals were rung in 1947, only one has been rung so far this year). Here we find Mr. A. H. Pulling the leading light at the heyday of this tower, which was also one of the leading centres in the country for advanced 8-bell ringing.

At Ashted (8), which is nearing the 300 mark with 286, we find a much greater popularity 50 years ago than now. It was first in the county before the first World War, for no less than 187 of the peals had been rung by 1914. For 15 years after the war the average was nearly as high—87 peals coming up to 1933. Then we find a sudden cessation, for only two more peals were rung before the second war, both in 1938. We nowadays come across an occasional peal, for ten have been rung since 1945. These three towers are a long way ahead of their nearest rivals, for none of the remainder have yet reached the 200 mark.

It will, no doubt, surprise many readers to find that the fourth tower in the county is St. John's, Waterloo Road (8), with 185 peals. One-hundred-and-eighty-three were rung between 1882 and 1914 (65 from 1910 to 1914), which is nearly as many as at Ashted in that period. The only two peals since 1914 were both rung in 1922. Now that the bells have been restored one hopes to find the tower in the peal lists again.

## THE TWO TWELVES

Since one of the two 12-bell towers comes next in the list, we can conveniently mention them both now. Southwark Cathedral has 183 peals since 1881. Four came from 1881 to 1885, then there was a gap to 1903, when 20 peals followed before 1914. The tower was very popular between the wars for 114 peals were recorded then and it has retained that popularity since, for 45 have been rung in the past ten years. This tower is noted for a great 'tragedy.' In 1923, 12,675 changes of Stedman Cinques were rung there—a great achievement considering the weight of the tenor, etc. This was found to be false some ten years later. But that does not lessen the accomplishment of those who took part—it was one of the most magnificent efforts in ringing history. The other

12-bell tower is St. John the Baptist, Croydon. This has only been a 12-bell tower for 20 years—before that it had eight bells. On the eight, 36 peals were rung between 1886 and 1912, and a further 13 from 1923 to 1927 (the last peal on the eight was false!). Then came a ten years' silence, at the end of which came the augmentation to 12. Nine peals were rung from 1937 to 1939, and there have been 14 since 1946.

Surrey has a large number of 10-bell towers—11 in all. Three of these had eight bells at the beginning of the period and one was destroyed in the war (St. John's, Horsleydown, where only two peals had been rung since 1881—in 1884 and 1885, so they had been silent for 50 years when disaster came). Two of the towers are 'centenarians', both having 105 peals to record, strangely enough. They are St. Nicolas', Guildford, and Reigate. Both had their best periods prior to 1914 and show a similar decline. At Guildford, we find 69 peals between 1881 and 1914, 30 from 1919 to 1939 and six since the war. Reigate's decline is more marked, for 75 of the total were rung from 1883 to 1914, 29 from 1919 to 1937 and only one since the war—in 1945.

Leatherhead's 94 are spread fairly evenly over the past 75 years—41 from 1881 to 1914, 44 from 1919 to 1939 and nine from 1944 to 1954. Epsom, St. Martin, had eight bells until 1920. On these, 32 peals were rung prior to 1914, and there were two more in 1919. It became more popular with its ten bells, and 55 peals were rung from 1921 to 1932. Then came silence for some reason or other, and there have only been four since the war. Haslemere was also an 8-bell tower until 25 years ago. Fourteen peals had been rung from 1901 to 1913 and 17 from 1918 to 1927. It, too, became more popular after augmentation, and 39 peals came from the years 1928 to 1940. Since the war there has only been one peal—12 years ago in 1943. Kingston-on-Thames is enjoying its best period now. Of the 70 peals, 31 came before 1914, 12 between the wars, and there have been 27 since 1945 (none this year so far, however). Camberwell has 42 spread fairly evenly over the years, but with rather more in the early period (five since the war—the last, seven years ago). Croydon, St. Peter, has 39. Thirteen on the eight from 1887 to 1906, five on the ten in 1913 and 1914, 15 between the wars and 6 since. The last 10-bell tower is Bermondsey. Only one peal has been rung since 1913—in 1923. The remaining 21 all came from 1881 to 1913.

## EIGHT-BELL TOWERS

We return now to the 8-bell towers. There are three more, not already mentioned, which have reached the century (making ten centenarians in the county in all). They are Epsom, Christ Church, with 139 (60 from 1890 to 1914, 53 from 1916 to 1939 and 26 since 1945—but none since 1952). Mitcham, St. Peter and St. Paul (which was burnt down during the war), had registered 127, with more in the 1881 to 1914 period, on the average, than after—95 as compared with 32. The last 100-pealer is Battersea, which has just reached that total in the period (but it should be remembered that most of the towers in this county, being so near London, have many older peals). Ninety of the 100 were rung from 1882 to 1914, and there were six from 1921 to 1936. Thus there have been four since 1949. Next comes Southwark, St. George, with 96 (41 before 1914, 53 to 1939 and two in 1948 and 1951).

Ewell's 95 have come regularly since 1892 (32, 44 and 19 in the three periods respectively). Chiddingfold and Putney both have 91. At the former for the three periods we have 58, 22 and 11, and at the latter 79, 9 and 3 respec-

tively. So Putney was far more popular 50 years ago. It is 24 years since a peal was recorded at Carshalton. Nevertheless it comes next in order with 86 peals—72 before 1914. Hersham has 81 (35, 26 and 20 commencing in 1901). Horley has 77 (46, 29 and only two since the war, in 1950). Lambeth, St. Mary, has 75 (35, 14 and 26 since the war). Banstead and Farnham have 74. Both have been fairly consistent all the time. Walworth has 68; 65 from 1882 to 1906, and the remaining three in 1925 and 1926. Camberwell, St. George, has likewise nearly all the peals before 1914—62 of the 67. The others were in 1923, 1934, 1937, 1951 and 1952. There are no other 8-bell towers with more than 50 peals, and that seems to be a convenient place to 'draw the line' in this county.

