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RINGERS AND THE CHURCH

THE ringers' 'strike' at Swanwick, Derbyshire, of which many will have read in the newspapers, brings to the forefront once again the vexed question of whether or not a ringer is under an obligation to attend the service for which he has just rung. Most clergymen, no doubt, and many ringers also, will sympathise with the view of the Vicar that all ringers should normally attend the service after ringing; most ringers, surely, will maintain that their obligation to do so is no greater than that of any other parishioner who has been baptised and brought up as a member of the Church of England. Certainly only a very small minority would go so far as to insist that a ringer should be obliged to attend every service for which he rings, while most will support the Swanwick ringers in questioning the right of the parson to make such attendance a condition of membership of his ringing band.

Nevertheless, most of us would think little of a parson who did not express a desire that his ringers should go to church with at least some regularity; most of us, indeed, although we may be reluctant to confess it, admire those ringers who do attend service regularly. We realise that if they attend two services it means that they give up practically their whole day, a fact that some clergymen may overlook. For in many cases to travel, to ring, to attend service and then to journey home again will occupy 3½ to 4 hours, and with a repeat performance in the afternoon not much of the 'day of rest' will remain.

The whole question arises because of the two-fold nature of bellringing, which is at once a sporting recreation and a form of service to the Church. And the wise parson and the wise ringer alike will recognise that each aspect of bellringing reacts upon the other to their mutual advantage. Most of us take up ringing and almost all of us continue to go ringing, not because we feel an ardent desire to serve the Church, but because we find ringing a fascinating hobby and wish to make progress in our art. But at the same time, since almost all our bells hang in church towers, we should never forget that it is only 'by kind permission of the Church' that we are allowed to ring at all, and that whenever we ring we are also willy-nilly rendering a service to the Church. Likewise the wise parson will encourage his ringers, irrespective of their attendance at divine service,

to practise their art, since the bells undoubtedly do remind the people around that the Church does still exist. The thoughts of one or two, especially at Easter and Christmas, may be turned to certain events of about 2,000 years ago; very occasionally some may even be tempted to venture inside the sacred building, although it is becoming less and less true to say that the primary purpose of the bells is to call the people to worship. Naturally the ringing of the bells is a convenient indication that a service will shortly take place, but, except in our country villages, there must be hundreds of churches to-day where only a handful if any of the congregation live within earshot of the bells.

In some respects the position of the ringers is comparable to that of the members of the choir. Many choristers, if they are honest, will admit that they belong to the choir primarily not because of their love of the Church, but because they enjoy singing and love music. In other words, the singing of many a choirman is as much his hobby and recreation as ringing is the bell-ringer's. But it is only proper to add that both choirman and bell-ringer should feel some pride and satisfaction that as they are enjoying themselves they are also serving the Church or, as the Vicar of Swanwick himself puts it, taking part in an act of worship.

One difference between a choir and a band of ringers should perhaps be pointed out—in most churches a would-be member of the choir has to reach a certain standard before he is accepted, but in far too many belfries people are allowed to ring for Sunday service before they are capable of doing so properly. The resulting noise tends rather to bring the Church into disrepute than to inspire any feeling of respect or veneration. Curiously enough, too, with a few notable exceptions, the most devout of churchmen seem to make very poor ringers!

Our first duty as ringers, surely, is to see that the sounds we send forth are worthy of the great institution we serve. And even if we are not obliged to do so, and indeed feel a strong objection to any compulsion in the matter, could not more of us look upon it as a pleasant courtesy occasionally to go inside and listen in turn to those who have been listening to us? Or could we not say that while excessive religious devotion should never become a detriment to our campanological progress, yet our preoccupation with the practical and theoretical development of our art should not be allowed entirely to blind us to its religious associations?

F. E. H.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

*DEREK G. GOODMAN Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 7
†WILLIAM A. LACEY 2	†JOHN B. BENNETT 8
DOROTHY M. UDALE 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 9
WINIFRED M. BURTON 4	JOHN R. SMITH 10
BRIAN G. WARWICK 5	ALAN E. JACQUES 11
HAROLD J. POOLE 6	ARTHUR DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cinques on tower bells. † First 12-bell peal. ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*WINIFRED M. BURTON Treble	PAUL LEA TAYLOR 6
ALAN CATTELL 2	COLIN HARRISON 7
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 8
JOHN J. MORRIS 4	LESLIE STEVENS 9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 50th peal. First peal of Caters in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells for the Diocesan Guild.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22½ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS Treble	REGINALD T. JONES 6
*GEORGE DAVIS 2	†AUSTIN T. WINGATE 7
†JOHN D. ROCK 3	JOHN J. WEBB 8
†F. ERIC ROBERTS 4	†MICHAEL P. MORETON 9
FREDERICK R. HARRIS 5	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 50th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 3	T. COLIN RYDER 8
*PETER E. NORTH 4	JOHN E. TURLEY 9
FRANK REED 5	ARTHUR FIRTH Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSUM.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.*On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, and Tues., Jan. 1, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt.

