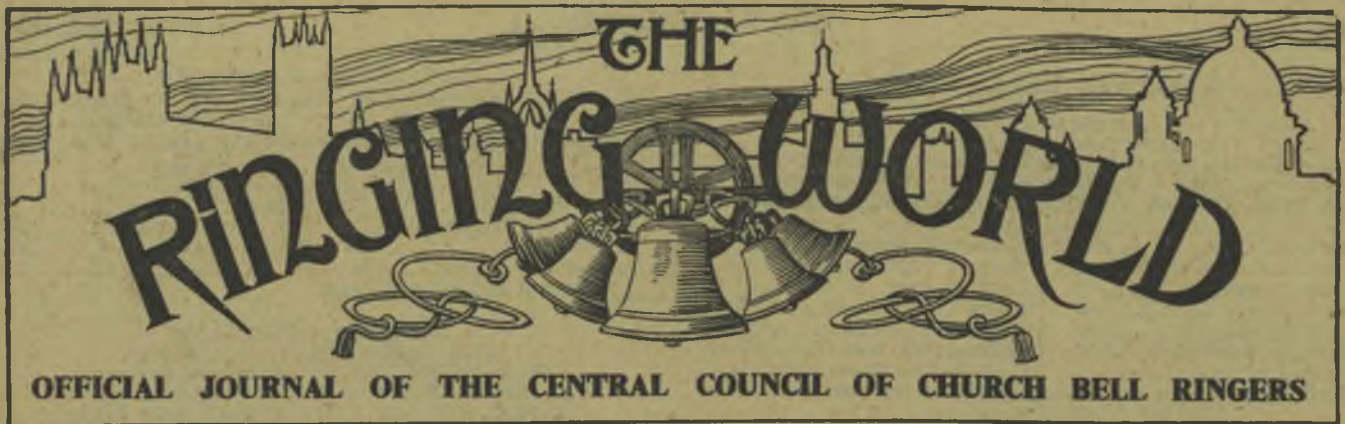




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PROGRESS BY THE LADIES

I SHOULD be very ungallant were I not to compliment Mrs. Williams on the accomplishment of her first 720 of Bob Minor with a pair of handbells. That lady is undoubtedly making good progress in the art, and really I begin to have a lurking suspicion that one of these days we shall find a report of tower ringing by some of our energetic lady friends in the columns of this paper. That would make some of our "old stagers" rub their eyes and wonder! The gentler sex are now appearing as municipal voters, as members of Boards of Guardians, School Boards, the medical profession and various other roles in which the sterner sex were hitherto supposed to have a monopoly; and if they come out as ringers in the tower — well, we shall have to look out; that's all.

These words were written by a well-known ringing scribe 69 years ago, and the lurking suspicion he had soon resolved itself into actual fact, not only for touches and quarter peals, but for peals on handbells and in the tower. The earliest lady ringers I can think of were Miss Sharland and the Misses Kelly, who rang handbells in Devonshire, followed by Mrs. George Williams, of Midhurst, who startled the Exercise by being the first lady to score a peal on handbells. George Williams was a fine ringer and a splendid teacher, so was his friend, Henry White, of Basingstoke, who taught his two daughters, Alice and Dora, to ring tower bells at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, and it was here that these two ladies proved to the Exercise that they were capable of striking their bells well, not only in touches but in peals, the first ever performed by ladies.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson mentions this well-known family in his book, 'Among the Bells,' and the two sisters certainly broke down many strange notions that tower-bell ringing was not the right kind of church work for the fair sex to take up. It was uphill work for these two young pioneers and slowly but surely their perseverance was rewarded when they found a few others taking up ringing in various towers up and down the country. In 1911 it was found that sufficient ladies could be formed to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples and the meeting place was Cubitt Town, London. Although unsuccessful, the attempt proved that good striking could be obtained, and a year later the writer again visited Cubitt Town, this time to hear the peal successfully brought round.

In the meantime much instruction work took place at Portishead, Somerset, and a band of eight local ladies rang

a peal there. These two peals and the formation of the Ladies' Guild were helpful factors in gaining recruits for tower and handbell ringing, and during the 1914-1918 war a large number undertook the work of maintaining service ringing when ropes became vacant in most of the towers throughout the country. Since those days we have seen wonderful progress by the ladies not only in numbers, not only in quality of peals and methods performed, but also in quarter peals, regular ringing for services, and the part they play in helping to make meetings, etc., a success.

It would take many pages to record the names and performances of those ladies who have given loyal and faithful service to ringing for many years and I sometimes wonder what the two sisters, who set the great example, think of the growth in numbers. Recently I had a surprise from Kitchener in Canada which expressed in writing appreciation of 'The Ringing World' front page articles, and it was pleasing to hear from the first president of the Ladies' Guild, then Miss Alice White, now Mrs. Sullivan. Many ladies who now ring in our towers may be interested in what she tells me, which is as follows: 'From one old timer to another. I see your articles in "The Ringing World" by using a magnifying glass, and I do manage to read some. The B.B.C. broadcasts always interest me and occasionally I hear bells ringing, not enough to distinguish what method; nevertheless, I still like to hear them. Three years ago I had a fall which resulted in a double fracture of the pelvis near the hip joint and, being an autumn bird, did not get over it as well as a spring chicken.'

The younger sister, Miss Dora White, became Mrs. Mack and still resides in Basingstoke, the town where two sisters, apt pupils of a painstaking father, certainly did make some of the old stagers rub their eyes and wonder.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are not forgotten for their pioneer work in connection with the art of ringing, and the Winchester Diocesan Guild certainly found in Henry White and his two daughters a trio of ringers who set a shining example by extending to the fairer sex the many advantages of our art.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 8
RICHARD E. PRICE .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. 9
ALAN F. THIRST .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. 10
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 11
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the fifth anniversary of H.M. the Queen's accession.

TEN BELL PEALS

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb.

DAVID HOARE Treble	*S. ARTHUR READ .. 6
FREDERICK H. SLATFORD .. 2	RONALD G. BECK .. 7
ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 3	†LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 8
HENRY J. SANGER .. 4	*ERIC NAYLOR .. 9
*†GWILYM SALMON .. 5	ARTHUR J. WHITE .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 25th peal. ‡ 75th peal.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

No. 37.		
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. Treble	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. 6	
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS .. 7	
FRANK L. HARRIS .. 3	*LEWIS F. COBB .. 8	
*PHILIP N. TUBBS .. 4	MICHAEL J. BEST .. 9	
LEONARD G. STONE .. 5	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung in memoriam George Preston, for nearly 70 years a ringer and captain at the Priory Church.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	*JOHN E. EWER .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	*J. LESLIE COX .. 7
*GERALD PENNEY .. 3	FREDERICK J. SPICER .. 8
*PATRICIA DOORN .. 4	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. 9
LESLIE T. HANSELL .. 5	*MICHAEL D. FROST .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.

* First peal on ten bells.

A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Goodebough.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

STANLEY SHIPP Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON .. 5
*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. 2	†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 6
†GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3	†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4	†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together.

Rung to welcome the Vicar, Rev. D. A. Youngman, who was inducted on January 23rd.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Jan. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. JOYNER Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 5
*DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	H. JAMES TURNER .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MARGARET JOHNSON .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 5
*FREDA ROBINSON .. 2	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 6
MRS. B. HOLMES .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 7
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 4	JOSEPH SAXTON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in the method and of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN S. MASON .. Treble	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 6
*ROGER KEELEY .. 3	†MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

T. Day's Six-part.		
*W. J. HAYES Treble	L. J. BALDOCK .. 5	
J. W. ROLLISON .. 2	W. A. KITCHENSIDE .. 6	
†KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 3	H. G. F. REYNOLDS .. 7	
MRS. B. PERCY .. 4	R. W. PANKHURST .. Tenor	

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

To mark the consecration of Canon L. E. Meredith, Vicar of Eastbourne, as Bishop of Dover, and on the occasion of the Patronal Festival of the church.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Johnson's variation.		
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5	
*R. FRANK BAKER .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. 6	
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	HARRY L. MARTIN .. 7	
GILES C. GALLEY .. 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung immediately after the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel B. Hudson as Lord Bishop of Ely.

GORING, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Heywood's transposition.		
FRANK REED Treble	FRANK GODDEN .. 5	
JACK BERRY .. 2	*ERNEST GARRARD .. 6	
HENRY BISHOP .. 3	ROBERT BLOND .. 7	
JAMES BLOND .. 4	EDWARD SAWYER .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

H. WALTER SMITH Treble	DR. LEWIS CASTLEDEN 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL 2	JOHN WARNER 6
CECIL BARKER 3	ALAN R. SYDER 7
GEORGE SAUNDERS 4	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
*ARTHUR FOXALL Treble	†DAVID CORNWALL 5
†JOHN D. KAPE 2	†ARTHUR NEWTON 6
ANTHONY E. COX 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Non-conducted and silent.