No 6-bell tower has been mentioned yet and none have totals more than the above 8-, 10- and 12-bell towers. Actually, 6-bell ringing has never been very popular in the county, it would appear. That is rather echoed by the fact that there are relatively few such towers in the county—almost the smallest proportion of any county with a similar number of towers. Limpsfield Chart has most peals—62 (9 from 1905 to 1914, 43 from 1922 to 1938 and 10 from 1945 to 1954). Forty-five of Capel's 50 were rung before 1914 (18 in the years 1886 to 1890, when it was the most popular tower of the Winchester Diocesan Guild). Four of the remainder have come in the last three years, so there was only one from 1913 to 1952 (in 1928). Buckland is the only other tower with more than 40. It has 45—only three since the war, in 1952 and 1953. Burstow (26), Seale (23) and Charlwood (22) complete the towers with more than 20 peals. All 8- and 6-bell towers have had peals, but several have been silent for a very long time. The recent peal at Wimbledon broke a silence of 69 years!

There are only six 5-bell towers mentioned in Dove's book. Four of these have had peals. They are Hascombe (7), Ockham (6), and Old Coulsdon and Merton (3 each). All have been rung since the war, except one each at Ockham and Old Coulsdon. Chipstead and Tandridge are the only ones unconquered, but I believe the former is now out of the running, the bells being hung 'dead.' If that is so, I don't suppose it will be long before Surrey becomes the first county to have all its possible towers conquered! Or does Leicestershire claim that? Peals include all published to October 28th, 1955.

## MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

'In extolment of a wedding,' was the footnote to a quarter peal received this week.

The first meeting for many years of the Ladies' Guild in Gloucestershire will take place at Wotton-under-Edge on December 10th. Hopes are entertained that the lady ringers of the county will respond to this Western District quarterly meeting. Gentlemen are cordially invited.

The three generations represented at the College Youths' dinner were the Hurrells, of Eltham, Kent, and not the Howells, of Barking, as stated in the report on page 745. They were Jim, Frederick J. and Geoffrey J. Hurrell. Recently the three took part in a peal of Grand-sire Triples at Eltham, (this being Geoffrey's first peal 'inside.')

Owing to certain romantic developments which are rapidly flourishing, an all-bachelor band rang a peal at Cold Higham on November 12th. During the peal a power cut occurred and the fourth 720 was rung in almost darkness. The expression on the faces of the band when the light came back was a sight to be remembered. It is hoped that the spinsters of the Towcester Branch will respond with a quarter peal.

# OBITUARY

## MR. LIONEL H. PAGE

### AN APPRECIATION

May I, as one of his former pupils, express gratitude for the work of Lionel Page, whose death has just been reported in your columns. I speak particularly of the period when he was attached to St. Mary's, Ealing. So keen was he, and he had the knack of imparting his enthusiasm to others, that within a little over 12 months he had, with the help of Jimmie Hunnissett, taught a band who were able to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples.

He was an excellent instructor, who emphasised the importance of good handling and good striking. St. Mary's bells in those days were very odd-struck, and the wooden frame used to 'walk round the tower,' which also swayed considerably. In spite of these obstacles, the ringers he taught to ring those bells did strike them (although I say it!). It was usual to attempt quarter peals as often as possible (we used to meet at 10 and 5.30 every Sunday), and I think we managed 38 in one year.

Lionel Page encouraged us to go about to other towers with him, but not before he was satisfied that we could handle and strike our bells properly. As a result, we were welcomed wherever we went, and the sound principles that had been instilled in us quickly bore fruit. Whatever success I have had in ringing, I know to be due to the excellent start I was fortunate enough to have. Oddly enough—or is it odd if one is grateful to and mindful of one's instructors?—I find the greatest pleasure in teaching recruits, and the greatest thrill when one's efforts are rewarded by adding one more to the ringing fraternity.

So let us hand on the work Lionel Page and his like have done. Let us pause a moment from our personal ambitions and remember Lionel Page. Are we setting as good an example to those less experienced; and, above all, what are we doing to secure the future of the Exercise?

And so, on behalf of his very many pupils, may I say thank you, Lionel Page, for all the patience and skill you lavished on us in our early struggle. I think you made real ringers of us. FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath.

## MR. ALEC RUSBY

The death has taken place at his home at Cawthorne, Yorks, of Mr. Alec Rusby, at the age of 48, after a long illness.

A conscientious ringer for many years at All Saints', Cawthorne, Alec was always keen on upholding the local traditions of ringing, and would strongly resist any attempt to break or modify any special ringing. He was a likeable character, making friends easily as was shown by his London experiences; on a visit to the cup final some years ago he presented himself outside St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday morning and asked a policeman where the ringers ascended the belfry. Unabashed by the reply, 'You won't be allowed up there,' Alec joined the ringers, was welcomed by Herbert Langdon, Jack Phillips and Co., and quickly made to feel at home. On subsequent visits he always called at St. Paul's, and although a 'Minor' ringer he found much in common with the College Youths.

Contest ringing was his special favourite, and he was a member of the Cawthorne team for many years in local competitions and kept the party enlivened on these occasions. He rang in four peals of Minor, and although he had no use for paper work he could stand in for over 30 Treble Bob Minor methods.

At the funeral the bells, which were half-muffled, were rung by ringers from Cawthorne, Barnsley and Silkstone. A quarter peal was also rung after the service.

## MR. W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM

The funeral service took place at St. Albans Abbey on Wednesday, November 23rd, for Mr. Walter Harry Lee Buckingham, aged 89, who died the week previous at the home of his son at Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr. Buckingham was born in St. Albans in 1866, and was elected a member of the newly-formed Cathedral Society of Change Ringers in September, 1884, under the late Mr. N. N. Hills. He joined the Hertford County Association at its inception and attended the first meeting in January, 1885. His election as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths was also in 1885.

His first peal was rung at St. Albans Abbey on August 29th, 1885, and from that date he took part in a great number of peals. His first peal on handbells was rung in January, 1887, at the Goose and Gridiron, London. In the following March he was a member of the famous band that rang Holt's Original 'strictly silent' on handbells. Mr. J. C. Mitchell, another of the 'St. Albans boys,' also took part in this peal, and is now the only living member of the band.