PERCY H. PIGO Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 6
CYRIL A. HURST 2	CHARLES W. SMITH 7
*GEOFFREY SMITH 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 8
JOHN GIPSON 4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY 9
WILLIAM J. RIDGEMAN 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on a working bell. 90th peal as conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 WALLINGTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*BARBARA A. MITCHELL Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE 2	DAVID E. PARSONS 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 8
RICHARD F. B. SPEED 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal on ten bells. The first peal in the method (Corrigan Collection, No. 629). In honour of the engagement of the ringers of 2 and 4.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Oldham and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN ROB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*J. ANTHONY SOMERS Treble	FRED PRITCHARD 5
*JOAN CORDWELL 2	GERALD DARE 6
†VERNON SYKES 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN 7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD 4	PHILIP H. TOCOK Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOK.

* First peal. † 100th peal. A farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving for service with H.M. Forces overseas.

WELFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN Treble	ERNEST G. ORLAND 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON 3	JOHN BRAMLEY 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	JOHN B. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

HILDRED S. WICKENS Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 6
WILFRED W. RING 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
MARK W. MARSHALL 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

SYDNEY T. JARRETT Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT 2	*CECIL C. BISHOP 6
GLADYS K. JARRETT 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

* First peal on eight bells.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WHITEHORN Treble	RALPH C. SPITTLE 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 2	DAVID E. PARSONS 6
BARBARA M. HARRIS 3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT 7
CHARLES W. MUNDAY 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

TONY PRICE	Treble	FREDK. A. FINCH	5
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3	FREDK. E. COLLINS	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5152 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY O. BAKER	Treble	WALTER ALLMAN	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	*JOHN WORTH	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* 50th peal this year. First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 46 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.

Parker's One-part.		GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	2	DAVID HOARE	7
HARRY J. GAYLARD	3	ROGER O. FRY	Tenor
DESMOND G. MAYELL	4		

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR	Treble	AUBREY D. MILLS	5
WILLIAM B. DAWSON	2	CYRIL WANDER	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
MRS. A. RICHARDSON	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Lady Mary Glead, widow of Sir John Glead, and to George William Simpson, a ringer at this church for many years. Both were interred the same day. Mr. F. Taylor has now circled this tower.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	Treble	*NORMAN MALLETT	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	6
*HAROLD J. ARSCOTT	3	JOSEPH T. BARRATT	7
†ARTHUR J. SCOTT	4	CECIL W. POOLE	Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First in the method 'inside' and 25th peal.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

JOAN BERESFORD	Treble	†DENNIS BERESFORD	5
*MONICA WALKER	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
*JANE COTTERILL	3	JOHN R. COTTERILL	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method and 50th peal.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM YATES	Treble	ALBERT H. HINTON	5
FREDK. C. CASE	2	*FRANK J. GREEN	6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	3	†HARRY PARKES	7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	4	*GEORGE E. GREEN	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in 1951. First peal as conductor. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

HUBERT G. SUMMERS	Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
JOHN W. TAYLOR	2	*JAS. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	6
*DAVID A. CARPENTER	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by L. MICHAEL CALLOW.

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

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER SHAW	Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER	5
*†MISS M. HOBBS	2	*BENJAMIN BARKER	6
*JOHN W. GLEW	3	ALFRED MOULD	7
*WALTER STEEN	4	JACK BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. All are regular service ringers at St. Peter's.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*LLEWELLYN ALLUM	Treble	ALBERT E. WHITING	5
†CHARLES W. BEECROFT	2	WALTER W. MILLER	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING	3	ERNEST E. GRIMES	7
FRANCIS W. CORNEY	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Yorkshire.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Hubbard's Five-part (No. 1).		RONALD W. STEWARD	5
*DAVID H. BUXTON	Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
†GEORGE W. PIPE	2	CECIL W. PIPE	7
†RODERICK W. PIPE	3	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL	Tenor
†GEORGE V. BUXTON	4		

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal. † 125th peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Triples.



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On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX Treble	*FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. 5
*MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	*CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON.. 6
DAVID W. BEARD 3	*JOHN F. GROVE 7
*CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION.. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal in the method on the bells, and believed to be first in the method for the Association. Rung for the watchnight service.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*SAM W. CHAPMAN Treble	ROLAND BENISTON 5
PETER MARRIOTT 2	LEN CHAMBERS 6
ERNEST W. BEARDSMOORE .. 3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 7
*JOHN A. WALTON 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
*First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Day's Six-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*MELBOURNE PRICE Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY 5
HARRY SMETHILLS 2	ALFRED LOMAS 6
GEOFFREY TAYLOR 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
NORMAN TOMPKINS 4	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
*First peal. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tompkins.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT 5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER 2	REGINALD L. SILLS 6
FRANK P. WRIGHT 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

LEONARD WALSH Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 5
ROGER LEIGH 2	DEREK SANDERSON 6
NORMAN SMITH 3	BRIAN H. WOOD 7
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 4	KENNETH HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

A transposition of the peal given in 'The Clavis.'