* First peal in the method. † First non-conducted peal in the method.
‡ 50th peal.

The 300th peal on the bells.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 2	JOHN FREEMAN 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
GWEN I. RUSBY 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of London Surprise. 100th peal on these bells.

MEOPHAM, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
*TERENCE BARTON 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First attempt to ring a course of Surprise Major. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR AND JULIETTA,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JUDITH WILLIAMS Treble	*FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 5
NORMAN MALLETT 2	GEORGE SKINNER 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	†GEORGE E. RETTER .. 7
L. KENNETH DAWE 4	GEORGE S. LUXTON .. Tenor

Composed by H. H. HUBBARD. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* 100th peal (all for the Devon Guild). † 25th peal. First of Bob Triples for all and for the Guild.

In memoriam J. T. Blakeman Ball, priest, one time vicar of this parish, and Stafford Hugh Green, honoured member of the Guild of Devonshire ringers. Rung on the Feast of the Purification.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
JOHN WORTH 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	*BRIAN HARRIS 7
BASIL JONES 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (Rev.). Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* 150th peal.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

JAMES FIELDING Treble	ALAN PENDLEBURY .. 5
ALAN SMITH 2	PHILIP J. HUDSON .. 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 3	HAROLD HAMER 7
GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the honoured memory of Thomas Backhouse, priest, Rector of Radcliffe and Canon of Manchester Cathedral, who was interred on Saturday, January 26th, in this churchyard.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

ALAN CARVETH Treble	V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 6
*P. RUTH HOSKEN 3	HARRY HARPER 7
MARGERY A. BIRCH .. 4	DAVID N. PENROSE .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

Rung on the Feast of the Purification.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE Treble	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN .. 5
FRANK V. GANT 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*ROGER K. STRETTON .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 6
†J. HARRY COOK 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 7
†ROLAND H. COOK 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Kent Major 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Major.

Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, being the 64th anniversary of the dedication of the church.



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STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER J. MORTON Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	EDMUND MALIN 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	PETER BERESFORD Tenor

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

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN BISHOP Treble	†CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM .. 5
†CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 2	LEONARD W. GILES 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
†STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	*JOHN WILCOX Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal. † 25th peal together and first peal of Bob Triples.
 † First on eight bells. First peal of Triples on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
HORACE OVER 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
*JACK BENISTON 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7
JOHN W. RAWSON 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
 * First peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*JANE E. LANGTON Treble	†PETER H. LANGTON 5
†DAVID BRAND 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD 6
EDGAR E. RAPLEY 3	GEORGE FRANCIS 7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal. † First of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' The tenor man has now 'circled the tower.'

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

FREDA CLAYTON Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
ELSIE K. HART 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
DAVID J. TAYLOR 4	ALICK CUTLER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BATHWICK,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Eight-part variation of Thurstans'.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

MRS. DORA EVANS Treble	*ROBIN S. M. STUBBS .. 5
*TERRENCE T. JONES .. 2	DAVID HOARE 6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR 7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4	†RAYMOND STUBBS Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.
 Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and also to commemorate the 137th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GERALD DALE Treble	DAVID ATKINS 5
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND 6
DAVID CUBITT 3	JOHN E. KIRBY 7
PETER WOODWARD 4	GORDON BENFIELD Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS 5
MARY C. PAYNE 2	DENIS A. FRITH 6
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	*REGINALD ROWLEY 5
MARGARET B. MESLEY .. 2	†NEVILLE JENKINS 6
HARRY G. TIMMS 3	STANLEY E. DARMON .. 7
JEAN A. DARMON 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

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

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-part.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALAN CARVETH Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM .. 5
MARGERY A. BIRCH 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 6
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	DAVID N. PENROSE .. 7
HARRY HARPER 4	ARTHUR F. BURLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. James Vincent, a native of Camborne, who has returned to the parish to work as assistant curate.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE 5
*ARTHUR J. HART 2	†RAYMOND OVERY 6
*KATHLEEN M. YEO 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.. 7
FRANK H. HICKS 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. † 100th Surprise peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	JIM BENNETT, JUN. 5
*PETER LESTER 2	RONALD STEWARD 6
LEONARD S. SHARPE .. 3	†LESLIE N. MELTON .. 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 4	KENNETH G. BROWN Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Treble	†FRANK WADSWORTH.. .. 4
†COLIN MCKERNAN 2	*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW.. 5
*JAMES CUNLIFFE 3	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal, first attempt.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F. sharp.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON 4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	HERBERT LOWMAN 5
RONALD APPLEWHITE.. .. 3	LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

Rung on the birthday of Ronald Applewhite.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Plain Bob, 20 extents of Grandsire and six 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*ALAN MARSHALL Treble	PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHTS 4
PATRICK W. SEWRY 2	REGINALD J. STRETTON .. 5
†JOHN E. RYDE 3	TED WILLOWS Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringing of the second.

BLADON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR.. .. 4
†CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 2	ANN M. COX 5
*FRANK A. BARRETT 3	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First Surprise peal. The first touch in the method by all except the tenor man.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JUNE GLADMAN Treble	JAMES G. NEWMAN 4
R. JOHN SCOTT 2	DENNIS KNOX 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	JOHN W. SINFIELD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. SINFIELD.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of this church and as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Jones.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. Treble	WALTER AYRE 4
JOE HOBBS 2	EDWIN J. UPTON 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.. .. 3	BRIAN M. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, Rev. A. B. Speed, who was inducted on January 26th. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. V. Good.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob (rung alternately).

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

PETER R. ASLETT Treble	WALTER LEE 4
*HOWARD OGLESBY 2	GORDON W. LIMMER .. 5
†RONALD K. RUSS 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method.

Rung for the Feast of the Purification of B.V. Mary.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in seven methods: 720 changes each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, called differently where possible.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. Treble	DAVID W. JAMES 3
C. HENRY HARDING 2	DEREK P. JONES 4
BRYAN S. COPE Tenor	

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal on the bells, by repute the fifth heaviest five in Britain; they have been a ring since 1720.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel B. Hudson as Bishop of Ely.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), Plain Bob (four callings), ten extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and two 240's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS Treble	LEONARD COPNALL 4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT.. .. 5
ROBERT BARRATT.. .. 3	DEREK BRISCALL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

SELLINDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*VIOLET ROLF Treble	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	†GEOFFREY PEARSON 5
PETER JARVIS 3	†JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together. First peal as conductor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	A MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 4
JOHN VERNON 2	JOHN H. BAILESS 5
GRAHAM T. BALL 3	MICHAEL VERNON Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WOOTEN WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK KINCHIN .. Treble	WILLIAM H. MALE 4
A. CHARLES MORRIS 2	CLARENCE R. STEED 5
HAROLD HUXLEY 3	FRED C. LYNE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Stamford, Rossendale, Netherseale, York, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WALTER AYRE Treble	KENNETH DUNSTAN 4
JOAN WILCOCKSON 2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

* 75th peal on the bells.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN Treble	*WILLIAM HARRIS 4
WILLIAM R. MANSEY 2	†COLIN A. TESTER 5
STANLEY A. HAZLEDEN 3	†REGINALD E. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal together.

A birthday compliment to Miss Betty A. Tester.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, viz.: Two extents each of Place Bob and New Grand-sire, four extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and ten extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY KING Treble	ERNEST BISHOP 4
KENNETH G. BROWN 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
LEONARD S. SHARPE 3	HENRY IVINGS Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

First peal in ten methods by all. Believed to be the most Doubles methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON 4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE 2	*JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 50th peal as conductor.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gibson.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 4
*JOHN J. PRENTICE 2	LESLIE N. MELTON 5
KENNETH G. BROWN 3	ROBERT E. LESTER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday peal for the Rector, Canon S. H. De la Bere, also for Joseph Prentice, father of the second ringer, a former ringer and sexton (1920-1953) at this church.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Fri., Feb. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. Treble	†ANTHONY R. MANN 4
*†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT	RICHARD J. W. HOUDSEN 5
*A. GEORGE ORBELL 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on tower bells.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel B. Hudson as Lord Bishop of Ely, which took place on Saturday, February 2nd.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Plain Bob and 40 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

SYLVIA J. BEDDOW Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN 4
FREDERICK G. BEDDOW 2	ERNEST F. WILLCOX 5
FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL .. 3	FREDERICK R. MASON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. WILLCOX.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. The treble ringer is the first lady ringer to ring a peal on the bells.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being six different extents (one repeated). Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JACK PILGRIM Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4
*TREVOR BAILEY 2	A. WILLIAM BIRD 5
JOHN W. G. KINDRED 3	PETER KINDRED Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal 'inside.'

