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BELLS IN BROADCAST PROGRAMMES

Broadcasting in relation to bells is a matter of comment in two connections this week. In one case it is a matter for praise; in the other a subject of criticism. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who is convener of the Central Council's Committee, which includes bell broadcasting in its purview, writes with regard to the New Year's Eve programme. It has been one of the aims of the committee to induce the British Broadcasting Corporation to make more use of bells upon appropriate occasions. English bells were absent from the New Year's Eve programme a year ago, but last week, when, presumably because the last day of the year was Sunday, there was a more subdued programme than on some former occasions, English bell ringing, typical of the passing of the old year in this country, came into its own, even if only to a limited extent. From Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral, two of the most sacred shrines in this land of ours, the bells were heard. From Westminster half-muffled and solemnly the old year was rung out, and, after the hour of midnight had resounded from Big Ben, Canterbury Cathedral ushered in 1934 with a merry 'peal.' To listeners everywhere these moments must have been soul-stirring. The B.B.C. are always keen to know what their vast public think; and we would emphasise the appeal made by Mr. Edwards to all ringers to write to the B.B.C.—a postcard is enough—expressing their appreciation of this feature of the programme, and the hope that it may be included and extended in future years.

The criticism that is offered relates to the use of gramophone records of bells in recent broadcast sketches. Reference was made to it by the Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association, when speaking at a dinner at Stanmore. On the occasion of the performance of Dickens' 'Christmas Carol,' bells were used to create an 'atmosphere,' but the record introduced was of St. Paul's Cathedral bells *half-muffled!* The other instance mentioned was in another sketch, when one man was supposed to have secreted himself in a tower, and, at a given moment, rung all eight bells—and the record introduced revealed that he was ringing Grandsire Triples. Ringers who heard these two broadcasts must have smiled at the incongruity of the one and the impossibility of the other. The public, in their ignorance, may not have noticed the technical faults in the productions, although there must have been some who, did they give it a thought, must have wondered at muffled bells at Christmas. The B.B.C. are ever anxious to get the details of the broadcasts correct, and we suggest that the

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Central Council's Committee should get the B.B.C. to appoint an honorary adviser who might be consulted on every occasion when bells are to be introduced into the programme, so that such palpable errors of technique may be avoided in future.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
JOHN W. WOOD 2	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 8
JOHN WALDEN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 9
LEWIS SNELL 4	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 10
MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 5	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 11
HAROLD MARCON 6	GEORGE LADD Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN Treble	*GEORGE W. ABLETT 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 3	*ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 8
*KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	*HARRY D. LISTER 9
*SHELFORD SPARROW 5	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HAROLD E. AUSTIN Treble	GEORGE CONDICK 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7
JESSE GILLET 4	THOMAS A. HASTINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
GEORGE HINTON 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rang on the centenary of the 8,448 of Treble Bob Major at St. Helen's, Worcester, 1833. John Hinton, great-grandfather of George Hinton, rang the 4th in the 1833 peal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH EVANS Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
A. REGINALD BLASY 2	ARTHUR NEWTON 6
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on these bells. All except the ringer of the 3rd are regular Sunday service ringers at this church. The 197th peal on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, December 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ERNEST L. SHELTON Treble	ARTHUR BIGLEY 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER 2	HARRY CHAMBERS 6
JAMES L. WARD 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
CLIFTON NEWMAN 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and the first in the county. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Ellen Tyler, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Tyler, to Mr. Edgar Hackney.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	GILBERT H. HARDING 6
FREDERICK TARGETT 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
HARRY J. SANGER 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. E. REEVES.

The conductor's 400th peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM M. STONE Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
*JOHN P. PELLOE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. This peal was rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. F. L. Vaux. He presented the bells to the church 32 years ago, and was churchwarden for 50 years. He died on Christmas Eve.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

JOSEPH S. CARTER Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5
*GEORGE T. H. WALKER 2	*KENNETH A. ROE 6
*R. FREDERICK ROE 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
*EDWIN LLOYD 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Conducted by K. A. ROE.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung in commemoration of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Roe, of Wigston Magna, parents of the ringers of the third and sixth.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

HARRY TYSON Treble	*KENNETH W. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN A. BROWN 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 6
*HERBERT P. CLIFF 3	ADAM DEAS 7
*STEPHEN THOMPSON 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

BROWNEIDGE, BAMBER BRIDGE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON AND WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ADAM BLOGG Treble	FRED RIGBY 5
THOMAS BAREER 2	*FRANCIS MCCARTHY 6
*JOHN JACKSON 3	ARTHUR HATCH 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

* First peal, and belong to the local company.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19¾ cwt. in F.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON 5
PERCY GREEN 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
*JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. The conductor's 66th peal in 1933. Rung in honour of the 56th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler's wedding day (January 1st, 1878).

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CROSON Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD 5
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
WILLIAM G. BROOKER 3	ERNEST W. BRADSMORE 7
F. GEORGE BAILEY 4	JAMES CARLTON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	JESSE HARRISON 5
*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	WILFRED EDWARDS 6
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. First New Cambridge on the bells.