On the resignation in 1894 of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, through reasons of ill-health Mr. Buckingham was asked to take over the conductorship of the Cathedral Society, which he did until he left St. Albans to live at Bushey in 1896, but continued to conduct peals all over the county, many of which he composed. In 1903 he moved to Goodmayes, Essex, and did not return to St. Albans again until 1918.

He was a member of many societies and associations throughout the country, and although he kept no records, his peal total must have been at least 500. His last peal for the Hertford County Association was in 1933 at St. Peter's, St. Albans, where he had assisted the late Mr. E. P. Debenham in 1887 to form a changering society out of the call-change band, and later rang many peals with them, as the peal boards testify.

His longest peal was the 12,096 of Double Norwich, at Maidenhead in 1892, a record length occupying 7 hours 10 minutes. Mr. Buckingham also took a prominent part in Masonic affairs, and held high rank in several Lodges, including the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire and the Grand Lodge of England and Wales. He took part in several Masonic peals, notably the first Masonic Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford in 1926, and the first Masonic Surprise peal at Crayford in 1927. His passing severs another link with the old days when belfry reform came in and 'clean sweeps' had to be made in many towers. Amongst those who were able to pay their last respects to his memory on November 23rd were Messrs. E. R. Mitchell, H. Hodgetts, W. Ayre, H. Goodenough, W. J. Arnold, F. Beeson, G. W. Debenham and H. V. Frost.

A half-muffled course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells as the cortege left the Abbey, and in the evening half-muffled quarter peals were rung at the Abbey and St. Peter's.

H. V. F.

## MR. WILLIAM THOMPSON

A ringer at Pirbright Parish Church, Surrey, for over 60 years, Mr. William Thompson died on November 20th, aged 89 years. At the funeral service on November 23rd the bells were rung half-muffled, and the whole pull and stand rung by Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, F. Cherryman, S. Petter, E. Sherwood, Miss Eileen Turner and Mr. J. Avenell.

## MR. W. J. NUDDS

The death occurred on Monday, October 31st, at Edgware, of William J. Nudds, at the age of 86 or 87. Unfortunately his wife was in hospital, and information was not available in time for any of his friends to attend the funeral.

Older members of the Exercise will remember him as one of the band that W. Pye made so famous. The highlights of his career were the long peals of Stedman Caters at Loughborough about 1906, and at about the same time four Surprise peals in one day, rung in three different counties.

For several years he rang at St. John's, Stanmore, for morning service and at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for evensong. After ringing at St. Margaret's on the Sunday before the Coronation he fell on some stairs and damaged his ankle. Since then his visits to the tower had been few—the last at Stanmore in the summer of 1954—and for the last few months before his death he was confined to his house.

He had rung 501 peals; great efforts were made for him to complete 500 before his 80th birthday, but it was not to be; it was only reached a year or two later. His last peal was with the over-80s at Camberwell two years ago.

The bells at St. John's were muffled and a memorial quarter peal attempted unsuccessfully on the following Thursday.

## MR. THOMAS GOODCHILD

We regret to report the death of Mr. T. Goodchild, who passed away at his home in Maidenhead on Friday, November 11th, after a long illness. He was 79 years of age.

Mr. Goodchild was born in Bray in 1876 and learnt to ring at St. Michael's, Bray, in 1884, where he rang for 30 years. He later moved to Maidenhead, and until his illness two years ago rang at All Saints', Boyne Hill, where he was a regular and loyal ringer for 40 years.

He kept no record of his peals, but it is thought he took part in about 50 peals in methods up to and including London. He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The funeral service was held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, on November 16th, attended by his widow and family, and several ringers. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by visitors and local ringers.

E. E. G.

## MR. CLEM GLENN

### AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Clem Glenn, who passed away recently, did much of his early ringing in Rotherham, and in the parish church peal records are many of the peals he rang in, over 50 years ago, including peals in most of the standard methods on 8 and 10, both on tower- and on handbells. He usually was the conductor. One performance recorded is a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells by a band of average age 19 years, conducted by Mr. Glenn.

He was much respected in Rotherham District for his views on what constituted good striking and good bell music, and his practical application of these ideas in the belfry, also for his courteous and firm manner and the hard work he did for the cause of Sunday service ringing.

On November 6th the following ringers showed their respect by ringing, on the half-muffled bells of All Saints' Parish Church, Rotherham, 1,008 Plain Bob Major:—

Pat Maxwell 1, Betty Wardill 2, Margaret Mills 3, H. Woodall 4, P. Knights 5, F. Fisher 6, T. C. Ryder 7, N. Chaddock (conductor) 8.

N. C.

EWELME, OXON.—1,340 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, F. Godden 2, J. Godman 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, Mr. Winfield 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of Mr. E. S. Calcutt, an old ringer.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

## COLLECTION OF DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate the Methods Committee on the completeness of their Doubles collection. Unfortunately they have four of the names wrong. The method they give as Antelope, and its reverse and new variations, was rung and named Imperial before the Methods Committee named it Antelope.

Not only did we ring it as Imperial, but the use of the name Antelope can only lead to confusion, there being already too many examples of two methods having the same name, due to 'modernising.' Will the Methods Committee please acknowledge that in the twin-hunt methods section methods 7, 8, 9 and 10 should read Imperial instead of Antelope.

Some of the compositions are also incomplete in the following groups:—

Groups C, D, E, F also have 12 one-part extents given by BPPPBBPPBP, and 12 one-part extents given by BPBPBBPPBP, and Groups J, K, L, M have 12 one-part extents given by BPBPBBPPBP, where P is plain lead and B is bob lead.

Let us hope the Minor and Triples collections will be at least as complete as the Doubles collection.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

## LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir.—Having recently had the very great pleasure of ringing on the mighty bells of Liverpool Cathedral, I feel certain that Mr. R. H. Dove, when he wrote about Lancashire's 'twelves,' could not have heard this grand ring, considered by many to be the best, not only in Lancashire, but the whole world.