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being 4 extents each of Stedman, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Osmond, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and six extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON 4
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 3	MICHAEL EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in ten Doubles methods by all the band.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 120's Reverse Canterbury, 12 Plain Bob, ten ordinary Grandsire and four 240's (Morris's). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

MICHAEL WHITE Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
JEAN A. BROOKS 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 4

ERNEST F. PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

With this peal the conductor has rung a peal in every tower in the Leicester Diocese (134).

HANDBELL PEALS

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

DONALD H. NIBLETT 1-2	MARIE R. CROSS 5-6
ROBIN A. HODGSON 3-4	WILLIAM H. JACKSON 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

UPPER NORWOOD, S.E.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

AT 36, BEULAH HILL,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2	R. JAMES COOK 3-4
WILLIAM T. COOK 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Jan. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN A. HODGSON 1-2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON 5-6
DONALD H. NIBLETT 3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at Beverley Minster, the home of the Society, on February 9th. There was a record attendance of 70 members.

During the afternoon the bells at the Minster were rung to various methods, under the supervision of Mr. L. Rodmell, the Ringing Master. The service was held in the Minster Choir, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Collwyn Hargreaves, who welcomed the Society to Beverley. He was assisted by Rev. George Storer, of Hutton Cranswick, Chaplain to the Society.

Tea was served by the Minster Ladies' Guild in the Parish Room, and afterwards the company were entertained by the Driffield Parish Church Ringers, who gave another excellent display of handbell tune ringing.

The annual business meeting followed, at which the following officers were re-elected: Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley), president; Mr. G. Braithwaite (Beverley), vice-president; Mr. L. Rodmell (Pattingham), Ringing Master; Mr. C. Barker (Beverley), assistant Ringing Master; Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington), hon. secretary and treasurer. Messrs. F. W. Dale (Hessle), F. Wilkinson (Pocklington), A. Taylor (Beverley), R. Ducker (Sutton on Hull) were re-elected to the committee, and new members were Mr. J. A. Parker (Bridlington) and Miss A. M. Huddleston (Driffield). Miss Huddleston is also to act as assistant secretary.

At the invitation of Canon Vesey and ringers of St. Mary's Church, members afterwards adjourned to the tower of St. Mary's to conclude a very successful meeting by further ringing.

MANCROFT RINGERS' GUILD

On February 5th the Mancroft Ringers' Guild held their annual general meeting, the chairman, Canon J. A. Waddington, presiding. The existing officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master; Mr. N. Golden, deputy Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, hon. secretary and treasurer. Mrs. D. Moore and Alan Ellis were elected members.

The Guild is indebted to the late Mr. Chas. E. Borrett for the gift of two ringers' mugs (pewter), dated 1821, books and records compiled by himself and other ringers dating to the 18th century, of bells of Norwich and Norfolk, peal performances and items of interest concerning ringing in the past.

The chairman expressed his thanks to members for their services during the past year, and hoped to see more recruits.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OUTING

Sixteen members of the Society left Bristol by bus on February 9th for the first 'grab' of the spring term. After having successfully confused the conductor as to our destination, we eventually arrived at Wells.

St. Cuthbert's Church impressed us with its solid tower, and although the eight bells were raised by ten of the party, the tenor still went up wrong. The Master having previously announced that the emphasis would be on good striking, rather than the number of methods rung, we proceeded to do our best with Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, but never really settled down.

After admiring the architecture of the Cathedral, we raised the heavy ten bells, on which Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. A fairly good touch of Grandsire Caters was successfully brought round as a service touch for Evensong; most of the party attended the service and were greatly impressed by the singing of the choir.

Everyone having obtained various forms of 'tea,' we caught the bus to Chewton Mendip, where this beautifully-toned eight were got going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A well-struck touch of 448 Bob Major, with the tenors parted, was successfully brought round after 17 minutes. An enjoyable day was rounded off in the 'local,' playing shove ha'penny and table skittles, which ended hilariously when a well-aimed (?) shot by the Master found its way into the pint pot of our Welsh member!

Finally, the Society would like to thank all those concerned with the arrangements for the outing, and the clergy, for allowing us to ring.
P. J. B.

John Taylor & Co.

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Southampton University Society have an attractively printed card which they send to incumbents, thanking them for the use of the bells. Little things like this make such a difference to life. Would that other tourists adopted the same attitude.

Mr. Len Stilwell, of Horsham, has now 'circled' 20 towers.

We hear there has been some 'stay bending' at the Bull Ring, Birmingham—surely not A. W.! Who was it?

Miss Freda Robinson, of Warsop, is shortly joining the W.R.N.S. She was able to ring her first peal of Major at Bolsover.

Kenneth Ballington, aged 12, of Spondon, Derby, has rung his first quarter three months after his first lesson.

We regret to record the death in the Herts and Essex General Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, on February 9th, of Mr. Walter Prior, of Stansted, Essex. He was 88 years of age. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

Will any ringers being posted to R.A.F., Henlow, Beds, please contact one of the following ringers so that a band can be formed: Phillip Whalley, Hut 266, Brian Makeham, Hut 272, or Bevan Willgress, Hut 491.

A peal of Cambridge Major was rung at All Saints', Worcester, after meeting short for Grandsire Caters. There has been a ring of ten in this tower since 1752, and this is believed to be first eight-bell peal on the bells for many years.

After ringing at Westminster Abbey, Imperial Institute and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on the anniversary of Her Majesty's accession, four College Youths got out the handbells and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Average age of the band, 75. They were A. B. Peck 73½, H. Langdon 76, J. F. Smallwood 72½, W. S. Langdon 80½. Not bad for youngsters!

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frederick Ginns, who rang the third bell at Deene on January 26th, has been a ringer for 40 years, and that was his first attempt to ring a peal. He and Richard Webster, who rang the fifth bell, come from Weldon, two miles away, and are the first two ringers from that village who have ever rung a peal.

Hughenden Sunday service band have rung a silent and non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples. Vicar's Six-part was selected.

A record gathering of 160 ringers and friends attended the ninth annual dinner and dance of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Moreton.

Mr. A. G. Harrison has retired from the hon. secretaryship of the South Norfolk Branch, a position he has held for 20 years. His successor is Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo.

Miss Vera Powell has the distinction of being the first lady ringer to ring a quarter peal on Talgarth bells. She was congratulated afterwards on the way she handled her bell, also the way she rang.

A peal in 18 Spliced Surprise Major methods was rung at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, last Saturday to the memory of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods for the Guild on these bells on April 13th, 1935.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. F. J. Cullum at the meeting of the Lewisham Branch of the Kent County Association on his appointment as Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He is the second successive Master from the Kent County Association.

Mr. Albert Gadsden, who was instrumental in re-forming a band at Houghton Regis, Beds, after the second world war, retired at the end of the year. He had been a ringer for 53 years, although not a method ringer. As a tribute to his services a quarter peal was rung on Feb. 2nd.

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NEWS FROM CANADA

Christ Church Cathedral,
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On January 6th Canon Ralph Stanley Dean was consecrated Bishop of Cariboo. There were nine bishops present, including the Most Rev. Archbishop Harold Sexton, of British Columbia.

The two towers at the west end of the Cathedral are now completed. The ring of eight bells (tenor 29½ cwt.) in the scale of D flat, which is hung in the north-west tower, now sounds much louder and very clear, and can be heard a distance of five miles from the Cathedral.

The consecration service was a very impressive one, and was witnessed by a congregation of approximately 1,000. Prior to the commencement of the service, touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by the Christ Church Cathedral ringers, and immediately after the finish of the recessional hymn Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung and broadcast into the Cathedral.

The Right Rev. Stanley Dean is only 43 years of age and is the youngest bishop in Canada. His is an arduous appointment, as the diocese covers a very large area, is sparsely populated, and in wintertime much of the travel is by sled and dog team.

On Christmas Day the Cathedral bellringing was on television on CBUT, and again on New Year's Day. Both broadcasts were well done and showed the bells in motion and the ringers in action in the ringing chamber.

The ringers of Christ Church Cathedral wish to thank those of your readers who so kindly sent Christmas greetings, and to say how much they hope to have the pleasure of further visits from them in the near future. E. W. I.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern Division

Forty-five members gathered together at Balcombe on February 2nd for the annual general meeting of the Northern Division of the Association.

Ringling during the afternoon preceded a service, conducted by the Rector of Balcombe, of which a noteworthy feature was a robed choir, composed entirely of ringers, and representative of the Northern, Southern and Eastern Divisions. This was indeed something all too seldom seen at our meetings.

The business meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by the Master, Mr. S. Armstrong, supported by the general secretary, Mr. R. Percy.