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On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	JACK ROY 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	PERCY MERSON 7
WILLIAM A. SIVIER 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSIOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 5
ROBERT ROFFEY 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
HERBERT J. ELDRD 4	JOHN W. LANGLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Mr. G. B. Pye's 100th peal in 1933.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	† WILLIAM BUTTON 6
* MRS. H. BAKER 3	* WILLIAM WENBAN 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	† LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Oxford. The composition, No. 369, is rung for the first time.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
FRANCIS E. MAY 2	REV. C. ELIOTT WIGG 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	* RICHARD A. POST 7
SYDNEY TAYLOR 4	† WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* 75th peal. † 150th peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
* ROBERT SWIFT 2	* ALFRED J. BULL 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	JACK COOK 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL Treble	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE 5
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL 2	HAROLD DENMAN 6
MISS CONSTANCE ELING 3	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER 7
* NATHANIEL MOXON 4	LEONARD PIERREPONT Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

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

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. Treble	JAMES S. NAPPER 5
HENRY C. WHITE 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6
FREDERICK MESSENGER 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE 4	COTBERT G. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. F. E. Robinson, who was interred at Wokingham the previous Saturday, aged 83. Rung after meeting short for Orders.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by FREDK. W. ROGERS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD SKETCHLEY Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
* PERCY WEBB 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

* First peal of Surprise. This peal contains the 4th and 6th extent in 6th's place without the 2nd in that position.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	* JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	* ERNEST B. BETTS 7
HAROLD SENIOR 4	FRED HODGSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' Rung as a first birthday compliment to the son of E. Betts. Believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
FRED DONKERLEY 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
WILFRED STEPHENSON 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Dedicated, as a token of respect, to the late Mr. Titus Barlow, of Bolton, who passed away after a brief illness.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD MORGAN Treble	RONALD G. JONES 5
ERNEST WARING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
CYRIL JONES 3	FRANK FOX 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. PHILLIPS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
WILLIAM H. EVANS 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
EDWARD T. BAILEY 3	D. REES JAMES 7
BENJAMIN J. TOBY 4	EDWIN M. SMITH Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung for the watchnight service. The above are all Sunday service ringers at this church, and this is the first local peal on the bells for over 21 years. A birthday peal for the ringer of the tenor; also for Miss Marion James, youngest daughter of the ringer of the seventh.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*NORMAN V. HARDING Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
WILLIAM M. STONE 2	JOHN P. PELLOE 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	GEORGE E. CLODE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITING Treble	GEORGE WHITING 5
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 7
ALBERT E. WHITING 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal of Superlative 'inside.' J. Bennett has now 'circled' this tower. Rung to mark the passing of the old year and usher in the new, the bells coming into rounds a few minutes after midnight.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Eager 1, C. H. Shepherd 2, J. H. Cassidy 3, W. Tate 4, P. Giles 5, E. R. Warner 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, S. A. Bamford, R.M., 8.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
JOHN CBARNOCK 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 6
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	E. ROGER MARTIN 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	GUY R. AMEROSE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. George A. Jones, a member of the band at Milton and, for 34 years, a member of the above association, who died on December 31st, 1933. The ringer of the 5th has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

REGINALD C. THRIFT Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	HAROLD E. PENNACK 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	PERCY GREEN 7
ALBERT BATHOLOMEW 4	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE L. BUTCHER 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE & RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	WILFRED STEVENSON 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY 7
LIONEL CLOUGH 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung to welcome the new curate, the Rev. Lawrence Wood, to the parish. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the county, for the Guild and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt. This composition has 80 leads of Cambridge and 80 leads of Rutland, and is now rung for the first time.

BOLTON.—On Christmas morning, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Fishwick 1, P. Crook, jun., 2, Miss G. Annie Crook 3, A. Sandiford 4, E. Ford 5, E. Edwards 6, P. Crook, sen., 7, O. Olive 8. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday (Christmas Day) and 70 years' connection with Holy Trinity Church of Mr. James Henry Sharples, a former churchwarden and now superintendent of the Sunday School.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 *GEORGE E. CATCHPOLE ... Treble | ERIC DURRANT ... 4
 *ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ... 2 | WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
 WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 3 | WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor
 Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

* First peal. Twelve members of this band have rung their first peal since the company first came together nine years ago, New Year's Eve, 1924. Five other members have rung their first 720's.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 8 lb.

*CECIL A. HARPER ... Treble | †JOHN BROUGH ... 4
 FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2 | *JESSE BAYLEY ... 5
 †ARTHUR JERVIS ... 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor
 Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, Norwich, Wells, York, Ipswich and Durham.

*ALBAN JACK ... Treble | JAMES STANWAY ... 4
 WILLIAM P. DEANE ... 2 | WILLIAM HAZELDINE ... 5
 JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3 | JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor
 Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First attempt for a peal.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

GORDON WARREN ... Treble | THOMAS BIRD ... 3
 CHARLES WEAVERS ... 2 | ALFRED BIRD ... 4
 GEORGE PANNEL ... Tenor
 Conducted by G. BIRD.

First peal on the bells.

YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, Cambridge, York, Durham, Primrose and Ipswich.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble | THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
 CHARLES W. WOODS ... 2 | HORACE M. DAY ... 5
 WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3 | JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor
 Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First Surprise peal on the bells. First extent of Carlisle by ringer of the 2nd. It was arranged to ring nine methods, but the bells are too noisy for spliced ringing.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.
 *WILLIAM MALLABON ... Treble | WILLIAM T. COX ... 4
 FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2 | JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5
 EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... 3 | WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor
 Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
 FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble | ALEC GENERY ... 4
 FRANK CLAYDON ... 2 | WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
 *GEORGE LORKIN ... 3 | ALBERT L. DIXEY ... Tenor
 Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Kent, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... Treble | *ALBERT E. EVEREST ... 4
 *FREDERICK BODMIN ... 2 | JOHN O. WELLER ... 5
 LEONARD A. TIDY ... 3 | JAMES W. KNIGHT ... Tenor
 Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal.

SETTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*DAN LEA ... Treble | ROBERT GUY ... 4
 *LESLIE CORTEEN ... 2 | JOHN BROWN ... 5
 JAMES MARTIN ... 3 | ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor
 Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal in five methods for ringers of 1, 2, 4 and tenor. The ringer of 4th is of the local company and remainder of Christ Church, Bootle, the latter taking this opportunity of thanking Mr. Guy for allowing them the privilege of ringing a peal on this newly hung peal, the 'go' of which is excellent.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GREAT, SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At Harbledown.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 1-2 | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4 | *WALTER AYRE ... 7-8
 Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

LINK WITH PEAL 100 YEARS AGO.