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. Carter's No. 32, on the light eight. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.	
DENNIS BERRISFORD Treble	PETER BERRISFORD 5
JOAN BERRISFORD 2	*ARTHUR BOTTERELL .. 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL 4	ARTHUR T. DUTTON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 4, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

DORIS E. COLGATE Treble	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 5
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER 2	LUTHER J. HONESS 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	ROBERT COLLINS 7
WILLIAM R. MANSER 4	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (Ilchester Deanery.)

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (4th observation). Tenor 25 cwt.	
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	*ALBERT W. DYER 5
EDMUND C. ATYEO 2	ALBERT S. ATYEO 6
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 7
WALTER H. POOLE 4	STANLEY A. GUPPY.. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.

*First peal. A farewell to Preb. G. W. Saunders, M.A., 34 years Vicar of Martock and 32 years president of Ilchester Deanery Branch, who is retiring and leaving the district.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
*MERVYN K. KING (13) .. Treble	JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 5
FRED J. BAILEY 2	THOMAS YEOMAN 6
BRYNLEY J. PARRY (13) .. 3	DAVID J. KING 7
DONALD G. CLARKE 4	JAMES L. FITZGERALD (13) Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans. James L. Fitzgerald is believed to be the youngest tenor ringer for the Association.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,600 London and Rutland, 640 Cambridge, and 480 Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method.

DAVID G. JACKSON Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

*First peal of six Spliced Surprise.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Kingston and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*ROBERT CUMBERLIDGE .. Treble	ALFRED COTTRELL 4
WILLIAM P. DEANE 2	*ALAN POINTON 5
*FRANK HOLDCROFT 3	GEORGE H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM P. DEANE.

*First peal in any of the above methods. First Treble Bob peal to be rung on the bells by a regular service band.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt

LESLIE EVANS Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 4
JOHN D. ROCK 2	REGINALD T. JONES 5
FREDK. R. HARRIS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal of London Surprise Minor for the Guild. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.	
ROWENA TYLER Treble	ROBERT GILSON 4
CHARLES E. COOPER .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 3	CYRIL TYLER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A compliment to Miss Rowena Tyler on her 21st birthday, also to Mr. William Herbert Kenney on his 70th birthday.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being twelve ordinary 120's, and five 240's each of Morris', Pitman's and Lindoff's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS Treble	GEORGE PICKERING 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD 2	*FREDERICK WATSON 5
RONALD F. COLLIS 3	DAVID BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 25th peal together on the bells. A birthday compliment to the 4th and tenor ringers, also to Miss Daphne Jephson.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Fulbeck Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, and Double Bob and Plain Bob Spliced. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 4
*†C. WILLIAM NUTT 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
*AUSTIN T. WINGATE 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in eight methods. † 25th peal for the Guild. First peal in eight methods on the bells. The first peal on the bells since the rehanging of the tenor by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH Treble	KENNETH HARTLEY 4
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS 2	BRIAN M. WOOD 5
*NORMAN SMITH 3	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 extents, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	JOHN D. ROCK 5
F. ERIC ROBERTS 3	†REGINALD BULLOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for St. Thomas' Day.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JEAN PELL Treble	†CHARLES PELL 3
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 4
FRANK W. LACK Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK W. LACK.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'



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**MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
*JAMES WARD Treble | C. WILLIAM NUTT 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2 | FREDERICK MERRICK 5
ROLAND E. LEWIS 3 | THOMAS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since rededication in November, 1950.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being four extents of Stedman, six of Grandsire and four each of New Bob, St. Dunstan's, Accrington Bob, Place Bob, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
STUART A. SMITH Treble | DEREK WHITFORD 4
BRIAN H. WOOD 2 | ROGER LEIGH 5
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 3 | LEONARD WALSH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

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

*On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court and Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).
*SHIRLEY WISEMAN Treble | †GEOFFREY R. PARKER 4
MARGARET A. SWANN 2 | †WILLIAM R. PARKER 5
EVELYN M. WRIGHT 3 | JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal on six bells. † 40th peal this year.

**WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.
OSWALD LAMB Treble | ROBERT STICKLEY 4
CLARENCE GARDINER 2 | JOHN WOOD 5
ALFRED GARDINER 3 | JOHN ERNSTZEN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT STICKLEY.

First peal by all the band and as conductor. Third peal in Africa. Rung as birthday greeting to the Rector, Canon W. R. Way; for the ordination as priest of the Rev. D. A. Ensor; and for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gardiner.

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

*On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS Treble | BRIAN HARRIS 4
†L. MALCOLM PARRY 2 | JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 5
*PETER E. PARRY 3 | R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal.

**BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent each of Westminster, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK REED Treble | J. MARTIN THORLEY 4
*PEGGY M. LAMB 2 | *FRANK LAMB 5
†JOHN WARDLE 3 | *ERNEST J. PADGETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' The conductor has now circled the tower.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being two different extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
BERT W. MAY Treble | DORIS G. DOBBIE 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2 | GEORGE KENWARD 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 3 | ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

A birthday compliment to Eileen S. Wyles, of Faversham, and Eric Naylor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, three extents of Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt.
FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble | T. CHARLES BROWNE 4
*KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. 2 | FRANK PEARSON 5
RONALD E. BURT 3 | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal 'inside' in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
*On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.
GEORGE E. OLIVER Treble | PETER BERESFORD 4
*MARGARET M. LEWIS 2 | †CLIVE M. SMITH 5
JOAN BERESFORD 3 | DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SCOTHORNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble | LOUIS WILDERS 4
CHARLES V. CADE 2 | WILLIAM R. PARKER 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CHAS. J. ABRAHAMS .. Treble | BRIAN M. WOOD 4
STUART A. SMITH 2 | CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON 5
KENNETH HARTLEY 3 | ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal on tower bells. First peal in seven Minor methods for all the band.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR*

Comprising seven 720's of Wells, London, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
JAMES STANWAY, JUN. .. Treble | ARTHUR W. WESTON 4
ALFRED M. COTTELL 2 | WILLIAM CARNWELL 5
LESLIE HIGGS 3 | WILLIAM HAZELDINE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAZELDINE.

Rung in honour of the conductor's 30 years' faithful Sunday service and his first peal, conducted by him in his home tower. This is the 99th peal for Mr. William Carnwell.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Treble	*MICHAEL FULLER 4
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. 2	RALPH BIRD 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in eight methods. Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of His Majesty the King's health.

CLAYWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Spliced, Sandal, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
†JOAN SMITH 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
ERNEST PRESTON 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* 50th peal. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' The first peal on the bells, which were dedicated on Thursday, December 20th.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

LEONARD RODMELL .. Treble	*JOHN M. HARROP 4
HENRY RODMELL 2	*JOHN A. BROUGHTON .. 5
CLEMENT R. ROBINSON .. 3	RONALD DUCKER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4	JOHN J. MORRIS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to mark the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cattell, father of the ringer of 5-6, and the 16th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs. Dec. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 19 in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 5-6
HARRY POYNER 3-4	*JOHN B. BENNETT .. 7-8

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand.'

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15.

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS .. 3-4	*EDWIN BARNETT 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* 50th peal on handbells.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1952, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT CORNER HOUSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

REGINALD BEALE 1-2	JACK W. DREW 3-4
REGINALD C. BEALE .. 5-6	

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' by all. 25th peal as conductor.

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During the three years Sgt.-Major Philip Tocock has been stationed in Oldham he has made many friends. His enthusiasm for ringing and his skill as a heavy bell handler have become well known throughout the county. Now he has been posted abroad and a farewell peal was rung at Moor-side, Oldham, on December 15th. This peal enabled two 15-year-olds, both of whom he had taught to ring, to score their first peal.

Mr. H. W. Howard, of Northwich, Cheshire, rang three peals while on holiday in Gloucestershire. He thanks all who helped to make his holiday enjoyable.

St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, rang 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor as a farewell to 1951 and the same band rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor as a welcome to 1952.

Mr. B. Challen, of Shoreham-by-Sea, with 67 years of experience as a ringer, has been re-elected leader of the St. Mary-de-Haura handbell ringers.

Mr. Joseph Burgess, of Greenfield, near Oldham, writes disagreeing with the conclusions arrived at by the Central Council in regard to proposed competitive ringing at Butlin's Camps. He writes: 'I am a competitive ringer and have gloried in it, for I have heard something in those bells which I truthfully hold and realise.' He also writes congratulating Mr. H. Chant on his letter on irregular performances.

The bells of St. James' Church, Sutton-on-Hull, were dismantled early last year by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and fitted with new bearings, and are now in fine trim. The bells were ringing again by St. James' Day (July 25th). All the ringers in the peal of Minor recorded in this issue are local Sunday service ringers except L. Rodmell who rang here for 50 years before going to Patrington a few years ago.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The attempt for 11,360 Superlative Surprise Major on the Loughborough Foundry bells for December 29th had to be cancelled on account of three members of the proposed band being prevented from attending. Mr. F. W. Grocott, who was to have called the peal, writes: 'Anyone who wishes to ring the composition may do so, and has my very best wishes.'

The bells of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, were rung in a peal in two years (1951-52). The peal of Grandsire Caters came round at 12.20 a.m.

The peal of London Surprise Minor at Metheringham was rung on Friday, December 7th, and not December 1st.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Sherborne Abbey, on December 29th, was to have been Plain Bob Major, but owing to the late running of trains it was found that if Major was rung one of the band would miss his last train. A change was made to Grandsire Triples, with Mr. G. J. Hawkins, of Bath, conducting Parker's One Part at literally a minute's notice.

The peal at Frindsbury, Kent, on December 27th, 1951, was complimentary to four generations. It was arranged primarily in honour of the 88th birthday of Mrs. F. Jarrett, mother of the ringers of 1 and 2, and grandmother of the ringers of 3 and 4. It was also rung for the 32nd wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. V. A. Jarrett, and birthday compliments to Mrs. M. Y. Reader and Ronald Reader, daughter and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jarrett, and as a compliment to Miss Gladys K. Jarrett on her engagement to Mr. Leslie Pickles. Mr. C. C. Bishop, who has been a peal ringer since 1908—he was one of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins' band who were the first to ring 'four peals in a day'—scored his first on eight with this peal.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1951

Unbeknown to each other there was a neck and neck race to be the leading peal ringer in 1951. The honour goes to Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, with a total of 107. Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, who headed the list in 1950, has scored 105, one less than his total last year. Mr. Poole gained the honour in 1949 with the stupendous total of 143, and Mr. G. E. Fearn was the leader in 1948 with 108.