The report, presented by the divisional secretary, was noted as being favourable, as was the balance sheet for the past year's working. Particularly encouraging was the number of new members elected during the year, and the affiliation of another tower—Ardingly.

Divisional officers elected for 1957 were: Ringing Master, Mr. E. Knapp; secretary, Mr. I. Butcher; committee—Mr. R. Johnson and Mr. E. Knapp, with Mr. B. Cracknell co-opted; auditor, Mr. G. Apps; Central Council delegate, Mr. R. Overy.

Towers for forthcoming meetings were chosen as follows: Ardingly (April 6th), Cowfold (May 11th), Withyham (June 1st), West Hoathly (July 6th). It was also agreed to recommence practices in advanced methods, starting at Crawley on June 15th.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all concerned for their efforts during the past year, and to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

Members returned to the tower, where the pleasant ring of eight was put to good use in a variety of methods, under the leadership of the new Ringing Master. I. B.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD



Guild crest of the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers, which incorporates Mr. W. Frank Stenson's former job of locomotive inspector. A pair of engine tender wheels replaces the wooden wheel of the bell.

Because of clash of dates, the annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on June 22nd.

A draft constitution will be submitted to the meeting.

Any active railwayman ringer of British Railways, British Transport Commission and Northern Ireland Railways, and also retired railwaymen, are suggested for membership.

It is also proposed to have associate members, consisting of railway ringers' wives and any railwaymen ringers of continental and overseas railways.

The proposed subscription is 2/6 (Juniors 1/-).

A SUSSEX STALWART

64 Years a Ringer

Particulars have reached us of the interesting and varied career of Mr. Albert E. Edwards, of Robertsbridge, Sussex—a career which extends over a period of 64 years. At one time he was instructor at Salehurst, and he rang many peals in various methods up to Double Norwich Major.

He was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and rang peals under the conductorship of several famous 'Cumberlands,' including Keith Hart, Thomas Card, W. H. Card and George A. Card. He also conducted 150 peals himself out of a total of 225 rung in 82 towers. In those days there was no motor transport and to get to the various places it was necessary to walk.

Mr. Edwards was one of a company of 16 or 17 very eager ringers, and on more than one occasion they worked on the land all day ploughing, walked five or six miles to ring a peal, then walked home, and were up again at 5 a.m. the next day to do another day's hard work on the land.

The advice given to Mr. Edwards by his teacher is well worth quoting. It was 'Let's strike the bells or go home; handstrokes open, backstrokes in; eyes and ears open and mouth closed.'

He is now in his 83rd year and has been partially disabled since 1940, but is still fully interested in all that is happening in the Exercise.

ST. MARY'S, HENDON

The St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Hendon, have issued an appeal to augment the six bells in this church to the complete octave.

The Ringing Master and Treasurer, Miss Ruth Foreman, of 2, Temple Fortune Mansions, Bridge Lane, N.W.11, informs us that so far they have collected just over £100 from various sources, such as carols on handbells before Christmas, fees from weddings and gifts following an appeal in the parish and to towers in the Middlesex Association.

St. Mary's Guild consists mainly of new young ringers, and they are making slow but steady progress. The clergy and churchwardens take an immense interest in the ringers.

A feature article with illustrations appeared recently in 'The Hendon Times and Guardian,' concerning the Guild, and from this we learn that the Guild consists of 11 ringers and five learners, including the curate, the Rev. Alan J. Tanner.

The steeplekeeper is Mr. H. Arnold, who began ringing in 1904, and only gave up recently on doctor's orders. Miss Ruth Foreman has been ringing since the age of 13, and was formerly a member of the Reigate band.

LONDON AND SOUTHAMPTON
UNIVERSITY GUILDS

Ringers from London and Southampton Universities held a successful joint meeting at Guildford on February 9th.

The party from Southampton rang at Old Woking (8. 17½ cwt.) before meeting the London University Guild members for ringing at Shalford. The pleasant eight (13½ cwt.) were kept going to the standard methods up to London Surprise, with rounds being rung for the less experienced. An hour and a half was spent at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, during which the heavy eight (24 cwt.) were rung in rounds and methods up to Bristol Surprise. After a well-deserved tea, we proceeded to the last tower of the day—St. Nicolas', with a ring of ten (22 cwt.). Methods rung here were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The meeting was the first joint meeting between the two Guilds, and it was voted an enjoyable and successful one. It is hoped to arrange a further meeting later in the year.

We must thank all those who made it possible, all authorities for the use of their bells, the local ringers who met us, and the secretary of the Southampton University Guild, for arranging the ringing. R. E. F.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Gainsborough District

About 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Gainsborough District and enjoyed ringing on the very fine eight of All Saints', Gainsborough. The service was conducted by the Rev. Michael Freeman, senior curate, and he also deputised for the president, Canon J. E. Roberts (Vicar), who was unavoidably absent, by taking the chair for the business meeting.

The president was re-elected, as was also the Master (Mr. G. E. Feirn) and the secretary (Mr. George L. A. Lunn). The representative on the Branch Committee was Mr. J. M. Blackie in place of Mr. C. H. Baker, who wished to be relieved. Nine performing members were elected.

The following places and dates were decided on for the year's meetings, subject to arrangements being possible:—Brigg, February 16th; Lea, May 18th; Owston, July 20th; Saxilby, September 21st; Kirton, November 16th.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' 10th REUNION

FORTY-SIX members and friends travelled to London on February 2nd for the tenth annual reunion of the Society, and enjoyed a very happy weekend together.

At Shoreditch, our first tower, we enjoyed both meeting old friends and ringing several touches of Cinques and Caters. One member vowed he could see the spire of the church shaking from Old Street, but perhaps he had started his celebrations rather early!

A scramble on and off buses and a walk down Stepney High Street brought us within sight of the Parish Church, where we were greeted by the sound of Stedman Triples, rung by the late-comers. We were very pleased to meet Mr. Fox here, and were sorry to have to leave these excellent bells after concluding with a half-course of Cambridge Royal.

Out in the gloom of a London evening, we made our way to the station. To the great amusement of the ticket collector at Tower Hill, who seemed to think all Stepney had come to his station, we all filed out of the underground on our way to St. Olave's, Hart Street.

A well-struck course of London set St. Olave's bells ringing, and we enjoyed a number of touches here before making our way to the Bedford Hotel for dinner.

Mark White, president, took the chair at the meeting which followed, and apologies for absence were read, including nine from honorary members, one of whom had very kindly presented us with a cheque for £1 ls. A telegram had also been received from a member now in Canada, Miss Audrey Bailey, and we would like to send our thanks to her, through 'The Ringing World,' for her best wishes for a happy reunion.

FOUR PEALS

It was reported by the secretaries that during the year four peals had been rung by the Society: Stedman Cinques at Lincoln, Cambridge Maximus at Southwark, Cambridge Royal at Wrington and Cambridge Major at Ewell, leaving only Cambridge Minor to enable the Society to join the 'élite.'

The 1956 tour, held in Yorkshire, had been very successful, except for the excessive quantities of rain. Twenty-three members had enjoyed the week, and 38, representing 12 counties, attended the weekend held in Lincoln, where we were very pleased to have as our guests Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman and John Freeman.

There had been three more weddings in the Society during the past year (quite a marriage bureau!): Norman and Mariella Mallett, David and Joyce Parsons, Terry and Sheila Thorner, who received a mirror, Lloyd Loom chair and tea trolley respectively, as gifts from the members. There was also one engagement to announce between Michael Horseman and Monica Fray, and two forthcoming weddings between Cyril Deem and Daphne, and John Hill and Marjorie Hunter. One member wished to ask the meeting what chances members thought he had of remaining a bachelor!

A short report from the treasurer re the expense account followed, in which was stated, to everyone's delight, that, as we had a balance in hand of approximately £8, no collection towards expenses would be made on this occasion.

The recorder thanked all his helpers and said the record book was now almost up-to-date, due to all their help, and was available for anyone who wished to look at it during the evening.

Mr. Ivor Goulter, of Cheltenham, was then proposed and elected as an honorary member, and Mr. Malcolm Hammond, of Richmond, Yorkshire, was ratified as an ordinary member.

THE NEW MASTER

The election of officers for 1957 then took place, and Mr. David Parsons was elected Master for this year, Mr. Michael V. Chilcott and Miss Kathleen E. Weller as secretaries, Mr. John Sansom as recorder, and Mr. Raymond I. Parsons retained his post of treasurer by popular vote.

Proposals for the 1957 tour were made, and after discussion, South East England received the most votes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for all their hard work during the year, particularly the Master, Mr. George Evenden, and retiring joint secretary, Miss Jeanette M. Winchester.