WORCESTERSHIRE CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

The centenary of a peal of 8,448 Kent Treble Bob, rung at St. Helen's, Worcester, on December 26th, 1833, was celebrated by a peal in the same method on Boxing Day. There was a direct link between the two peals for the great-grandson of one of the ringers in 1833 took part in the peal in 1933.

A peal board in St. Helen's tower records the following: 'On the 26th of December, 1833, a complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising of 8,448 changes, being the full extent with the tenors together, in 5 hours and 10 minutes: John Brush treble, John Hunt 2, Thos. Price 3, John Hinton 4, Willm. Taylor 5, Alexr. Stephens 6, Fred. Bradley 7, John Dovey tenor. Conducted by John Dovey.'

John Hinton was the great grandfather of George Hinton, who rang in the commemorative peal at Malvern.

RINGERS' SUPPER AT STANMORE.**WHERE THE B.B.C. TRIPPED UP.**

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist, Stanmore, held their annual supper on Saturday, January 6th, at the Crown Hotel, Stanmore. The Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett) presided, and amongst the guests were Messrs. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association), Mr. F. Edwards (Bushey), and several members of the Harrow Weald band, the whole company numbering 24.

An excellent meal over, the Chairman proposed the loyal toast, which was drunk with musical honours.

The Rector then said it was his prerogative to appoint the Ringing Master for the ensuing year, and he gladly asked Mr. G. A. Hughes to occupy that post again. He took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Hughes and his fellow-ringers for their excellent work; Sunday after Sunday, as well as on special occasions, the bells were rung. Ringing such as they knew it, he said, was essentially English, and he did not think the bells were rung in any other country like they were in England.

Mr. Hughes, in thanking the Rector for once again appointing him to be Master of the band, referred to the fact that Mr. G. Cheshire, who was present, was just entering upon his 51st year as a ringer at Stanmore, whilst Mr. Moxom and himself had been ringers there for 41 years.

Mr. E. Leversuch next proposed the health of 'The Visitors.' He said that they were pleased to see many visitors present on that occasion and on their occasions of ringing, and he also referred to the fact that the Stanmore ringers would sometimes have found it difficult to raise a full band but for the help of their ringing friends from elsewhere. He said how difficult they found it was to interest young men in ringing, and hoped they would soon find a remedy for the lack of interest. He coupled Mr. Coles' name with the toast.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in replying, first thanked the Stanmore ringers for their invitation, which he had been very pleased to receive and accept. He stated that the difficulty experienced at Stanmore in obtaining recruits for the belfry was not confined to that tower alone, it was a difficulty being experienced almost everywhere. It required great efforts to keep a band going. It was the duty of all bands to see that there were young ringers to carry on after them, and he urged co-operation with the church authorities in their endeavours to find the youngsters they required. Mr. Coles also referred to the Rector's remarks about the art of ringing being essentially English, but, he added, it was strange how little was known of ringing outside the ranks of ringers themselves. For instance, twice recently the B.B.C. had broadcast ringing from gramophone records which

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A LONDON RINGER'S DEATH.

At St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Sunday, January 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Edward J. Sampson, a much-esteemed member of the St. Andrew's Guild: William R. Dennis 1, Henry C. Alford 2, Joseph S. Hawkins 3, Charles J. Choct 4, Robert W. Green 5, Thomas Langdon (conductor) 6, Ernest Brett 7, William J. Norton 8.

Mr. Sampson was also a member of the St. Dunstan's, Stepney, band, and was junior steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1928.

He passed away in the London Hospital on January 1st, after an illness patiently borne, and was interred in Bow Cemetery on Saturday last in the presence of a large circle of friends.

The deceased, who was 49 years of age, was unmarried and lived with his parents.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.**PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MASTER.**

On Tuesday, January 2nd, the annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society was held, and the following officers were elected for 1934: Master, Mr. Frederick J. Tillett; Deputy Master, Mr. Herbert Shemming; treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, Mr. George E. Symonds.

Advantage was taken at this gathering to present a barometer to the retiring Master, Mr. Harold E. Symonds, on the occasion of his wedding. The presentation was made by the father of the society, Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who with a few well-chosen words said in his long life he never remembered a Master of St. Mary-le-Tower Society being married during his term of office.—Mr. Symonds suitably thanked the company.

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was totally unsuitable for the occasions; once in a Christmas play they had heard a record of St. Paul's Cathedral bells rung 'half-muffled,' and again when a trick was being illustrated and the bells were said to be rung by one man, a record of Grandsire Triples being rung was put on. It certainly was a clever man who could cause eight bells to be rung by one ringer.

A good programme was enjoyed during the evening, songs by Mr. G. A. Hughes, violin solos by Mr. Wood, pianoforte solos by Mr. Springett, and an excellent arrangement of conjuring tricks by Mr. Schofield, passing the time away very pleasantly. It was suggested to the latter gentleman that he should learn how to ring eight bells at once, like the trickster previously referred to, and their troubles as to a shortage of ringers would be over.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The attention of members of the Lanes Association is called to the fact that the service at the meeting of the Liverpool Branch on Saturday is at 5 p.m. instead of 5.30, and tea will be at 6 p.m.

It is something to be proud of for a struggling young band to be able to say that all its members have rung a quarter-peal. The Evershot (Dorset) ringers rang two quarter-peals of Doubles on New Year's Eve, and in these performances the last three of their band of eleven scored their first quarter-peal.

The peal of Major rung at Slough on Boxing Day was the 21st conducted by Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, during the year 1933. He also attained his majority as a member of the Oxford Guild, having been elected 21 years ago.

Residents of Sparkhill, Birmingham, say there was a distinct odour of Stedman all the Christmas week. It appeared to emanate from the side of a certain street with the houses numbered odd.