Mr. Poole was also the leading conductor having called 79 peals, followed by Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, who had conducted 53 peals.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, with 52 peals, is the leading lady, but 41 of her peals were 'in aid.' Mrs. H. J. Poole had the excellent total of 51 peals, all rung on tower bells, followed closely by her daughter, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, with 47. Congratulations to two other ladies—Miss Margaret A. Swann, of Lincoln, with 44, and Miss Winifred M. Burton, of Leicester, with 42.

The figures in parentheses denote peals conducted.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Harold J. Poole	80 (59)	27 (20)	107
George E. Fearn	102	3	105
Peter J. Staniforth ..	60 (24)	23 (6)	83
Arthur V. Pearson ..	66 (5)	—	66
Walter Allman	65 (14)	—	65
Alfred Ballard	41 (2)	24 (2)	65
Richard F. B. Speed ..	54 (24)	8 (3)	62
Henry H. Fearn	61	—	61
Howard Howell	57 (31)	1	58
John Pinfold	57	1	58
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	49 (24)	8 (5)	57
Shirley Burton	55	—	55
Nolan Golden	51 (50)	3 (3)	54
Brian G. Warwick	41 (8)	13 (7)	54
Frederick W. Grocott ..	42 (28)	12 (12)	54
Henry O. Baker	53 (6)	—	53
Frank E. Haynes	48 (14)	5 (2)	53
Daniel T. Matkin	4 (2)	49 (47)	53
Frederick E. Wilshaw ..	42 (3)	11	53
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	11 (3)	41 (2)	52
Jack L. Millhouse ..	52 (38)	—	52
John Hill	49 (2)	2	51
Mrs. H. J. Poole	51	—	51
Terence A. Thornber ..	34	17	51
Harry Parkes	50	—	50
Maurice G. Turner	50 (17)	—	50
John Worth	50 (24)	—	50
Joseph W. Cotton	47 (6)	—	47
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth ..	36 (1)	11	47
J. Norman Hadley	46	—	46
S. H. Jones	45 (3)	—	45
R. S. B. Meadows	45 (2)	—	45
George Sayer	44 (1)	—	44
Margaret A. Swann	44 (1)	—	44
Ronald W. Steward	43	—	43
Brian D. Threlfall	35 (2)	8 (1)	43
Winifred M. Burton ..	42 (1)	—	42
Terry R. Hampton	42	—	42
Geoffrey R. Parker	42 (18)	—	42
W. Robert Parker	42 (5)	—	42
Howard W. Howard	41 (25)	—	41
J. Frederick Milner	41	—	41
Eric Naylor	41 (9)	—	41
Alan R. Fink	41 (36)	—	41
George W. Pine	41 (23)	—	41
Edgar C. Shepherd	34 (5)	7	41
J. Martin Thornley	35	6	41
H. William Barrett	39 (3)	1	40
Ralph G. Edwards	40	—	40
George Kenward	40	—	40
C. Kenneth Lewis	40 (20)	—	40
Jack R. Worrall	34 (22)	6 (4)	40

There are other ringers whose names should have been included in this table but their records have not been received. We are prepared to publish a supplementary list in a fortnight's time.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 23rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Amos (first quarter) 1, P. Stephens 2, W. Adams 3, E. G. Orland (cond.) 4, R. C. Spring 5.

ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY Condition of Spire Silences Bells

The condition of the spire of St. Martin's Church has been carefully considered and to do all that is necessary to make it safe for many years will cost, it is estimated, £4,000, which is a sum far beyond the resources of the Fabric Fund.

Writing on the matter in the January parish magazine the Rector, the Rev. A. D. F. McKenzie, says:—

'It may be possible to do the work in easy stages as and when money is available to meet the cost, but the difficulty of that plan is that the first stage—the demolition and rebuilding of the top 26 feet—is the most costly, and the other work would be more expensive if it was not done at the same time.

'One thing is clear, the bells cannot be rung while the spire is in its present state. We might have to take off 26 feet, seal off the opening, and leave it like that until there is money in hand to rebuild, but there are technical difficulties in that plan, too, and it would not be pleasant to look at. All aspects of the situation are being weighed with great care; but this is a heavy blow.'

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting held at Huddersfield Parish Church on January 5th was very successful. Although some of our members were missing, we were grateful for the help given by visitors from outside the area, especially in 10-bell compass. Methods rung ranged from Minor to Royal, so that everyone had a pull.

It is encouraging to see Grandsire, Stedman, Norwich and other simple methods attempted in an area which through the years has been a Treble Bob stronghold.