The party divided for Sunday morning ringing, some to St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the rest to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where we were given a very warm welcome by Mr. T. Francis. After lunch, those who did not start their journey homeward walked to the city to umpire the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, and a few were energetic enough to climb up to see the bells. Then tea in 'Joe's,' and over the bridge to Southwark, where we rang Cinques and Caters for evening service. After concluding the ringing with a course of Cambridge Royal, we said 'Goodbye' until July, and went our various ways home.

We would like to express our thanks to all the people who helped to make the weekend so enjoyable, especially Mr. T. Francis and Mr. John Chilcott, who helped so much with the ringing arrangements, and Mr. T. Mark White, for being such an excellent chairman at our meeting. K. E. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

With an attendance of over 40, the annual meeting of the South Wales District at Penarth on January 26th proved most enjoyable.

The Rector of Penarth, the Rev. G. Stephens, took the service and welcomed the Guild. Thanks were extended to the ladies who prepared the excellent tea, to the Rector for his warm welcome and to Mr. John Garvett, who did so much to ensure the success of the meeting.

The secretary reported another successful year with maintained interest in the Guild. The following officers were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. D. James; secretary, Miss Jacqueline Evans; committee, Mrs. P. E. Coles, Miss Dilys Hulbert, Miss Audrey Stephens and Miss Ann Scorer. Two new members, Miss Hazel Way and Miss Mary Keen, both of Sketty, Swansea, were elected.

The Ladies' Guild dinner was discussed and members felt that London was the best venue. All Saints', Newport, was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Shrewsbury on January 26th, when altogether about 80 people attended the meeting, amongst whom were Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Cheltenham, Mr. G. L. Hewitt, of Gloucester, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barron, of Birmingham, being old friends and former officers of the Association.

As usual, the bells of the Churches of St. Chad and St. Mary were available, and throughout the afternoon and after the business meeting, until 8.30 p.m., touches in many methods were ringing out over Shrewsbury.

At 4.30 p.m. the Rev. W. Johnston, M.A. (Vicar), conducted a bellringers' service at St. Chad's, and the address was given by the Association's president, the Ven. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., Archdeacon of Salop, who reminded the ringers that although they were hidden away in their belfries, they were important people still, who could, like a famous surgeon, dedicate their hands and their skill to the glory of God.

The service was followed by a tea, provided by members of the local band and their wives, and afterwards came the business meeting, during which, in the course of his report, the Ringing Master stated that seven meetings had been held in the previous year, with an average attendance of 36, and the ringing itself was of quite a good standard. He also reported that 13 peals had been rung for the Association, but regretted that this total was not larger.

The hon. treasurer presented the accounts for the year, which were considered very satisfactory and passed unanimously.

The officers were re-elected, and Mr. H. Douglas, of Dawley, appointed to the office of deputy Ringing Master. A provisional programme for 1957 was drawn up as follows: March 9th, Malins Lee; May 11th, Hodnet; June 15th, Chetwynd; July 13th, Clive; September 14th, Coalbrookdale; November 9th, Wellington.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Association's president, the Vicar of St. Chad's, the ladies responsible for the tea, and all who had in any way worked to ensure the day's success.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Folkestone was the venue of the Ashford District's first quarterly meeting of the year on January 26th. The fine-toned but slightly odd-struck ring was raised by three o'clock, and ringing was under the supervision of Mr. John Cooper, the Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Hough). In his address of welcome he likened ringers to the Ministry of Information because they let people know about the Church. Miss Boyle was at the organ, and Mr. J. Willis read the lesson.

Mr. F. J. Whittaker had made all the arrangements, and the local lady ringers and friends prepared and served the tea.

About 40 ringers and friends were present, most of whom were young people from the Folkestone band itself and towers in the neighbouring vicinity. Fourteen were elected to the Association at the meeting held under the chairmanship of Mr. Willis.

Ringing continued until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, and ranged from rounds to Double Norwich. C. T. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

Dear Sir,—I have now had the opportunity to examine the article on Peals in Cumberland and Westmorland and the letters from Messrs. Richardson and McKay. I endorse all the corrections made by the latter with their comments and also add the following:—

Kendal.—Grandsire Triples was rung in 1909 not 1910. Peals of Bob Minor in 1926 and Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples in 1927 appear to have been overlooked.

Ambleside.—The peal of Bristol took place in 1931 not 1933. Cambridge Major in 1946 is missing.

Bowness.—The first peal by the local band was on Boxing Day, 1932, not 1931, and the peal of Bristol was in 1950 not 1947.

Beetham's one and only peal was in 1926 not 1927.

Cumberland.—Carlisle, St. Stephen's: The first peal was rung in 1865 not 1861. The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung in 1892 has been missed.

Crosthwaite.—I also add Double Norwich Major to the additions of Messrs. Richardson and McKay. This was rung in 1946. The London was in 1950 not 1946.

Millom.—The first peal was in 1925 not 1926.

I hope these further corrections to the original article will not cause the writer any regrets. Even though inaccuracies may have to be pointed out, it is a pleasure to have such articles and I congratulate 'Local Ringer' on going to so much trouble. I hope others will follow his example. I am always very ready to help if I can.

Whilst writing, may I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Hill, of Ewell, for comparing notes about the 100th peal at his tower which I queried? The original claim was quite correct and I was one out, which has now been put right.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read Mr. F. R. L. Blewer's letter, and I must say that I am with him all the way.

I do not know how certain churches are chosen for broadcasting, but I rather suspect that it depends on how well the vicar can preach, as I have never heard a poor sermon broadcast.

Having then fixed this, the B.B.C. would next have to see about the choir, which is heard for a much longer period than the bells. Would they get a specially trained choir to take the place of the church's own choir? Then they might, if some suggestions were carried through, call upon a special band of ringers selected by the C.C. broadcasting committee. Why not have a service from gramophone records and not worry the Church at all?

We as ringers all appreciate good ringing; the general public do not know good from bad unless the bells are actually being 'banged about.' This being the case, and in defence of my own country district, where under the most difficult circumstances the ringers give of their best, I must say I am in favour of hearing what is already at the church, and let God decide whether the ringers' offering was worthy.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. BASSETT.

Hon. Secretary. Alton and Petersfield District, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

MANPOWER CENSUS

Dear Sir,—Some time ago, at the suggestion of Mr. Alan R. Pink, I wrote to the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England to ask that a form which was being devised to be sent annually to all parishes, with the object of obtaining information about the manpower position, should include a question on the number of ringers.

The assistant secretary of the Board has now informed me the forms will be sent out this Easteride to all incumbents in the provinces of Canterbury and York. Some months will, of course, elapse before the results are known, but if incumbents co-operate we should have a much more accurate idea of our numbers (in England) than ever before. Tower captains can help by ensuring that the incumbent is given this information if he asks for it, or, for that matter, if he doesn't.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Hon. Secretary, Central Council.

EXPERIMENTS IN SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. H. Chant's letter in your issue of January 4th, and his comments on the introduction of bob leads of a method into spliced extents and their counting as a separate method if no plain lead of either of a pair is included.

The practice has been to incorporate at least one plain lead of each method and thus avoid this awkward decision which, as Mr. Chant shows, is more a matter of good taste than technical decision. I am of Mr. Chant's persuasion, I don't like it and neither did that great Minor expert, A. G. Driver.

To return to his problems, the 25 and 24 method extents and the one given in your issue in question. Both these have been rearranged by me to incorporate at least one plain lead of each method and in fact the 25 became 26 and the 24 became 25 at the same time. Therefore, his poser is another that wasn't but only appeared to be.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

EXTENT IN 14 METHODS SURPRISE 4ths PLACE DELIGHT AND PLAIN

23456	S20	Bamborough
42635	P14	Lytham
56342	P14	Lytham
S23456	P15	Thelwall (Double Oxford in Parts 2 and 3)
52634	P28	Childwall (St. Clement's in Parts 2 and 3)
65423	P 4	Double Oxford
S43652	S19	Bacup
26543	P15	Thelwall (Double Oxford in Parts 2 and 3)
52364	4D13	Willesden (College Bob, etc., in Parts 2 and 3)
35426	P 6	London Bob
64235	P 4	Double Oxford
S25643	P14	Lytham
36425	P 6	London Bob
54236	P14	Lytham
S62534	P29	Wavertree (College in Parts 2 and 3)
45362	4D13	Willesden (College Bob, etc., in Parts 2 and 3)
34256		

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. W. Stephenson (first in method) 1, Pamela R. Gough (first as cond.) 2, Diana M. Gough 3, I. C. Forrest 4, R. D. Brown 5, J. P. Martin 6. A 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of 3, and an 18th birthday compliment to Pamela Law.