Some of them may have known the late Mr. John Carter—who had a difficulty in pronouncing his s's—and should be informed that 'tedman 'tinquies' are not grown in the Yardley lavender fields.

Next Wednesday is the jubilee of the first peal rung in Hampshire by the old Winchester Diocesan Guild. This was Grandsire Triples at Soberton, Hants, and incidentally was Mr. George Williams' first peal.

Canon Parry, of Bigby, who is one of the representatives of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on the Central Council, has been appointed Archdeacon of Linsay.

NEW YEAR'S BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Only a very small proportion of ringers can have heard the midnight broadcast of Westminster and Canterbury bells, as most of us were otherwise occupied. It is nevertheless a cause of satisfaction to the whole Exercise that such a broadcast was given.

I venture to appeal to all your readers to send a postcard or brief note to the B.B.C. at Broadcasting House, London, W.1, expressing their appreciation (a) of the broadcast and (b) of the prominence given to this feature in their published programmes, with the hope that in future years it will be of longer duration.

Just before the end of 1933 the B.B.C. exhorted listeners to give their views on the various features of their programmes. It really is of the first importance to leave them in no doubt about our emphatic appreciation of these broadcasts of ringing.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

SEVEN 720's.

A CONFUSION OF TERMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue, Mr. H. M. Day, whose great experience as a six-bell ringer and conductor entitles him to speak with authority, tells us that, in his opinion, there is only one 720 (of Minor); that there are no different extents, however many methods are rung or callings varied—meaning, of course, that there can only be the same 720 changes on six bells, however rung.

If I remember aright, the Rev. E. S. Powell told us in your columns some time ago that the variation of a calling made a 'different' 720.

What, then, is the correct description to apply to a peal of Cambridge Minor if we ring seven of the 720's referred to last week by Mr. Joyce? There are six of these in which, certain authorities have said, the calling is the same, or reversed, or begun at a different point.

What does this peal really consist of? According to Mr. Day it is not seven different 720's; according to others it is not seven different callings; and yet in each the leads come up in a different order to the rest and according to Mr. Powell are, therefore, different extents.

This is all very confusing to the ordinary ringer and seems to call for elucidation by the Central Council laying down some definition of terms.

CURIOUS.

'NO ROOM IN THE INN.'

THE RINGERS' RECEPTION.

The following incident, vouched for by one of the ringers, will, we feel sure, amuse our readers. It occurred at a Surrey church, and we give the story as it has been sent to us:—

'On New Year's Eve we, the bellringers at the Parish Church, attended divine service in the evening (the first time for a number of years).

'On getting into the pulpit to deliver his sermon, the Rector gave a good look round the church, then gave out his text, which was as follows:—

"'There was no room for them in the inn.'"

'Was this a coincidence, or was he deliberately trying to take a rise out of us? Not one of us has had the "neck" to ask him, but at any rate he made us think, although none of us are in the habit of spending much time in the place referred to.'

WOODBIDGE BELLS.

FAMOUS SUFFOLK PEAL RESTORED.

On Sunday the restored bells of Woodbridge, Suffolk, are to be dedicated at 3 p.m. by Bishop Maxwell-Gumbleton, the service having been postponed from to-morrow owing to the indisposition of the Bishop of Ipswich.

Woodbridge bells are one of the oldest complete rings of eight in the country. They were all cast by Thomas Osborn, of Downham, Norfolk, in 1799, and, according to one authority, for whose accuracy, however, we cannot vouch, were 'the last bells cast before the ancient and beautiful system of casting and tuning was finally lost, a hundred years before Canon Simpson re-invented the system.' They are, however, a very fine old peal.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have rehung the bells in a new frame, some 17 feet lower in the tower than formerly, thus improving the effect of the bells outside and strengthening the stately tower itself.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

- Treble.—The Lord to praise my voice I raise.
 2.—Hear me when I call.
 3.—Strike me and I sound sweetly.
 4.—Peace and good Neighbourhood.
 5.—Our voices shall with joyful sound,
 Make hills and valleys echo round.
 6.—In wedlock bonds all ye who join,
 With hands your hearts unite,
 So shall our tuneful tongues combine
 To laud the nuptial rite.
 7.—We to the church the living call,
 And to the grave do summon all.
 Tenor.—John Hammond, Robert Allen, Churchwardens.
 Also on all, in addition to the above, is, 'Thos. Osborn, Founder, 1799.'

MURSLEY, BUCKS. BELLS RESTORED.

HEARD AGAIN AFTER 36 YEARS.

In 1925 the then Vicar and churchwardens of the pretty Church of Mursley, Bucks, decided it would be a good thing to have the bells ringing again after a silence of 28 years. However, the bad trade depression stopped funds for a time. On a change of Vicars another move, some three years ago, resulted in the fund being revived, and by steady progress the job was completed last year.

The bells, a ring of six, have now been rehung in latest type ball bearings, new steel headstocks and latest type fittings. The framework has been strengthened, and the bells now are in first-class order. The old 2nd and 5th bells, which had been cracked for many years, have been recast and all have been retuned on the latest principles.

On Wednesday, December 20th, a visiting band from Simpson and district, with the addition of the bellhangers, rang the first 720 on the bells for over 36 years. The bells also rang out the old year and welcomed the new year, the Vicar and his son taking part. The ringers had nothing but praise for the 'go' of the bells. The entire work was carried out under the personal supervision of Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, who is well known in the county of Bucks.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If the construction of Surprise Major were confined to alternate quadruple and triple changes, as Mr. Hawkins suggests, quite 50 per cent. of the Surprise methods yet rung would be illegitimate, including Cambridge, London and Bristol, as the latter two, although composed solely of quadruple and triple changes, are not alternate.

The change at the cross-section of 'Bushy,' which Mr. Hawkins includes in his letter, is a double change, and although there is, I believe, a school of thought, which, for some reason or other, deplores the introduction of double changes into Major methods, it would be difficult to apply any rule on the subject, as such rule would automatically wipe out both Cambridge and New Cambridge, and I do not think anyone would say that this would be for the good of the Exercise.