The short service was conducted jointly by Canon Woods, Vicar of Huddersfield, and the president, the Rev. A. L. Minns. In the absence of the president and vice-president at the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Ringing Master.

The secretary gave a short review of the past year's working. Meetings, he said, were held every two months and were fairly well attended. Membership stood at 49 and the financial position was sound. Quite a lot had been accomplished but much remained to be tackled. All officers were re-elected with the exception of two committee men. Mr. Gaine and Mr. Rogers were voted to the committee.

There was very little opportunity for handbells, but some members managed to stay behind for this after the tower bells were lowered at 8.30, so closing the proceedings. A.W.B.

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TRIPLES ON EXETER'S BACK EIGHT

Last Saturday a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight at Exeter Cathedral in 3 hours and 52 minutes. We join the Exercise in congratulating Mr. Frank Harris and his band on this fine achievement of heavy-bell ringing.

REOPENING OF QUEX PARK BELLS

In its picturesque setting, Quex Park, Birchington, was the scene of an interesting ceremony on January 5th. The occasion was the reopening of the ring of twelve bells after rehanging, with the recasting of the front four bells.

Members of the Quex Park Ringing Society, together with a few friends, met in the tower and were received by the present owner, Mr. Christopher Powell-Cotton. Also present in the tower were Mr. J. Graham (agent), Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Mr. B. J. Luck, representing the Kent County Association, and two members of the old band, Mr. T. Wilson, now resident at Brentwood, and Mr. A. H. Sayer, Canterbury, whose first visit to Quex was as a lad, 71 years ago.

Mr. J. A. Russell, captain of the Society, welcomed the ringers to the tower and spoke of the history of the bells.

Mr. Luck spoke of the long connection between the late Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton and the Association as a life member, and the link that was broken by his death had now been renewed by his son, who had become a member. The connection between the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and the tower was referred to by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Mr. C. Powell-Cotton then formally declared the tower open, and the twelve bells were rung in rounds. Ringing was then carried on in various methods.

There were there, however, ringers for whom the Natural History Museum, attached to the Mansion, held more attraction and they were shown over by Mr. Powell-Cotton, who explained the various exhibits, proving himself a most excellent guide.

Tea was held in The Bungalow Hotel, and after an enjoyable meal the members retired to the lounge for their annual business meeting. Mr. Powell-Cotton and Mr. Graham were re-elected president and vice-president respectively. Mr. Russell was re-elected captain and Miss Reid secretary. Mr. H. Luck was also elected as vice-captain, and 'Ted' Milstead as steeple-keeper.

Following these pleasant proceedings the ringers then clambered on to the lorry to be conveyed back to the tower where they were suitably 'piped aboard' by 'A.B.' Russell. Further ringing was held in the tower and during the evening the bells were well toasted in the normal fashion. A happy evening soon passed and at ten o'clock it was once more aboard and back to the Square to catch buses.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of
January 19th, 1912

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Reynolds, of Birmingham

'... during his career of thirty odd years [he] had rung no fewer than 98 twelve-bell peals on tower bells, of which huge total 83 were Stedman Cinques (his favourite method). ... At first he did a bit of tenor ringing only, being in great demand when there was a tough job on hand. Such a man could not for long be content with this, but so exclusive was the St. Martin's Society of that day that when he had even rung the tenor to the [then record] peal of Stedman Cinques (9,238) on February 28th, 1881, and expressed a wish to ring inside, he was told he had "better go somewhere and get some practice first, as they could not be bothered with learners at St. Martin's"!'.

[Despite this treatment, Mr. Reynolds rang 305 peals, including four which were record lengths at the time—9,238 and 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, 9,020 Grandsire Cinques and 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham in 1889.]

THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS', FULHAM

By ELIZABETH MAXWELL and BROOKE KINGSMILL-LUNN

The Parish Church of Fulham. All Saints', stands on the north side of the Thames and has one of the finest towers in Middlesex, built in 1440. Far more famous than the tower, though, are the bells, which are a very pleasant ring of ten.

In 1549 there were five 'great belles and a lyttell bell in the steeple and three hand belles,' which latter were subsequently sold. In 1650 four of the bells were rehung by Robert Turner, who also, during the Civil War, rehung the second bell 'over throwne by the soldiers.' In 1652 the old bells were recast by Bryan Eldridge, of Chertsey, and it was probably at this time that the bells were made up to a ring of six.

There is a story attached to this recasting, in which Eldridge, when the churchwarden paid him for his work, said that he had lost the paper showing that it had been done, and so the churchwarden overlooked the receipt. Later Eldridge produced it and demanded to be paid, taking the matter to court, where the unfortunate warden had to pay again.

By 1728 the six old bells had become very dilapidated. The tenor was broken, another bell cracked, and the rest out of tune. So, in 1729, these six were recast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, and two more were added, making a ring of eight. The bells were brought back to Fulham in a barge, which sank near the church, but the bells were recovered and rehung amidst great celebrations. Several professors of music attended the ringing, which was followed by a party in the 'King's Arms,' and everyone agreed they were a fine ring.