The fact that immediate local acoustics render changingring on them somewhat 'unreadable'—at least to the untrained ear—does not detract one whit from their beautiful organ-like tones and, fine as St. Nicholas' bells are, there is no doubt that local residents and visitors from far and wide do not place them in the same grade.

Lucky Liverpool ringers to be the proud possessors of these two magnificent rings!—Yours faithfully, 'OLD BILL.'

## SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE

Dear Sir.—I should like to join with Mrs. Staniforth in congratulating the ladies who rang the peal of Major at Shirley, especially the stalwarts at the 'heavy end.' It is to be hoped that we shall shortly see the first peal of Surprise by the ladies of this district.

I must, I feel, take this opportunity to draw attention to the incorrect locating of Shirley, an error due, perhaps, to the convenient but entirely misleading convention used by the postal officials. Shirley is not, and never was, in the city of Birmingham. Shirley is one of the five towns that go to make up the extensive borough of Solihull. The correct designation is Shirley, Warwickshire.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull, Warwickshire.

## A GRAND PEAL

Dear Sir.—I should like to thank all the band who rang that grand peal of Cambridge Royal at Grantam on October 22nd. I have heard a lot of praise from ringers and others. It was a treat to listen and hear these grand bells, and one ringer remarked, 'Only the best is good enough for them.'—Yours, etc.,

TOM HALL.

Grantam.

## FIRST PEAL OF ST. SIMON'S, 1732

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal of St. Simon's rung at Courteenhall, I believe there has been at least one peal in the method since the last war, but I should like to point out that the Society of College Youths rang a peal of St. Simon's Triples on the front eight at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1732. Presumably this was the first peal in the method.

Doubles ringers might be interested in the following four regular methods (Cranbourne first rung at Clewer on Sept. 4th, the other three at Stanwell on Oct. 8th).

Cranbourne Imperial	Winkfield Imperial	Bedfont Imperial	Hatton Imperial
12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21345	21435
24153	24153	23154	24153
42513	42513	32514	42513
45231	42531	35241	45231
54321	24351	53241	54321
54312	23415	52314	52413
45132	32145	25134	25143
41523	31254	21543	21534
14253	13524	12453	12534
14235	13542	14235	15243
Bob	Bob	Bob	Bob
14253	13524	35241	45231
12453	15324	35421	45321

There are 12 extents of each method, viz.: BPBPBS repeated or BPBPBSB repeated, each giving six different callings. These methods are definitely regular.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

## PEALS OF ST. SIMON'S

Dear Sir.—A peal of St. Simon's Doubles was rung at Terling in Essex on Whit Saturday, 1944, conducted by myself, and was the second peal to be rung in this method.—Yours faithfully,

RONALD SUCKLING.

Braintree.

## GOOD WISHES FOR 112 MINOR METHODS 'IN HAND'

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the band who rang the 106 Minor methods 'in hand.' I wish to extend to Mr. Wilfrid Moreton and his band our sincere congratulations on their attaining the record number of 109 Minor methods, also 'in hand.'

The most methods that can be included in seven different extents at present is 112. I understand that the Yorkshire band are to attempt this in the near future. We wish them luck.—Yours sincerely,

G. E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.

## Gratefully Acknowledged

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Although a somewhat smaller band than on previous tours (being unavoidably depleted in number through illness, work, etc.), the seven members of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers who met on the weekend of October 29-30th nevertheless spent a most enjoyable time in Oxford.

Abandoning their usual mode of transport—bicycles—the journey to Oxford was by train. The first bells to be sampled were the light eight of St. Ebbe's. Here and at St. Aldate's (6) the visitors were pleased to enlist the services of two ringing veterans—Mr. Willis, Oxford, and Mr. Emery, Bromley—in touches of Plain Bob, Stedman, Cambridge, Kent, Double Court, etc.

After lunch the first touch—Cambridge—was at St. Cross' (6), followed by Plain Bob, which unfortunately came to grief only a lead short of a quarter peal. Later, in the evening, at All Saints' (8), Mr. W. Judge kindly stood in and conducted another quarter attempt, this time Stedman Triples, which also very disappointingly came to a rather untimely ending—'swaps' being the culprit on both occasions.

On Sunday morning the party joined the local ringers in touches of Plain Bob, Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and attended the service at the Church of St. Giles. In the afternoon we were met by Mr. P. Walker and with him visited the towers of St. Mary Magdalene's (6) and St. Thomas' (6), and the bells, especially of the latter, were, in spite of a friendly difference of opinion as to the pace at which they should be rung, eagerly kept going to touches of Oxford and Kent T.B., Cambridge, etc. (London would not go.) All too soon it was time to leave the spires and bells of Oxford behind and return to our various home towns and villages. D. H.

## LATE NEWS

Mr. A. J. Pitman's composition of eight spliced Surprise methods was rung on November 25th by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Macclesfield.

## MEETING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

Buckfast Abbey again proved a popular venue for the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers' by-meeting on November 19th. The large belfry was soon filled with visitors, and ringing was provided to suit all tastes, including rounds on the twelve and a well-struck touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. J. E. Lilley.

After tea at the Kings Arms Assembly Room, one new member from Townstal and three new members from All Saints', Babbacombe, were elected. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of the Abbey bells. Ringing took place at Buckfastleigh and Dean Prior parish churches in the evening.

## DEDICATION

### FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE

After an absence of about 15 months, the old heavy five at Felmersham have been returned and rehung, while at the same time three trebles have been added. The dedication service was conducted by the Bishop of Bedford, the Rt. Rev. A. C. MacInnes, on October 11th. The opening rounds were rung by the surviving members of the old local band, together with one or two 'foreigners.'

Immediately after the service the bells were rung to Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major, and the 'go' and 'tone' were all that could be desired. The tenor weighs about 20½ cwt., and the work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

B. P.

## TOPIC FOR THE MONTH - XI.

### Retrospect and Prospect

IN this closing month of the year we may, perhaps with some advantage, look back over the previous ten 'Topics,' and consider them in relation to the ringing of the future.