A STEDMAN REQUEST

Dear Sir,—There are many quarter peals of Stedman Triples in five parts where the first part end produces 1253467, and if 6-7 are kept behind by a bob rounds follow in the next six, thus producing three courses for a practice touch. Two useful quarters are HL-SH-SQ and HQ-H-SQ. Each has 6-7 at home every second and third course-end in each part, and it will be noticed that the second quarter consists of twin bobs only. As 1253467 are the first part ends the bob with 6-7 at home should help Mr. Burles with his problem. A 252 which might be handy is SL-S-SQ.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

Dear Sir,—Whether it is possible to produce a touch of 252 changes by the use of Thurstans' standard calling I haven't the slightest idea, but if Mr. Burles transfers the calls at 7-8 from the first course to the third course (Haley's variation) and calls a bob on 6-7 at the part end, the bells run round in 254 changes.—Yours truly,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford, Kent.

315 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The touch below was given to me by the late A. P. Wakley in 1910. It was the last touch he ever heard, for on one Sunday in February, 1919, he was waiting outside the tower, having just been demobilised, and obviously very ill. We took him to his home, where he went to bed and died there some nine days later, a victim to 'Spanish flu.'—Yours, etc.,

J. D.

	S	H	L	Q	2	3	1	5	6
S at 1	X		X		2	4	5	3	6
	X	X		X	4	3	2	6	5
		X			3	4	2	6	1
	X		X						

B at 11 brings rounds at handstroke

MR. JOHN WORTH'S 800 PEALS

With the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on January 19th, Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, completes 800 peals. His list is appended:

Doubles.—Grandsire 8 (2), Stedman 1.

Minor.—1—84 methods 113.

Triples.—Grandsire 19, Stedman 11.

Major.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 42 (16), Double Norwich 28, Kent T.B. 17 (2), Oxford T.B. 5, Kent and Oxford Spliced 2, Cambridge T.B. 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 62, Superlative 14, Yorkshire 14, Bristol 90, London 70, Norfolk 2, Staffordshire 2, Rochester 5, Lincolnshire 4, Pudsey 4, Spliced to 16 methods 53, Stockport 2, Rutland 2, Macclesfield 2, Glasgow 2, one each of New Cambridge, Manchester, Aldenham, Belgrave, Ramsey, Guildford, Dera, Kendal, Eastcote, Hanbury, Ealing Premier, Claybrooke, Rotherham.

Caters.—Grandsire 11, Stedman 11, Erin 1.

Royal.—Bob 11 (4), Kent T.B. 8, Oxford T.B. 4.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 42, Yorkshire 16, Rochester 5, Rutland 4, London 18, one each of Pudsey, Belgrave, Lindsey, Metropolitan, Ludgate, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 8.

Maximus.—Bob 4, Cambridge 31, Yorkshire 16, Spliced Surprise 1, Kent T.B. 5, Oxford T.B. 2, Rochester 1, Pudsey 1, Southwell 1.

Numbers in brackets denote peals rung on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Canterbury and Bob and 300 Grandsire): Diane Lawless (first quarter) 1, R. E. March 2, L. G. Toseland 3, D. W. James 4, B. S. Cope (cond.) 5.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Taylor 1, W. E. Burnell 2, J. Nicholls (first 'inside') 3, L. Whewall 4, J. A. Toke (cond.) 5, R. Sharpe 6.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): J. Lane 1, H. Hill 2, G. Hill 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6. Rung with thanksgiving for the return to health of Mr. Fred Foster, aged 82, after a recent fall. The above ringers were his pupils.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each New Grandsire, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Union and Stedman and 180 Grandsire): F. C. Mogford 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Walton 3, R. Short 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Stevens 1, D. Miller 2, Pamela Stevens 3, J. Walton 4, W. Stevens 5, C. Stevens 6, R. Short (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, G. Burge 8. First of Stedman Triples by 1 and 3.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London, 576 Cambridge): K. Everett 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Smith 1, Mrs. B. G. Key 2, Mrs. S. H. Jones 3, Miss A. S. Noble 4, A. G. Foster 5, W. J. Leach 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, E. Edginton 8. For the patronal festival.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parr 1, C. Webb 2, C. Manley 3, W. Baker 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. Rung on the occasion of Mr. C. Deem's marriage at Withycombe.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On Feb. 5th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Click 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, W. H. Wilson 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, C. J. Reede 5, A. R. Pocklington 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, H. W. Jones 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon J. E. L. Oulton, D.D., Chancellor of the Cathedral, whose funeral took place this day.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 3rd, at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Wyatt (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. M. M. Price 2, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 3, Miss J. Scrutton 4, Miss D. Luke 5, F. Ranson 6, S. Croft 7, S. H. Price 8. A wedding day compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Croft.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Pinchbeck 1, L. Squires 2, S. Proctor 3, A. Ward 4, R. Woods 5, J. Royce 6, G. Creasey (cond.) 7, T. Relf 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pinchbeck.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Brown 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, J. Brent 3, H. Colcombe 4, Miss E. Hiley 5, Miss H. Hancock 6, J. King (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. Chinnery 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. E. R. Brittain, late Vicar, who was interred this day.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods (120 each of Place Bob, New Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 180 Bob): H. King 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Melton 5, H. Ivings 6. First in 10 methods by all.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, P. Elliott 2, E. Coulsden 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. A farewell to E. Coulsdon, who is leaving for the Far East.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Bob and 300 Grandsire): Mrs. G. H. Lane 1, S. Perry 2, T. H. Smith 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, D. K. Lane 5. First in five methods by all. Rung as a farewell to T. H. Smith, who is joining H.M. Forces.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss R. Paxton (first quarter) 1, B. K. Currington 2, R. V. Wallis 3, R. J. Picton (first in method as cond.) 4, B. M. Barker 5, R. J. Scaplehorn 6. Rung to mark the launching of the bell restoration appeal.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. J. Brown (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Sharp 2, E. B. Smith 3, Miss M. Mills 4, L. Sharp 5, J. Butler 6, D. Welham 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to the second ringer.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, P. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. A farewell to Peter Dadds on his leaving for National Service, and also a compliment to the conductor, who has completed 50 years as a chorister.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Perkins (first quarter) 1, W. H. Dymont 2, H. P. Reed (cond.) 3, G. S. Wiggins 4, H. Lawrenson 5, F. E. Turner 6, H. T. E. Curtis 7, B. C. Curtis 8. For Evensong.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: L. Mitchell 1, Hazel V. Dadson (first of Doubles) 2, K. Ivory 3, E. A. Gilbert 4, L. Gilbert 5, L. Wraight 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. First quarter for Newington band since the war. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbert, sen., on their 58th wedding anniversary.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, F. Burgess 2, W. R. Hammons 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, B. Linnell 8. A 77th birthday compliment to T. Jennings.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,272 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Martin's, 480 Plain, 240 Grandsire, 72 Small Bob—treble to 3rd's place): Ann E. Lewin 1, M. V. White 2, Isobel Inman (cond.) 3, Ruth A. Carey 4, R. E. Finch 5, P. W. M. Jones 6. First in five methods for all and as conductor. Rung by members of Southampton University Guild as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the treble.

NORTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Goulter 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, Mrs. D. J. Marshall (first in method) 3, D. J. Marshall 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, I. H. Oram 6, C. A. Wratten 7, K. Poulton 8.

OXFORD.—At New College, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Maggs (first on eight) 1, J. H. R. Freeborn 2, R. N. Pittman 3, R. A. Jackson (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 4, R. A. Hodgson (cond.) 5, D. H. Niblett 6, W. H. Jackson 7, S. J. Ivin 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 12th, 2,520 Bob Royal: Miss M. Birch 1, T. G. Myers 2, Miss V. M. Mathews 3, A. H. Burley 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, H. Harper 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, D. N. Penrose 8, Rev. A. S. Roberts 9, R. A. Southwood 10.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Craze 1, R. Ridout 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hilliar 4, B. Ridout 5, W. Savory 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. R. Tate, of Shillingstone.

SHOREDITCH, N.—On Jan. 27th, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, T. Francis 3, W. Cook 4, J. S. Mason 5, B. K. Lunn 6, R. F. Deal 7, A. B. Peck 8, M. Moreton 9, James Phillips 10, John Phillips (cond.) 11, W. Hibbert 12. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Francis on the birth of a son.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. B. G. Warwick 1, R. K. Stretton 2, Joan M. Brown 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, R. Jolley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jolley 7, B. S. Chapman 8. First of Kent 'inside' for 2 and 3. For Evensong.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Ballington (aged 12, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, E. Walklate (13) 3, P. B. Knight 4, B. Manning 5, J. Ryde 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (an extent each of St. Vedast, Huntspill, New, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Osmund, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury and Bob): Miss P. Rowe 1, M. Cubitt 2, M. Rowe 3, B. B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Riddleson 6.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Thurstans' One-part): Miss J. Adamson (first of Stedman 'inside') 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Miss S. Wicken- den 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, A. E. Hartley 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. D. Rivers 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet Adamson.