In 1746 a Mr. Theodore Ecclestone, of Mortlake, gave two more bells, which had to be recast to fit in with the eight, the work being done by Robert Catlin. In 1760 Mr. Ecclestone's two bells were exchanged for two from Rudhall's, one of which had been recast in 1759, thus making the present ring of ten bells, whose weights, notes and inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—Note, G. sharp. Weight, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. Inscription, 'Recast by Ab. Rudhall, 1759.'

2.—F sharp. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. 'The Gift of the Vestry by sub. 1727.'

3.—E. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. 'Ex dono Gulielmi Skelton Gent. 1729.'

4.—D sharp. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

5.—C sharp. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. 'Peace and Good Neighbourhood, A. R.'

6.—B. 8 cwt. 3 lb. 'Ab. Rudhall of Gloucester cast us all. 1729.'

7.—A. 9 cwt 14 lb. 'Prosperity to the Church of England. 1729.'

8.—G sharp. 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. 'Prosperity to this Parish. 1729.'

9.—F sharp. 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. 'Francis Conyers, Churchwarden 1729.'

Tenor.—E. 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. 'I to the Church the living call: and to the grave do summon all. A. R. 1729.'

Total weight.—88 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

The back six are the old ones, 3 and 4 were added in 1729, and 1 and 2 were exchanged in 1760. In 1908 the Whitechapel Bell Foundry quarter-turned and rehung the bells with new wheels and ropes, at the same time as the tower was being repaired, and on October 4th the tower and bells were rededicated by the Bishop of London. In 1950 Gillett and Johnston gave the bells and bell frame a complete overhaul, and they were rededicated on July 9th by the Bishop of Kensington.

Since the early part of the 18th century peals have been rung at Fulham, the first recorded one being Bob Major in 1730 by the College Youths, and some are worthy of mention here: the first peal of Caters and the first peal of Royal by the Sussex Association; also of Stedman Caters and of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by the Essex Association: the first peal of Bob Royal by the Kent County Association, and

the first peal of London Surprise Major rung in London, performed by the Midland Counties Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, in May, 1888; the first peal of Royal by a band of the same Christian name (William); the first peal of Union Triples ever rung, being performed in three hours and 6 minutes by the College Youths in 1733; also three long peals, i.e., 10,080 Bob Major in 6 hours 40 minutes, by the Society of Fulham Youths in January, 1735; 10,098 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours 53 minutes by the College Youths in March, 1762; and 12,096 Grandsire Caters in 7 hours 50 minutes by the St. James' Society in May, 1837. Other methods rung to peals in Fulham tower include Old Double Caters, Tittum 10 in, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Fulham has its own Association—the All Saints', Fulham, Association of Bellringers, founded on Michaelmas Day, 1871, by the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Fisher, who conducted the Association's first peal in 1879. Since then the Association has rung about 150 peals, mainly Grandsire and Stedman, including a peal for the opening of the Festival of Britain, 1951, and one for the close; Fulham being the only tower to do this.

No account of Fulham tower could be complete without reference to the splendidly appointed ringing room, which is beautifully clean and comfortable. This is due to the untiring enthusiasm of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. M. Page, and those associated with him. Mention must also be made of 'The Eight Bells' in the High Street, called thus to commemorate the increase to eight bells in 1729, and where the ringers have congregated regularly for many years. There we will leave you to think on the word a poet once wrote:—

'Old Fulham bells, sweet Fulham bells,
How oft across the pleasant meads
Your rhythmic music swells.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION South-West Division

The annual meeting of the Division was held at Leytonstone on January 5th. Approximately 80 members and friends enjoyed the excellent arrangements which had been made by Mr. George Dawson.

A year of progress and achievement was reported by the secretary. Sunday ringing had improved and the peal ringers had enjoyed a successful year. Peals were scored in the four standard Surprise methods together with Yorkshire and Rutland.

After 13 years of loyal and devoted service Mr. J. Chalk declined nomination as Master. Many members spoke in appreciation of the great work he had done. Mr. J. Crampion was elected to take his place and the remainder of the officers were re-elected.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT MARDEN

On New Year's Eve the ringers of St. Michael and All Angels', Marden, Kent, held their annual dinner and meeting. Ringing took place from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., which started the evening in fine style.

Afterwards, a very fine dinner was enjoyed by all at the Hill Tea Rooms, 14 members of the Guild being present.

Visitors included the Rev. H. B. Stephens (priest-in-charge), the Rev. C. G. Eagling (new Vicar), Mr. T. E. Sone (Paddock Wood) and Miss V. L. A. Wallis (West Malling). At the business meeting only one change of office was noted—Miss B. M. Vidler, Longridge Farm, Marden, being the new secretary. The new office of peal secretary was given to Miss J. Haffenden.

To conclude the happy evening everybody returned to the tower to ring out the Old and ring in the New Year.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

About 50 members and friends, some from as far afield as Clevedon, Guildford and London, attended the annual meeting of the Winchester District at Winchester on January 5th. Previous to the meeting good use was made of the Cathedral bells, methods including Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

The chair was taken by the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, supported by the District secretary (Mr. J. A. C. King) and the District treasurer (Mr. H. D. Buckingham). The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all members and visitors and wishing them a happy New Year.