H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, December 24th, at St. Michael's Church, for first Christmas evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in 48 mins.: S. J. Philbrick 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 2, C. W. H. Powell 3, J. E. Philbrick 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, F. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

A 'HEARTBREAK' AREA.

A SURREY DISTRICT THAT DEFIES ORGANISERS' EFFORTS.

A village with narrow, winding streets, standing by the riverside on the fringe of suburban London, and only a short distance from one of the great roaring highways leading from the Metropolis to the South Coast, Thames Ditton has a really wonderful old church. Parts of its date from the eleventh century, and its squat flint and stone tower, large enough to hold a peal of twelve bells, but containing only a very light six, is crowned by a diminutive spire. One curiosity of the church is that it has three aisles, and the nave, thus expanded from time to time, is wider than it is long.

The Chertsey district of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting there on Saturday. This part of the county of Surrey has always defied the efforts of ringing organisation to create interest in their work. It is a 'heartbreak' area, but the Guildford Guild continues in its attempt to do what the old Winchester Guild and the Surrey Association failed to accomplish. The impression made, so far, has been apparently infinitesimal, but even now hope has not been abandoned. Only two of the district towers were represented at the meeting: Thames Ditton and Esher, but visitors from places further afield enabled some useful work to be put in in the tower, where much time was spent in encouraging less advanced ringers in Grand-sire and Plain Bob. The only thing rung outside these methods was a couple of courses of Cambridge, and this is mentioned merely to indicate that, although there were Surprise ringers present, they did not monopolise the bells.

At the service the Vicar (Rev. J. Blackborne), who officiated and also ably accompanied the singing on the harmonium, gave the Guild a welcome, and, in an informal address, spoke of his love of the sound of bells and of the importance of the mission of ringing organisations in maintaining the old English art. It would have been well if more of the ringers in the Chertsey district could have heard his address.

Another engagement prevented the Vicar from joining the ringers at tea, but at the subsequent business meeting he was heartily thanked for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held, and for his address. The local ringers were also thanked and, although none of them are at present members of the Guild, it is hoped that some at any rate will join in the near future.

The officers for the district for the ensuing year were nominated as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Ottershaw); hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (in the place of Miss K. Eastes, who is retiring); hon. member of executive committee, Mr. R. T. Sayle (Ottershaw); ringing members on Executive Committee, Messrs. W. Massey (Esher) and J. B. Hessey (Chertsey).

It was announced that the annual meeting of the district would be held at Chertsey on February 3rd.

There is an interesting 'peal' board in the tower of Thames Ditton Church, which records a peal of 5,040 changes rung in the year 1827 'without the aid of the Plain Bob method.' It has been the cause of much speculation among subsequent generations of ringers, for no one seems to know exactly what was rung.

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.

To all ringers.—Please note the change of address.

The Hon. Librarian has in stock about 7 cwt. of publications. He would be glad to see the amount of this considerably reduced.

The new 2d. pamphlet, 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' is receiving a very quick sale, the first 1,000 being nearly exhausted.

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This composition has 80 leads in each method.

The courses which contain a bob Before are all Cambridge, the remainder (of three leads each) are made up of Rutland, Cambridge, Rutland, in that order.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. INGLESANT.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Hyde Inglesant, of Quorndon, who passed away after a long illness on December 30th, at the age of 61 years. Mr. Inglesant took a prominent part in ringing in the Midlands a generation ago, and shared in some of the long lengths of the early years of this century, culminating in the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909. Mr. Inglesant was also a composer of ability, and was the author of a number of good peals in several methods.

AN APPRECIATION.

The weary eyes of the watcher looked out o'er an unknown sea, waiting. For him, Life's day was drawing to a close and the shadows were gathering around. The setting sun was sinking like a ball of molten fire into the abyss of the Great Beyond, reluctantly retreating before the dark clouds of advancing Night.

Lower and lower, now it was just above the horizon, but defiant to the end, like a forlorn hope, sent up lurid shafts of flame into the billowy banks of clour, transforming them into fantastic mountain ranges tipped with gold. In a few minutes it would be gone, dissolved in a halo of iridescent light, and then—oblivion.

Down where the dark waters faintly lapped the shore, a boat was waiting to put out to sea. Its riding-light beckoned like a twinkling star to the watcher, who knew he must soon cross the bar and make the passage—alone. The tired eyes closed and all was dark. The quivering form ceased to struggle, and 'sank, like a little child to sleep.' The touch on the shoulder had come, and the soul of the watcher went out with the tide. Requiescat in Pace.

William H. Inglesant was born at Liverpool on August 19th, 1872. When a youth, his people migrated to Loughborough, Leicestershire, and finally settled down at Quorndon, an adjacent village, where the deceased got interested in the church and bells. Here he learned to ring, and at every opportunity he would be found in the belfries in and around the Loughborough and Leicester districts. His first peal was Stedman Triples, in October, 1891, and there he was usually included in the many peals rung by the Loughborough band when the late Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., was in his prime, and Friday night was 'peal night' at All Saints'.

A surveyor's clerk by profession, there were not many outside opportunities for scoring peals, but what there were William Inglesant was at all times ready and willing to share. With the writer he had rung many, amongst which were four, all over 10,000 changes. They were 10,176 Treble Bob Major, 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich, and the then record length of 18,027 Stedman Caters. He also rang in the first seven-method six-bell peal by the Midland Counties Association at St. George's, Leicester, in 1894.

He would prick out whole peals in full, and tap them out on the piano, writing in his MSS. book the time and place, like ordinary peals. He also entered the field of composition, and had produced peals of Treble Bob Major and Superlative, Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal, some of which are occasionally rung. Altogether, he had rung in 141 peals up to 1916, when the calamity that ultimately brought about the end occurred. His lower limbs became affected with numbness, and, after a while, it was apparent that a creeping paralysis had its deadly hold upon him. Year after year it made headway, until half the body was dead below the waist. Still he never murmured.