When, towards the end of last year, the idea of this monthly series for 1955 was put forward, official acceptance was given too late for its introduction in the first issue of the paper for the month of January; but in the 11 articles now published it has been found possible to include most of the intended subject matter. This material, miscellaneously propositional, factual and provocative, was intended to stimulate thought, discussion and possibly action. How far it may have succeeded remains to be seen; but at least it seems to have created interest; though not always have its points been interpreted in the intended light.

For example, Topic I—'Peals, Public Opinion and Progress' (Feb. 4th), was interpreted by some as a plea for the substitution of shorter peals. On the contrary it advocated, of course, the retention of full-length peal attempts where no local objection exists; but it suggested the addition of shorter length peals for attempts where full-length peals could not—for various reasons—be attempted; and this was for the specific object of gaining those advantages (including improvement) in ringing practice, which *only* the longer *touches* can provide. Further, the cultivation and not the alienation of public sympathy in this matter was advocated. Closer consideration of these ideas may yet be forced upon us, through the increasing influence of an organisation for the abatement of public noise. 'Forewarned is forearmed!'

In Topic II—'Blue Book and Register' (March 4th), was introduced a subject directly related to the previous one of peals—in fact, the scheduling of each and every method that should find official favour for peal attempts, listed in classification; also how performances in such methods should be centrally registered. For the former a 'Blue Book' was proposed in form of sections, with block-number allocations for the methods in each class, the entries being coded and brief, occupying one line per method and including the approved 'extensions' stages. For the 'Register' a Central Council Officer was suggested—the 'Registrar,' who would compile the currently-initiated volume as reports come in, and 'back' volumes from sundry records, preferably by reference, through kind permission of the Rev. K. Felstead, to his monumental research in peal records. Serial numbering annually with a year-prefix symbol would solve the present v. past numbering problem.

Following this concept came, in Topic III, 'Instruction Manual' (April 1st). This developed the idea that instruction must be well-founded to train ringers for service ringing and up to peal standards. A complete synopsis of a suggested course of instruction was given. The support for this idea, particularly from towers in 'remote' areas, indicates probable future necessity for the detailed compilation of such a work.

On May 6th, with the Central Council meeting upon us, we acknowledged, in Topic IV, 'Ringers' Parliament,' the good work put into the revision of the Central Council's 'Decisions'; but stressed two things: the need for careful 'territorial' consideration of the revisions, prior to the Council meeting; and sympathetic consideration for the sponsors of the work. But the need was indicated also for the further consideration of some of the forms of dicta, as set out. One example, of several quoted, was that regarding the naming of 'unrecognised' extensions. And only a fortnight ago in these columns we find a peal in one of these, blatantly announced by a name which,

unqualified, is not to be 'recognised'—'London Surprise Royal'—thus emphasising our point. We also indicated the need for inclusion of dicta on principles of *method structure*. The extraordinary cart-before-the-horse situation of this neglected branch of ringing science in relation to that of *composition* (which, of course, logically springs from it, but of which the principles have already been fairly well laid down), should clearly have been remedied, long since. Sooner or later these matters must be clarified.

Topic V—'Taking it Seriously' (June 3rd), was, in part, a review of the previous Topics, leading to the point that each of us, as a ringer, has the personal responsibility to assume an objective; as, for example, the furtherance of recruiting. Seven various ways and means of tackling the problem were suggested; and there seems little doubt that the future of the Exercise depends upon our 'taking it seriously.'

In Topic VI—'Strike It!' (July 1st), we came back to this very practical aspect of ringing, and drew a parallel with performance on other musical instruments—but with a difference! Both employ tempo variation; but this was shown to be far easier for a musician in an orchestra, with a conductor to control and indicate the *simultaneously-varied* tempo for *all* the players, than for a ringer in a band where the three tempos are not respectively varied simultaneously for *all* performers (in fact, all three tempos are used at once, of course), and yet where precision striking limits are as close as, or closer than one quarter of a second! Much more attention, in fact, was shown to be necessary to ear-training in the earliest stages of ringing instruction.

On August 5th, by which time the recently-accepted revision of the C.C. 'Decisions' had become known, our Topic VII—'Comes the Dawn?'—ventured to express the hope that the 'spirit of widened outlook and broadened toleration of what may be rung with official blessing' would have an invigorating effect upon the Exercise. It went on to develop the point briefly indicated as at the close of Topic IV above, and enlarged on the subject of the 'Specification' of methods. It was shown that figures—no matter whether set out in the form of a 'lead' of rows, or of places made in the successive row-intervals of a lead—can never define a method family. The utmost they can do is to identify the particular form of the method applicable to that particular stage only. The modern way of a 'specification,' however, defines completely the method for any or all of its applicable stages. Specifications for extant methods can be deduced; but new methods will doubtless eventually all be designed to given specifications, and so published.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A page will be reserved in our issue of December 23rd for Christmas greetings to ringing friends. The last date for receiving same is Friday, December 16th. Price 3/6 for 42 words; above 42 words 1d. per word.

'The Meeting' was the VIIIth Topic (Sept. 2nd), and was intended to help those without much experience who were being newly-elected to office. The general arrangements for a meeting were first detailed, both preliminary and sessional. Since the successful administration of any society is partly dependent upon a sound constitution, a note was given on the compiling of rules. The procedure in session as viewed from the chair was then detailed; and lastly the order of agenda items was explained at some length, and the vital importance of adhering to this order for the efficient discharge of business was stressed. Economy of time and effort, with resultant efficiency, was the keynote.

The arresting title of 'Sabotage or Succour?' for Topic IX (Oct. 7th) introduced the vital question of pupil- and ringer-wastage. It stressed the learner's responsibilities to his tutor and to the rest of the band, and reciprocally, and discussed the five types of delinquent in this 'drift' from the ranks. Remedial action was indicated and the need for future care in this field was emphasised.