SWALCLIFFE, OXON.—On Jan. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. C. Clarke 1, J. H. Gregory 2, R. A. Reeves 3, I. J. M. Saunders 4, E. E. Pearson 5, G. F. Burton (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

TALGARATH, BRECONS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Vera M. Powell (first quarter) 1, W. G. Smith 2, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 3, W. Chick 4, S. V. Edwards 5, J. Parry 6. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Davies) on his 70th birthday, 21 years as Vicar of Talgarth and 45 years in Holy Orders.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Prior 1, Violet Relf 2, P. Jarvis 3, W. P. Tickner 4, W. W. Ring 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, M. W. Marshall 7, P. V. H. Relf 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson (Stephen John Relf) to the ringer of the tenor. Rung for Evensong.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Bartholomew, 120 April Day, 360 Bob, 660 Grandsire): Joy Gumbrell 1, Jean Horton 2, C. B. Skinner 3, Marian Skinner 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, A. Piercy 6. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. P. Wood 1, Jean Horton (first 'inside') 2, David — 3, C. B. Skinner 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, B. W. Farhall 6.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Randall 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, A. E. Hoare 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, L. J. Batley 6, C. W. Otley 7, W. D. Grainger 8. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Miss Naomi Hales.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Williamson 1, J. Easton (cond.) 2, A. Lewry 3, G. Peters 4, G. Parsons 5, N. Bagworth 6, R. Brooker 7, E. Talbot 8. For Evensong, and a 92nd birthday compliment to Frank Sinkins.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Pope 1, Miss B. Philpot 2, W. P. Garner 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, L. T. Pope 6. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 St. Simon's: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss B. Philpot (first in method) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,320 Oswald Delight: L. T. Pope 1, Miss R. E. Gower 2, C. T. Hillis 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. P. Garner 5, A. J. Lancefield 6. Also on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Philpot 1, Mrs. M. Pope (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Green (first quarter) 1, D. Elliott 2, W. F. Scudamore 3, E. Thomas 4, T. T. Walters (cond.) 5, R. Hemmings (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day and 300 Grandsire): D. Green 1, H. Taysom 2, E. Thomas 3, T. T. Walters (cond.) 4, W. F. Scudamore 5, R. Hemmings 6. First in five methods for 1, 2 and 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Glanville 1, T. Gooding 2, L. K. Dawe 3, J. H. Glanville 4, G. Betts 5, J. L. Glanville (cond.) 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung by the Woodbury band for the marriage of Cyril Deem to Miss Hill, of Exmouth, which took place this day at this church, as an appreciation of help given them by Cyril in past years. The band wish him and his wife every happiness in the future.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 6th, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 April Day, 360 Bob and 180 Grandsire: M. Austin 1, D. Darby 2, R. Smith 3, M. B. Kemp 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5. Rung by Yatesbury Campanology Club.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER WALLACE WOLSTENCROFT

It was with deep regret that the ringing friends of W. W. W. received the news of his passing after a long and interesting ringing life, in which the trailing of new ringers played a large part. He served the Church of St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, for the whole of his life until, in 1946, on account of his wife's infirmity due to an accident, he removed to Stoke Poges to live with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hawkins. His service to his church was of a varied nature—Sunday School superintendent, teacher, ringer; in fact in any way he could. It was largely due to his enthusiasm and energy that the bells of the church were rehung in 1937.

On April 17th, 1911, he took part in the record length of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, conducted by Samuel Wood. In 1921 he joined the Chester Guild, and began to take an active interest in Spliced Minor ringing, an interest which was to last him for the rest of his life. In 1923 he was one of the band which under the conductorship of James Fernley and the guidance of Rev. A. T. Beeston rang the first 35-method peal. In 1934, when John Worth got a band together to progress further in the field of multi-method ringing, he was again among the enthusiasts, and along with James Fernley, junior, the link between the old and the new bands. The fact that he was thirty years senior to the rest of the band never affected either them or him. He took his orders from the conductor, and his application to the learning of unfamiliar methods had to be seen to be believed. The writer has had the time on many a train journey to a peal attempt whiled away while W. W. W. explained his method of cutting down the material to be memorised to the minimum. He was delighted when the band reached the peak of Spliced Treble Bob Minor with a peal in 73 methods nearly 20 years ago. How many miles he journeyed in search of peals we cannot know, but he was most assiduous in his attendance at practice, and although it was a great rush for him to get to Norbury from Ashton, he was rarely absent from the weekly practice.

He was a keen student of method construction and corresponded regularly with Mr. George Baker. Much of his spare time was devoted to the production of methods, some of which were rung at Norbury, e.g., Manchester Surprise Major and Stockport Surprise Major. He continued this work up to the time of his death and his interest in the problems involved never waned.

His home at 103, Victoria Street, Ashton, was well known to ringers, and many have spent happy hours there being instructed and entertained, for he could tell a good tale. No matter how busy he was, he could always find time to help a learner or a struggling band, and he was always sympathetic towards youth.

For many years he guided the destinies of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild as its chairman, and his gift for saying the right word at the right time, allied to his quiet, unassuming, yet dignified manner endeared him to all with whom he came into contact.

The Exercise has lost a good member whose Christian life should be a model to us all. May he rest in peace. C. K. L.

AN APPRECIATION

To the average reader, the announcement in the 'Daily Telegraph' of the death of Walter W. Wolstencroft would not be of interest, but to those of us who knew him it was news indeed. To me it brought back memories of many happy times, and particularly the night of Tues-

day, December 4th, 1923, when we had rung the first peal of Minor in 35 methods at Norbury; then the fun we had over the peal board to record it, telling him that his name was awkward and expensive, so whilst everyone else had their full name, Walter had to be content with W. W. Wolstencroft.

For many years Mr. Wolstencroft was in charge of the eight bells at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, and he was one of the band that rang the 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church on April 11th, 1911. Prior to 1921 he had shown little or no interest in Minor ringing, but an introduction to the Norbury company altered that, and from then onwards his attendance at the Norbury practices was very regular. On January 2nd, 1922, he rang his first peal of Minor, at Norbury, and it was in seven methods. Incidentally, this peal was the last rung by the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, for soon afterwards an illness overtook him which necessitated his giving up active ringing.

It had always been Mr. Beeston's ambition to ring a peal in 28 methods, a goal unfortunately he was not to achieve, but he encouraged others to try. Mr. Wolstencroft now was a 'spliced Minor' enthusiast and took over the rope dropped by Mr. Beeston—the result we know, and no one was more delighted over the successful attempt at 35 methods than the Rev. A. T. B.

It had been Mr. Beeston's custom to organise Saturday afternoon practices at different 6-bell towers in the Stockport District, ending up with a tea party at a local ringer's home. These outings proved very successful and helpful, and when W. W. W. joined the 'spliced' maniacs, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne was added to the list where we could have a party, and what parties we had!

Those whose good fortune it was to know Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft can have nothing but happy memories of their company and hospitality. Mrs. Wolstencroft took a great interest in ringing and in 1914 was one of the ladies who formed the ladies' band at St. Peter's, Ashton. Just prior to the last war she had an accident that incapacitated her, and in course of time they retired to Stoke Poges and lived with their daughter Ida (Mrs. Hawkins). Mrs. Wolstencroft died a short while ago, and now Walter has joined her. J. P. F.

MR. WILLIAM H. ASHBY

The death took place on January 21st at his home of Mr. William H. Ashby, aged 82, who was a member of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, bellringer for over 60 years, and a life member of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

He was associated with many of the activities in his parish in the past, and to the present generation he had been known for some years as churchwarden, a bellringer, a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council. He was well versed in the history of the Church and had a deep-rooted affection for its traditions.

He loved to visit historical places and churches and his chief delight was to conduct his friends around the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which he loved with all his heart. His Christian principles were carried into his daily work, impressing all those who came into contact with him.

The funeral service took place at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, on January 25th, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson, and was attended by representatives of the local company and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

During the evening, the bells which he had rung so often were rung half-muffled by his fellow members, and a quarter peal of 126 Grandsire Triples to his memory was rung before morning service on the following Sunday by Miss D. M. Miller 1, R. Finch 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, B. Linnell 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (conductor) 7, A. G. Burton 8.

CANON THOMAS BACKHOUSE

Ringers in Lancashire, and particularly his own parish of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin, Radcliffe, have lost a sincere friend by the death on January 22nd of Canon Thomas Backhouse, aged 70 years. He had been ill since early in November.

Canon Backhouse never refused the bells to anyone, whether for a peal attempt or a meeting.

The interment was at Radcliffe on January 26th, the committal being performed by the Suffragan Bishop of Hulme. For the service the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. T.