His chief joy was to receive the weekly issue of this journal, which kept him in touch with the outside world; and the visit of a ringer to see him and to talk over old times, was a treat indeed.

An earnest churchman, he never railed at his fate. He just accepted it as part of the divine plan. Never a Sunday, when he was able to be wheeled in his chair, did he fail to be present at Holy Communion, never a night without a passage of Scripture being read. For a long time before the end came he was like a helpless babe, but grateful for all that was being done, ever praising his wife, who was mother and nurse to him. He was just waiting to cross the dark river, and the end came for him with the dying year.

The funeral took place on January 3rd, and he was laid to rest in the churchyard he loved. Among the many wreaths were three from ringers' societies, one being from the Midland Counties Association, which was represented by Mr. J. A. Oldham (Loughborough Bell Foundry), Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Willson (vice-president), Mr. J. Morris, and Mr. J. Harris.

The deceased leaves a widow to mourn her loss, but there are no children. Those who knew William Hyde Inglesant will regret the broken link in the chain of friends.

EPILOGUE.

The barque is Outward Bound, over the ocean's breast,
Through seas uncharted, not a sound,
And the waters are at rest.

The boat will make the Port; no doubt or fear we feel.
The powers of ill are brought to nought
With our Pilot at the wheel.

Safe 'into Thy hands,' O Lord. The passing bell may toll.
But over the silent sea and broad,
Is the harbour of the soul.

W. W.

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SOUTH SHIELDS BELLS RING AGAIN. RESTORATION AT ST. HILDA'S.

The eight bells (tenor 9½ cwt.) of the ancient Church of St. Hilda, South Shields, were unringable for two or three years, but, thanks to the persistent efforts of Mr. W. Robson, captain of the Ringers' Guild, the money necessary to repair them has been raised, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have now made a first-class job of them.

The re-opening service was held on Saturday week, and in spite of very stormy weather a large congregation assembled. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Hudson Barker) conducted a shortened evensong, and the Lord Bishop of Newcastle, who is a former Vicar of St. Hilda's, preached the sermon, his subject being 'Christian Joy.'

Owing to rather short notice being given, there were only about 20 ringers present, but touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and all agreed that the quarter-turning and repairs had made a wonderful improvement in the tone and the 'go' of the bells.

At the invitation of the Vicar and the four churchwardens, an excellent tea had been provided in a neighbouring cafe, and after full justice had been done to it Mr. Wm. Story, J.P., of Newcastle, expressed the thanks of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association for the hospitality extended to them, and congratulated St. Hilda's people on the success of their efforts.—The Vicar and Messrs. Hall and Park, churchwardens, responded, Mr. Park giving some very interesting reminiscences of his ringing experiences over fifty years ago.

The association secretary read letters of apology received from the president (Mr. J. Anderson, Newcastle) and from Mr. W. Newton, of Stockton, a foundation member of the association, whose name appears on a peal board in the belfry recording a peal of Kent Major rung on August 12th, 1886.

Mr. Robson was promised every assistance in his efforts to re-organise a change ringing band, and he thanked the Vicar and wardens for this happy culmination of his efforts and his fellow-ringers for their kind help.

The bells were kept going until nearly eight o'clock, several touches being rung for the benefit of the new band.

ROCK FERRY'S SURPRISE YEAR. RECORD PROGRESS.

On Sunday, December 31st, at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, 720 of Canterbury Surprise was rung by: J. Cooke (conductor) 1, Miss E. M. Cooke (first 720 in the method) 2, Miss D. I. Leatham 3, J. Leslie 4, F. T. Parry 5, W. Dean 6.

This, the last 720 in the old year, brought to a close a year of record progress by the local band.

During the year one hundred and five 720's were rung in 20 Surprise methods, i.e., London 16, York 10, Chester 11, Carlisle 9, Canterbury 6, Cambridge 12, Beverley 12, Wells 3, Durham 3, Munden 4, Newcastle 2, Surfleet 3, Ipswich 2, Stamford 2, Northumberland 2, Immanuel 1, Berwick 2, Lightfoot 2, Hexham 1, Primrose 2. The last eight methods were rung for the first time by a local band in the Wirral Branch.

The following ringers took part: F. T. Parry 91 720's, J. Leslie 83 (conducted 7), J. Cooke 77 (conducted 35), Miss M. Cooke 71, W. Dean 63 (conducted 47), J. Hughes 58, W. H. Parry 52, A. K. Leatham 42 (conducted 15), Miss D. Leatham 42, Miss E. M. Cooke 11, T. Rogers (Wallasey) 1 (conducted 1), G. R. Edwards (Bidston) 2, G. L. Grover (West Clandon, Surrey) 1, E. Breeze (late of Bebington) 1. Mr. Breeze is aged 68, and this was his first 720 of Surprise.

It is interesting to note that the last touch in the old year and the first in the new year was rung by a band whose average age was 19, and was composed of two sisters, two brothers and brother and sister.

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The record peal at Loughborough, in which the late Mr. Inglesant took part, was the first rung single-handed which lasted 'round the clock,' the time occupied being 12 hours 18 minutes. The band was: George R. Pye 1, Isaac G. Shade 2, William H. Inglesant 3, John H. Cheesman 4, Bertram Prewett 5, Benjamin A. Knights 6, William Willson 7, William J. Nudds 8, Gabriel Lindoff (composer) 9, William Pye (conductor) 10.