And so, from a well-run meeting, through well-maintained membership of a band, we came naturally enough in our last Topic—X, 'Ringers' Club' (Nov. 4th)—to the organisation, within the band, of work essential to the maintenance of the 'quarters' of the 'club's' activities. In modern times, with so many distractions and time-stealers, the need for slick organisation and administration is obvious. With emphasis on the need for each member to undertake his or her share of some aspect of belfry maintenance or of administration of the band's activities, we tried to show the helpful effect of congenial environment on the tone and degree of achievement.

In each of the Topics, then, an effort has been made to introduce a subject in which there is a 'future'—a future which demands nothing less than our best attention. Perhaps, as the Christmas season approaches, we may feel that there is no more opportune occasion in which to wish one another well in our efforts to promote good ringing; and to hope for happy peals in 1956. A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ASFORDBY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, E. Littlewood 2, R. H. Cook 3, Mrs. I. M. Manton 4, R. E. Manton 5, J. H. Cook (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Evander Littlewood for his 82nd birthday.

**BARNET, HERTS.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Poolman 1, D. Bowen 2, P. J. Lewis (cond.) 3, M. Soper 4, D. Searcy 5, W. Poolman 6, C. Ward 7, C. King 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. P. J. Lewis on leaving the district.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Tunbridge 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, J. L. Morris (cond.) 4, Miss J. Cox 5, I. H. Oram 6, W. Prockson 7, J. Walden 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. Rung for Evensong.

**BIBURY, GLOS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carey 1, W. Godwin 2, M. Day 3, R. Wenban (cond.) 4, P. Bartlett 5, J. Dowsdeswell 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Blachford (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Rea (first 'inside') 2, R. Pike 3, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, E. Booth 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8.

**CAWTHORNE, YORKS.**—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Minor (1,224 Oxford Treble Bob, 36 Bob): W. Broadhead 1, G. Crompton 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. Rung half-muffled after burial of Alec Rusby, ringer at Cawthorne for many years.

**CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Shire (cond.) 1, F. Matravers 2, H. Floyd 3, W. Priddle 4, M. Long 5, F. G. Burt 6.

**EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Old Bob, Reverse Caterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): H. J. Edmunds 1, R. Daniels 2, N. Line 3, E. Smart 4, R. Line (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, F. Hurrell 2, B. Aldridge 3, K. Small 4, T. Culver 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for the performance of Brahms' Requiem by the Eltham Park Musical Society. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,274 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, J. Sims 2, E. J. Coope 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, G. Hurrell 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day Evensong.

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Parvin 1, Mrs. R. Sturgess 2, Miss J. Sturgess 3, D. Nuttall 4, G. Verrill 5, H. Nobes 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, B. Bellamy 8. Rung after Evensong on the occasion of the visit of Bishop A. L. Kitching, who during Evensong dedicated a new lectern and Bible given in memory of Mr. Norman Atkins.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Whelpton (first quarter) 1, R. Jones 2, R. H. Mills 3, S. G. Joyce (cond.) 4, W. Wright 5, R. Whelpton 6. Rung at Evensong for Remembrance Sunday.

**HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Bennett (first quarter) 1, L. Willday (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. Yardley (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Perrins 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, A. Stubbs (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the new ring of bells.

**HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (an extant each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southtrepps, Plain Bob, Old Norfolk, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and 60 Grandsire): J. Cruickshank 1, V. Green 2, J. Hadfield 3, T. Smith (cond.) 4, R. Trebilcock 5, R. Gallop 6. First quarter in 11 methods by all. A farewell compliment to Mrs. D. Harding, secretary of the St. Andrew's P.C.C. for many years.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsome 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Woodard (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, E. Warner 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss S. Ford and Mr. P. Murray, who were married the same day at Melo, Uruguay.

**ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: F. L. Weller 1, Miss J. Burroughs (cond.) 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis 5. Rung for Evensong. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, Miss V. Phillips 2, C. Skinner 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5. Conducted jointly by 4 and 5.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Eaton 1, S. A. Hill 2, M. Camochan 3, D. Fagg 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Also in the afternoon, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Eaton 1, P. N. O. Robinson 2, M. Camochan 3, P. C. Hollingdale 4, S. A. Hill (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Picton (first quarter) 1, A. G. Cook 2, R. W. R. Picton (cond.) 3, R. Picton 4, B. M. Barker 5, D. J. Goodman 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

**KNOWLE, WARWICKS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. C. Morris (cond.) 1, E. E. Wilmitt 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, A. A. Upton 4, J. Foot 5, A. Nix 6. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. C. Morris (cond.) 1, K. Foot 2, R. G. Morris 3, J. L. Lightfoot 4, T. Gwilt 5, A. Nix 6.

**LEICESTER.**—On Nov. 16th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. B. Bowley 1, S. A. Martin 2, D. Theodm 3, H. G. Wayne 4, Doreen Dutton 5, H. G. Jenney 6, E. Clements 7, S. Burton (cond.) 8, S. A. Jesson 9, H. Broughton 10, W. J. Root 11, R. F. Prime 12. Rung half-muffled in memorial Canon Collins, of St. Mary de Castro, who was interred this day.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss E. Gibson 2, Miss H. Bonner 3, J. T. Clay 4, E. Silvey (first in the method 'inside') 5, R. E. Dean 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, E. D. Poole 8. Rung for Evensong within the octave of the patronal festival.

**NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Beales 1, D. Emerson 2, J. Couzens 3, R. Allcock 4, A. Leete 5, T. Owen (cond.) 6.

**NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Scott 1, Elizabeth Scott 2, S. Hewitt 3, J. Palmer 4, H. Weekes 5, B. Hair 6, J. Scott (cond.) 7, E. Langton 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8. First quarter rung by the local band for Evensong since ringing recommenced in 1946.

**NORTON, GLOS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: I. Goulter 1, Shirley M. Parsons (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Valerie Willard 3, G. Bowen 4, C. A. Wratten 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, D. Beacham 7, D. J. Marshall 8.

**OXFORD.**—On Nov. 6th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): C. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell (first quarter in the method) 2, D. A. Edwards 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, W. H. Jackson 5, P. R. Sanders 6, D. Hodgson (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, J. Read (first on 8) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

**PAYHEMBURY, DEVON.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tozer (25th quarter peal) 1, A. Hodge 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, E. Johns 4, W. Sparks 5, W. Webb 6.