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OBITUARY—Continued

MR. ALBERT CATTERWELL

The Northern District of the Essex Association, and Sible Hedingham tower in particular (of which he had been captain for about 25 years), lost a devoted friend with the passing of Mr. Albert Catterwell at Walnutree Hospital, Sudbury, on January 14th, when nearing his 71st birthday.

Albert learned to ring on the now ringable eight at Belchamp Walter when he was 12 years of age. We believe his first peal followed ten years later—conducted by Siedman H. Symonds.

Most of his ringing had been done in Essex, though he was well known in Suffolk, which county he frequently visited.

There is no complete record of the peals Albert rang, though they were on six and eight mainly, and quite varied, including Surprise. Outstanding would be the number 'in hand,' at which there can have been few safer ringers, with any pair, when ringing Kent or Bob Major.

Perhaps, most of all, Mr. Catterwell excelled with his example of regularly attending for service ringing and on practice nights, for bells and ringing were his life. As a captain and conductor we shall have difficulty in ever replacing him or finding one with his enthusiasm and optimism.

The funeral, on January 19th, was attended by many ringers, and half-muffled touches were rung before and after the interment. Among those present were Mr. S. J. Twitchett (Master, Sudbury and Lavenham District) and Mr. F. Bensley, of the Suffolk Guild; whilst included from Essex were Mr. L. W. Wiffen (a life vice-president), the Master (Mr. R. Heazel), Master of the Northern District (Miss H. G. Snowden), hon. secretary (Mr. H. A. Pratt), along with many other local ringers and friends.

A quarter peal of 1,264 Bob Major, half-muffled, was rung to Mr. Catterwell's memory on the Tuesday following the funeral by D. Tupper (first quarter) 1, J. H. Brett 2, V. S. Connell 3, B. W. Pettitt 4, S. Dace 5, E. W. Brown 6, R. Rippington 7 and T. Bird (conductor) 8—echoing our Rector's words: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

H. A. P.

THE REV. NOEL E. HOPE AN APPRECIATION

The news of the passing of the Rev. N. E. Hope was received with deep regret by members of the East Grinstead and District Guild at their meeting at Frant, Sussex, on February 9th.

It was on June 4th, 1927, that Mr. Hope (as he then was) called a meeting at his home at Place Sands, East Grinstead. Ringers from the surrounding districts of Sussex, Kent and Surrey were invited to attend, with the object of forming a Guild of Bellringers, to further the art of change ringing in this area. It was the result of this meeting that the East Grinstead and District Guild of Bellringers was formed. Mr. Hope became the first treasurer of the Guild, and continued in office until he left the district in 1931 to join the Ministry.

He was then elected a vice-president of the Guild and continued in that capacity until his death on January 26th. While at East Grinstead, Mr. Hope did much to encourage the younger ringer, and the writer has cause to remember him as one who made it possible for him to ring his first quarter peal. E. J. L.

LATE NEWS

We regret to record the death of Preb. A. J. Hook, former Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which occurred on Feb. 12th. Preb. Hook formerly lived at Stogursey, where the funeral took place on February 14th. He was chaplain to the Quantock Chest Hospital.

MR. WILLIAM BALDRY

One of the most regular Sunday ringers at St. Margaret's Parish Church of Lowestoft until a few years ago, when his doctor advised him to give up ringing, Mr. William Baldry passed away on February 6th at the age of 77 years. He had only rung five peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association, but he was always willing to have a go, and must have lost a large number due to the lack of experience of many of the younger ones of his day.

On February 7th eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association met at St. Margaret's to attempt a peal as a last tribute to him, but again we failed him after just over an hour's ringing. It was too late to make a fresh start, so as a final tribute to this well-loved old ringer 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung by H. W. Easey 1, E. T. Chapman 2, A. Wigmore 3, J. W. G. Kindred 4, R. W. Coates 5, A. W. Bird 6, A. E. Coleman 7, P. Kindred (conductor) 8. P. K.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western District.—The proposed coach for the visit to Safraon Walden on Great Ringing Day has been booked. For details of route, other towers, etc., please write to L. S. Woods, 72, Broad Street, Dagenham. 9763

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—There will be no meeting on February 23rd. Quarterly meeting, Leckhampton, March 23rd, 3 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 9775

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. R. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9752

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—An additional meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 9749

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at British Legion Hut. Special method: Hitchin Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9762

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, Kent. 9738

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting at Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9735

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Iver (8), Feb. 23rd. 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9746

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 9732

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Monthly meeting, Nuthall (6) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 3 p.m. 9761

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Feb. 23rd, St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Bells 2.30. Usual tea and meeting.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 9767

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner February 23rd. Ringing at St. Luke's, Chelsea, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 5 to 6. Dinner 6.30 for 7 p.m.—D. Priestley, 9765

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pershore, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8 and 6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 9754

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Arksey, Saturday Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cnoor, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. Good bus service from Doncaster. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9734

ST. MARGARET'S, UXBRIDGE.—Ringers' Service, Sunday, Feb. 24th. Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. H. Dunning (Vicar). All ringers and friends welcome. 9779

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Clckheaton on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Please bring own food. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. 9762

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Special meeting at Warwick, St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing by bands as detailed from 1 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., at which the address will be given by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea, 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Visitors welcome to service and tea (names by Feb. 26th). Ringing again from 6 to 9 p.m., which will be open to all ringers.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9778

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Egremont on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 27th to Miss M. Simpson, 69, Main Street, Egremont. 9774

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Whitley Bay on Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 27th, to Miss M. Capcy, 3, Monkscaton Drive, Whitley Bay, Northumberland. 9773

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 9782

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Little Waltham (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerways, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9789

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9741

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Littleham, Saturday, March 2nd. Names for tea, by Feb. 27th, to Mr. O. Gatter, 4, New Cottages, Littleham, Exmouth. 9743

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8) on Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan Dis. Sec. 9790

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn, Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 26th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 9739

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Godalming, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (at cafe by church) 5.15. Names for tea to Miss B. Mayers, 5, Church Street, Godalming, by Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Ringing after evensong.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9759

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Clitheroe, Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Feb. 27th) Miss Rosemary Parkinson, 20, St. Mary Street, Clitheroe.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9772

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heversham, Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30

p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 9780

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Mountsorrel, Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to R. Wilmore, 80, Hawcliffe Road. 9753

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at South Wigston (8) on March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9794

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, Greyhound, 5 p.m. Names, by Feb. 25th, to M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding. 9737

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Monmouth, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Jones, 75, Monnow Street, Monmouth.—J. S. Evans. 9764

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kidsgrove on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 27th, to A. Windsor, 41, Second Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9784

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Feb. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 9740

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford, Saturday, March 2nd. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 9786

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 69th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Chairman: Sqdn.-Leader, John S. Mason. Tickets, 15s. 6d. each, obtainable from G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9657

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements for Saturday, March 2nd: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 4 to 5.30 p.m. 9769

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Saturday, March 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 9783

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Rowde (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham. 9770

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at St. John's Church, Broad Street, Alloa, from 3 p.m. Those desiring tea inform by Feb. 27th Mr. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa, Clackmannanshire. 9761

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 2nd. Committee meeting, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 28th, please, to Mr. F. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield, 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 9791

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, March 2nd, Bulwell (8), 3.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. Simpson, 2, Ellen Terrace, Welton Road, Radford, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 9731

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Neath, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Feb. 23rd.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 9729

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Wrotham, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9777

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Afcege's, Greenwich, S.E.10, on Saturday, March 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 7th, please, to Miss M. Bullard, 36, Crooms Hill, Greenwich. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9771

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Annual meeting at Clent, Worcs, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 5th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Frequent bus service, No. 318 from Stourbridge or Hagley (Cattle Market) to Clent. 9792

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Saturday, March 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 9768

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, March 9th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 9785

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanelly, Saturday, March 9th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, Llanelly. 9759

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Martin, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Take Fleming's bus, leaving Canal, Salisbury, 1.40. Leaves Martin 5.50 for return via Coombe Bissett for evening ringing. Names must be sent for tea, please, by Tuesday, March 5th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9764

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 5th, to Mr. B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket.—J. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 9787

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual general meeting at Clare, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 9788

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at Kish's Restaurant, Bedford, at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tickets are available from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Beds, Mr. L. Bywaters, 24, Langford Road, Henlow, Beds, and Mr. K. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn, Beds; price 10s. 6d. each. All names must be given by Friday, March 8th. 9760

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Because of a clash of dates, with the annual festival of the Chester Guild and the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, the annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild will take place at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, June 22nd. Arrangements will be made for a mid-day meal but names must be received before June 15th. Ringing: Crewe (10) Nantwich (8) Sandbach (8) and more towers if necessary. Fuller information later.—W. Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 9767

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