Mr. Inglesant could trace his family back for nearly four centuries in the district of Quorn. A member of the Hyde family held a cottage at the will of the Lord of Beaumanor as long ago as A.D. 1544, and John Hyde did fealty to the Lord of the Manor of Barrow for the house, which stood near the site of the present stables of Quorn House, in 1753, and where the family lived until 1830. This John Hyde was one of the commissioners for the dividing and enclosing of the open and common fields of Quorn in 1763, and, later on, was one of the Freeholders who voted for the election of a knight of the shire to represent the county in Parliament.

PARISHIONERS INVITED TO BELFRY.

NEW YEAR'S WEDDING BELLS AT YATELEY, HANTS.

The old wooden belfry at Yateley, Hants, was again, on New Year's Eve, packed to its utmost capacity. At the services on Sunday the Vicar intimated that he was holding a short service with the ringers in the belfry a few minutes before midnight, and any who wished to join in and see the new year rung in would be welcome.

The ringers met at the belfry at 11.30, and cars began to come from all directions, the village soon becoming ablaze with light. The belfry was quickly filled in every nook and corner, and also up the stairs.

Handbells were produced and exhibitions of change ringing were given which greatly interested the large company, many of whom saw for the first time the method of ringing and of the work carried on in our belfries.



YATELEY'S WOODEN TOWER.

A few minutes before midnight the passing bell was rung, and as the clock struck the hour the Rev. F. R. Pechey offered suitable prayers for the occasion, including one from the Guild's service, and then gave the Blessing.

The bells then rang out to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman, all ringers present taking a part. After many wishes for 1934, the company dispersed, but it is understood that some of the ringers visited the home of the president, where more good wishes were exchanged until all appeared tired out.

However, they were not to be allowed to rest for long, for amongst the company in the belfry was Miss Dorothy Macrae, who, quite unknown to them, was in a few hours to become a New Year's Day bride. Nothing was known until about 1.30, when the ringers were called out to celebrate the happy event of her marriage to Capt. Harper, which had taken place by special license at Mortimer, Berks.

Miss Macrae had always taken a great interest in the Yateley band, and everyone turned out and rang. The first touch was 350 Grandsire Triples to allow Sailor Boy Cooper to ring, and conducted by the head gardener of the bride's home, Mr. A. Goodall. This was followed by a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. G. Butler, after which the whole company were lavishly entertained by Mr. Kenneth Macrae.

New Year's Day, 1934, will be long remembered by the Yateley band, and also by many more who, for the first time in their life, began to think that there is more in change ringing than appears on the surface. It is a good thing to invite as many as possible to our belfries on the occasions of ringing whenever convenient.

S. J. R.

THE TOWER AND BELLS.

The wooden tower at St. Peter's Church, Yateley, was probably first erected by local talent. Later on it was shored up, underpinned and brickwork inserted owing to its sinking on the south side. Nearly 30 years ago the bells were going so badly, owing to the sway of the structure, that one of the ringers undertook to steel 'fitch' the interior above first-floor level with 9in. by 3in. fitches, and from that time the bells have gone very well indeed. The tower is covered with oak shingles.

The tower contains an old clock, which told time to the village in the days of Queen Elizabeth. It has the best eight-bell ringing chamber in North Hants, and is on the ground floor with the font in the centre. Eight ringers, who were born in the parish and baptised at the font, have rung a peal of Grandsire Triples at this church—a truly 'local peal.' The band are strong and form themselves into a miniature Guild, having a president, vice-president, Ringing Master, secretary and treasurer, and for more than 40 years some of the present ringers have been members of the Guild.

The following are the details of the bells:—

Treble.—'Ex dono Johannis Pakenham Stilwell, MDCCCLXXXVIII. Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.' (The gift of J. P. Stilwell, 1888. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.) Cast by Taylor, of Loughborough. Weight, 3 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Second.—'Ex dono Johannis Pakenham Stilwell, MDCCCLXXXVIII. Pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria Tua. Hosanna in excelsis.' (The Heavens and Earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna in the Highest.) Cast by Taylor. Weight, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Third.—'Sancti Petri sum, ex dono Johannis Pakenham Stilwell, 1878. Sit splendor Domini Dei nostri super nos.' (I belong to St. Peter. . . . May the splendour of the Lord our God be on us.) Cast by Taylor.

Fourth.—'William Yare made mee, 1613.' Cast at Reading foundry.

Fifth.—'Sancta Katarina, ora pro nobis.' (St. Catharine, pray for us.) Symbols, cat's head, cross in a circle, and a bunch of lilies. 'R.E.' (Richard Eldridge, of Wokingham.) Cast about 1555.

Sixth.—'Love the Lord the God, and of E.H.S., 1577, T.E.F.R.' Symbols, cross in double circle, a man with a beard, monogram FCJ in a rope circle, the figure 6, and a geometrical figure somewhat like a 5-pointed star between the letters TE and FR. Also a figure of a bearded man (? the Deity) holding the sun and moon. Recast 1921, the old wording and symbols being retained and the following added: 'In memory of John Pakenham and Georgina Elizabeth Stilwell, by their children and grandchildren.'

Seventh.—'Our hope is in the Lord. R.E. 1617.' Each word is followed by a heart.

Tenor.—'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1864. F.S.' The Royal arms. Before it was recast, this bell had the following inscription: 'Reprove mee not Lord in Thy wrath. R.E. 1617.'