**PIRTON, HERTS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. W. Lake 1, S. Ashton 2, R. Head (cond.) 3, K. Timbury 4, F. Croft 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

**PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Holway 1, W. Burston 2, J. Summerhays 3, R. Shire (cond.) 4, G. Salter 5, T. Langdon 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Tom Langdon.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOS.**—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (five extants): W. R. Wixey 1, C. F. Wixey 2, C. Pugh (first 'inside') 3, F. E. Tranter (cond.) 4, W. C. Whey 5, S. Pugh 6. For Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,008 Little Bob Major: P. Dawes 1, Elizabeth Wardill 2, H. Woodall 3, G. S. Lee 4, F. J. Jackson 5, F. Fisher 6, A. Firth 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length of Little Bob Major by 2 and 3. Rung for the patronal festival.

**RAMSBURY, WILTS.**—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Cuss 1, J. Fuller 2, A. Palmer 3, G. Newman 4, F. Read (cond.) 5, A. Watts 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

**SAPCOTE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Stratford 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, Rita Stratford 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to M. E. Brown. The ringers of the front five are sisters.

**SOUTHGATE, N.**—At Christ Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Miller (first quarter) 1, W. Bowden 2, B. Edwards (first 'inside') 3, D. C. Bowen 4, S. Wade (cond.) 5, L. E. Tubbs 6, S. G. Peck 7, C. Aldridge (first quarter) 8. Rung for a Confirmation service by the Bishop of Willesden at which two members of the local band were confirmed.

**STAMFORD HILL, S.E.**—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Rowe (first quarter, aged 13) 1, M. Cubitt 2, P. Lentz 3, B. Bladdon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, F. Riddlesden 6. For Confirmation service.

**STREATHAM, S.W.**—On Nov. 20th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. Rea 3, J. Chapman 4, T. Welbourne 5, S. Howard 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. Rung as a compliment to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their eighth wedding anniversary.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Nov. 20th, at Christ Church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, Mrs. F. Wilton 2, H. Craig 3, R. G. Townsend 4, E. J. Berry 5, E. Sutton 6, T. Townsend 7, W. W. T. Daniells 8, G. Wells (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Bristol.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, Miss G. Brown 2, Miss P. A. Gaunt 3, R. Christopher 4, M. Maisey 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. Diserens (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Also 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss G. Brown 1, R. Diserens 2, Miss P. A. Gaunt 3, J. N. Diserens 4, R. W. Rex 5, M. Maisey 6, G. K. Dodd 7, H. P. Reed (cond.) 8.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. K. Brady 1, Miss J. Highley 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, C. F. Neal 8.

**WALMER, KENT.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. C. Rye 1, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. A. Rye 5, P. J. Rye 6, F. W. Lawrence 7, F. B. Lufkin 8. First quarter peal of Little Bob Major by all except the conductor. Rung for Evensong, also as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of the treble and the 5th.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hayes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, D. Hewitt 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Confirmation.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stone 1, F. Sweet 2, C. Clarke (first of Grandsire as cond.) 3, D. Miller 4, R. Short 5, C. Sweet 6.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tinsdale 1, Miss T. Duck (first 'inside') 2, J. R. Waller 3, A. Sykes 4, G. W. White 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. For Remembrance service.

**WILESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Double Bob Minor: Rita A. Gower 1, Phyllis Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, L. C. Smith 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Double Court: Rosemary E. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 April Day and 300 Grandsire): M. Hendy 1, D. Elliott 2, E. Thomas 3, E. Anstey 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, R. R. Hack 6. Rung in connection with the 100th birthday celebrations of a local resident.

**WOOD GREEN, N.**—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): K. A. Hart (aged 15, first quarter) 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, R. O. Stroud 4, W. Vince 5, J. G. Nasha (cond.) 6.

# SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

## Good Material to Carry on the Tradition

The fourth annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 12th. Accommodation was limited to 102 and all available tickets had been quickly disposed of.

The Archdeacon of Stafford (Venerable W. A. Parker) was in the chair, and he was supported by Mrs. Parker, Rev. W. S. Bethway, Vicar of Wombourne and Rural Dean of Trysmull, and Mrs. Bethway, Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow, Vicar of Claverley, and Mrs. Rainbow, and Rev. F. Insull, Vicar of Bentley. Other visitors included Mr. C. Skidmore, Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association, and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. A. Glazzard (Hartlebury), Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett, Mr. H. Henshaw and Miss F. Scaman, together with ringers and their wives from Worcestershire and Shropshire. Apologies were received from Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Colclough.

Following a very good meal, the chairman proposed the loyal toast. In his remarks, Ven. W. A. Parker said what great pleasure it gave him and Mrs. Parker to attend this annual function. He was particularly gratified to notice the large proportion of young people present.

Mr. J. Bennett, brother of Mr. F. Bennett, lay secretary, proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' reminded his listeners that 200 years ago people in this country could be fined 1/- for not attending church at least once a month. Events of recent weeks had emphasised the close relationship between Church and State.

Replying to this toast, Rev. W. S. Bethway said there were those who strongly favoured disestablishment. He was addressing himself especially to the younger members when saying there was no point in altering old traditions just for the sake of a change.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' Mr. C. Skidmore said the members could be justly

proud of their Association. It had been built up through the efforts of good, sound men in the past. For the present the affairs of the Society were in the hands of competent officials and, went on Mr. Skidmore, looking at the number of youthful faces present that evening there should be plenty of good material to carry on the traditions of the Society in the future. Mr. Skidmore made special reference to Mr. Herbert Knight, who had been associated with the Society for 60 years and who was present at the dinner that night, and Mr. John Roden, who represented the up-and-coming generation of young ringers.

In reply, Mr. John Roden, of Penn, said he was proud to be a member of the Society. He thanked Mr. Skidmore for his kind references and said he was sure the younger members would not let the Society down.

Proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. Dennis Holden made a witty little speech (this after assuring the secretary that he was no speaker).

Replying, Mr. Jack Courtman, of Claverley, said he was sure all the visitors present had had a most enjoyable evening. He was always impressed with the good fellowship which existed amongst ringers.

This concluded the speeches, and Mr. Fred Bennett thanked the Archdeacon for taking the chair in his own inimitable manner, and the artistes for so kindly giving their services.

Entertainment was provided by the Tamworth Parish Church handbell ringers, under Mr. G. Peers, Mr. B. G. Key (alto), Mr. C. W. Kirtland (baritone) and Mrs. Marion Key at the piano. An additional item was a few handbell tunes, rung by Messrs. B. C. Ashford, A. Boxley and A. Glazzard, of the Worcestershire Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. David Barr 1-2, E. E. Speake 3-4, A. D. Collins 5-6, and D. Knowles 7-8.

During the afternoon the bells of Walsall Parish Church had been available for those attending the annual dinner.

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## MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. — T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 7324

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7317

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Stretham, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7314

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District.—Rededication, Kirby-le-Soken (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m., t.y the Rural Dean. 7288

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Rickmansworth (10), 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7344

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, December 3rd, at Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland. Ringing 2.30 to 8. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to: Alan Casson, 5, Barton Row, Burton-in-Kendal, via Carnforth.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 7353

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Lyme Regis on Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 7287

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available: St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12) 3.15-5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance, please.—P. N. Bond, E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Secs. 7282

## OPEN DAY AT LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

The Annual Open Ringing Day at Liverpool Cathedral attracted upwards of 80 ringers from all parts of the country; Lancashire and Cheshire were well represented. The President of the Lancashire Association paid an all-too-short visit to the belfry in the company of the Vice-Dean of Liverpool, and the Very Rev. D. P. Roberts, a very old friend of Liverpool and District bell-ringers. Owing to fog and illness, bands from Ellesmere and Bolton were unable to attend.

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YATES—BALLARD.—The engagement is announced between Kathleen (Kay) Ivy Ballard, of Plumpton End, Paulerspury, Northants, and William Alfred, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 7350

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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7309

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, near Tottenham Court Road tube station, on Monday, December 5th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 7358

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, nr. Rotherham, not later than Dec. 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7383

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Axbridge, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6), 5 to 8 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 7385

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Ilminster, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport. 7374

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Special methods, Kirkstall and Burnaby Delight.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 7360

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting at Wellesbourne Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 10th (note change of date), at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All visitors welcome to this recently rehung ring of six. Names for tea by Dec. 7th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, nr. Rugby, Warks. 7343

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 10th, Heavitree. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Dec. 7th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 7365

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Roker, Saturday, Dec. 10th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 8th to Mr. G. Smith, 20, Denham Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland. Method—Cambridge Royal. 7365

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 10th, at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Friday previous, please, to Sec., B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. 7379

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Edenbridge (8), Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names to E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Annual dinner, Jan. 14th. Tickets 10s. 6d., now available from myself or Mr. Wellington. Details later.—C. A. Bassett. 7354

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7367

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in tower at 5.30 p.m. Tea under own arrangements. Service 6.15 p.m.—P. Weeks, 3, Box View, Colerne, Wilts. 7356

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud (10), Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Dec. 7th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7381

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), Dec. 10th. For tea advise Dr. H. Craig, 22, Lansdown Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 7362

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Dec. 10th. Notify before Dec. 6th for tea. J. Beech, Hon. Sec., The Pump House, Berrow, nr. Malvern. 7361

**HERTS (Eastern District) and ESSEX (N.W. District).**—Joint meeting, Sawbridgeworth, Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Small Gains, West Road, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—T. J. S. and G. B., Dis. Secs. 7340

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by the 7th to Mr. B. Barker, 26, Havelock Road, King's Langley, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 7380

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. de Jong, Vanaarken, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 7347

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7382

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Light refreshments provided, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Preston—Garstang—Lancaster main road; frequent buses; alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 7371

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at St. Michael's, Garston (8). Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please send their names on or before Wednesday, Dec. 7th, to Mr. Alan H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Liverpool 19.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 7384

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington, Dec. 10th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Names by Dec. 7th to Mr. S. Knighton, 62, Park Lane, Castle Donington, nr. Derby.—C. W. Hall. 7341

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. F. Bishop, 43, Edinburgh Drive, Kirton, near Boston. 7334

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough (8), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at New Inn, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by not later than Dec. 6th to B. H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 7346

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at St. Ann, Stamford Hill, N.15, on Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Alight at Seven Sisters Road Station, for St. Ann's Road, from buses 623, 627, 659, 679.—T. J. Lock. 7359

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle, Dec. 10th (note altered date). Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 7th, certain please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, South Walsham Road, Acle.—P. Newstead, Hon. Sec. 7352

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Cross, Hollywell, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting in the School Room 4.30. Names, by Dec. 6th, to T. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 7319

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stone, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea please by Dec. 7th to F. Gibbard, 30 Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 7370

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Practice at Tilchurst on Dec. 10th at 7 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 7355

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, Sec., 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 7376

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Blandford, Dec. 10th. Visitors welcome. Write: Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 7349

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Meeting at West Retford (6), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Plenty of cafes in town.—H. Denman. 7369

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Bletchingley, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in King Charles Tea Rooms, followed by business meeting in Church Hall. Business includes nominations for District Officers for 1956. Names for tea, by Dec. 7th, to F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 7366

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Storrington, on Dec. 10th. Names for tea please by previous Tuesday to C. Leslie Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7378

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Ship, Saturday, Dec. 17th. 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles', Cripplegate. 4 p.m. 7375

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room, 5, followed by business meeting. Please send numbers for tea to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by Dec. 14th.—A. H. Smith. 7372

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting, Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), Dec. 17th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Election of new general secretary and treasurer. Unpaid subscriptions, please. For tea notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 7368

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at St. Paul's, Drighlington. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, not later than first post on Friday, Dec. 16th.—A. E. Marsh Hon. Dis. Sec. 7377

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