A heart between each word. Weight, 15 cwt. Note G. Sanctus.—'R.E. 1623.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—For morning service, December 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Pickworth 1, D. Pink 2, G. Plater 3, D. Ovington 4, J. E. Miller 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, S. Wade 8.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On Sunday, December 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 1, W. H. Key 2, W. J. Baker 3, D. Ridley 4, H. J. Rowe 5, J. W. Hutchings 6 First quarter by all except the ringer of the treble, and first on the bells by an entirely local band. The conductor rang throughout with one hand owing to his right arm being temporarily incapacitated.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry, on Sunday evening, December 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, W. D. Smith 2, A. A. Hughes 3, F. Shorter (conductor) 4, E. Murrell 5, S. Stonard 6, G. Moody 7, W. Rose 8.—On Sunday evening, December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, A. A. Hughes 2, E. Murrell 5, F. Shorter (conductor) 4, W. Seabrook 5, S. Stonard 6, G. Moody 7, W. Allen 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Guildford will preside. Ringing at St. Nicolas' Church (10 bells) 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. The Ven Archdeacon Howson will preach, and he invites all present to tea at the Institute after service. Please notify Mr. Walter Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, for tea. Members of the Wigan Branch are especially invited to this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, January 13th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Good bus service from Maidstone. Subscriptions for 1934 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Meeting after tea. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head. — J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Caythorpe, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. — Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter-de-Merton, Bedford, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting for election of officers, etc., for the year, including a new district secretary. It is hoped all will endeavour to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Southampton District will be held at Southampton on January 13th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Dedication of two new trebles to complete ring of ten by John Taylor and Co., will take place during this service. Address by Rev. F. L. Edwards. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in Chantry Hall. Meeting follows. St. Michael's bells available from 2.30 p.m., St. Mary's from 6 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on January 13th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Secretary, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—'Short Notice.' A meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, January 13th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8).—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13th. St. Lawrence Jewry 3 till 5 and St. Dunstan-in-the-East (recently overhauled) after tea. Business meeting at St. Dunstan's.—James G. A. Prior, 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, E.1

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne Division.—A meeting will be held at Newburn, to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 13th. Bells of Parish Church (6) available from 3 o'clock.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

BUSHEY. — Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available from 3.30 to 8.30. Tea at the Institute at 5.45. Coach service stop near church. Cheap return tickets from all parts by train or coach.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea and business at 4.45. Service at 6 p.m. Please let me know by the 9th if you require tea.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) and business meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Arthur E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wilton (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. All ringers welcome. Tea has been arranged (1/9 per head) at the Temperance Hotel. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

TUTBURY, STAFFS.—On Saturday, January 13th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Lichfield will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available at three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow in Church Hall. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The general meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Leicester (10), on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained nearby. Business meeting in belfry. A good attendance requested. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.—Ring of 8, tenor 26 cwt., rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Assistant Bishop of St. Edmundsbury, the Rt. Rev. M. H. Maxwell-Gumbleton, M.A., D.D., on Sunday, Jan. 14th, at 3 p.m.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the North-East Branch will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by Monday, Jan. 15th, please. Come in numbers.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Cafe, The Borough, 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by Tuesday, 16th, to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday afternoon, January 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 20th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rector. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Tea in Church House 4.45 to those who inform me by January 15th. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by invitation. Please advise by Tuesday, 16th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Guild service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All members are asked to attend. Ringing friends welcomed.—Arthur W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend and have a jolly meeting.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, in the Church Hall, at a small charge, for those who notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 16th. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at the Guild Hall, Hadleigh, on January 20th. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, January 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. B. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday previous.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Jan. 20th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1s.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Huntingdon, St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. No service. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock for election of officers for 1934.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting will be held at Worksop on Jan. 20th. Please make your own tea arrangements. Bells open at 2 p.m. Methods for practice: Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Major. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 17th, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at St. Nicholas', Wallasey. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Terrace, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m., also Charminster and Fordington (6) from 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilchester on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 16th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry. Turn up well and make the meeting a huge success.—J. H. Swinfield, Sec. pro. tem., 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at St. Stephen's, Westminster (Rochester Row). Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting 5 to 6.30. Further ringing till 8.30. Post cards re tea will be appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of the Vicar and Wardens, for all those who notify me before the 18th inst.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30, when a memorial tablet to the late C. W. Player will be unveiled. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and social. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsea, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Institute. Business meeting follows. All those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 18th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The annual meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. The bells of the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify secretary by Thursday, Jan. 18th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. in Clergy Hall. Members please make own arrangements for tea.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Grantham. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church Hall. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday previous? Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' ANNUAL DINNER.—Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Mary Redcliffe (12) available from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10) available from 2.30 p.m.; St. Nicholas' (10) available from 5 p.m. Tea and bun, St. Thomas', at 4.15 p.m. onward. At 3.30 p.m. (if permissible) a conducted tour of St. Mary Redcliffe Church will be arranged. Dinner 6 p.m. (please, prompt). Tickets, 5s. 6d., from Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—Two trebles added in a new frame to complete ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) and old No. 5 recast by Gillett and Johnston. Re-dedication by the Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, January 24th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY. — The ring of 6 (tenor 14 cwt.), restored and rehung with all modern fittings by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by Canon G. F. Coleridge on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, February 3rd. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th (not 20th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall, to be followed by business meeting. The bells of Nuneaton Parish Church (8) available during the evening if required.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmon-ton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at 1s. each. All requiring tea must advise me by Jan. 25th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lymptone on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Jan. 20th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, January 27th. Further details later. — J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1934 due, and may be paid at this meeting. For tea please notify.— E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — Owing to the fact that Godshill bells are being overhauled and rebung, the annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 23rd?— B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available. Committee meet 3.15. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m. in Schools, followed by general meeting. No tea provided unless notification sent to Mr. G. A. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, Leicester, not later than 24th. Frequent buses from Hinckley and Leicester Western Boulevard.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service (if possible) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Members are earnestly asked to attend this meeting. Everybody welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting at Heckington, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Also Great Hale (8) in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by Thursday, Jan. 25th. Business meeting 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting and unveiling of peal tablet at 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 23rd to the undersigned.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8), Idol Lane, E.C., and St. Magnus the Martyr (10), London Bridge, 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and after tea from 6 to 7 p.m. Service in St. Clement Danes 4.15

p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in St. Clement's Parish Hall 7.15 p.m. We are endeavouring to make all the above arrangements to be as bright and cheery as possible, and hope that all members will make a special effort to be there. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

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