The secretary's report showed that 1951 had been an active year. Monthly meetings had been held since April most of which had been practice meetings and at which methods up to Yorkshire Surprise had been tackled.

Twenty-two new ringing members and 25 honorary members had been elected. Ringers from Kingsworthy tower, which had just affiliated to the Guild, were accorded a special welcome. Eight quarter peals ranging from Minimus in three methods at Kingsworthy to Grandsire Caters at Winchester Cathedral, and two peals of Plain Bob Minor had been rung.

Preston Candover, Sparsholt, Ropley and St. Maurice's, Winchester, were four towers which were commended for their keenness. Finally the secretary gave the District a target of 100 new members for 1952.

The statement of accounts showed the District had a balance in hand of £23 19s. 8d. as compared with £25 19s. 10d. last year. The loss was explained by the higher cost of advertising due to monthly meetings, and two grants of £5 and 25s.

All the retiring officers were re-elected. In addition, an office of assistant secretary was created and Miss Betty Edmonds was appointed to this post. Eight new ringing members were elected. They were the Misses M. Dicker, I. Jetten, P. Howlett and M. Morgan and Messrs. G. Thorne, H. Palmer, J. Wilmot and J. Phillips. Two honorary members were also elected.

It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held in Winchester on January 3rd, 1953, and quarterly meetings held at Owslebury, Cheriton and Twyford, and the next two practice meetings at Hursley and Nether Wallop with Broughton. A District outing is to be organised in the summer followed by a dinner some time in the autumn.

A company of 63 sat down to tea, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Winchester (Councillor and Mrs. A. T. Edmonds) and also the Dean of Winchester (the Very Rev. E. G. Selwyn). After tea, evensong in the Cathedral was attended, at which the Rev. W. A. MacFarlane, Rector of Bishop's Sutton, preached. During his sermon, he emphasised that when ringers were at work, everybody could hear them. That meant that everybody could hear the good and the bad striking and the true and the false peals. There should, therefore, be nothing underhand or deceitful about bell-ringing, but rather the bells should be rung to the glory of God alone.

The Cathedral bells were available for an hour after the service and St. Maurice's, Winchester, Hursley and Twyford bells were also rung.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

This year's Christmas Quiz proved to be more popular than we anticipated. The Exercise has more keen mathematicians than might be thought.

Next week we hope to announce the winner and the solutions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIGHTEST RINGS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest in 'The Ringing World' of the lightest ring of six bells recently cast for Mr. S. Jarvis by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. There is a light ring of six at Wormhill, Derbyshire, with a tenor 1 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. These bells are hung for ringing full circle and complete with all fittings.

There is a still lighter ring of six, hung for ringing on an oak frame, and complete with all fittings at Stillington. The tenor of this ring weighs 4 lb. 2½ oz., diameter 6½ inches, and the treble 1 lb. 6 oz., diameter 4½ inches. These bells can be rung up to the set position quite easily.—Yours faithfully,

J. B. HUTCHINSON.

Stillington, York.

YOUNG RINGING MASTERS

Dear Sir,—As the subject of young ringing masters has arisen in your columns, I am enclosing a list of recent masters of the Minster Abbey Guild, Isle of Sheppey. All were taught to ring by Mr. Walter H. Dobbie, formerly of Sittingbourne, and now of Tonbridge.

Stanley M. Evans; period in office, Jan. 1947—Sept., 1948; age on election, 16½. J. Garth Rooke; Sept. 1948—Jan. 1950; 17½. Peter C. W. Neal; Jan. 1950; 18½.

Yours sincerely,

STANLEY M. EVANS.

Minster, Sheerness.

FROM SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY

Dear Sir,—After joyfully ringing in the New Year at Aston Cantlow, the following was composed as a fictitious summary of our activity:—
THE DRUNKEN RINGER or NEW YEAR'S EVE

(With apologies to William Shakespeare)

Is this a bellrope which I see before me,
The sally toward my hand? Come, let me clutch thee;
I have thee not and yet I see thee still.
Art thou not, double vision, sensible
To feeling as to sight? Or art thou but
A sally of the mind, a false creation,
Proceeding from the beer-bemused brain?
I see thee yet, in form as palpable
As this which now I pull, . . .

Miss it not Ringer; or 'twill be the bell
Which summons thee to heaven or to hell.

Incidentally, this is the church in which John Shakespeare, the Bard's father, married Mary Arden, in 1557, and if ringers were not so scarce as they are to-day, the bell which is now our fifth would ring for them as they left the church. The bell was cast in a small field not far from the church in the year 1410. The hollow in the ground can still be seen to this day.—Yours sincerely,

J., J. H. and H. R. FOOT.

P.S.—Please note, the verse above is fictitious and was composed after our second salutation of the New Year.

CARE OF ROPES

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. Louis Wilson's remarks on the care of bell ropes. I have been a ringer at Beedon for 54 years and in charge of the tower for 35 years. In 1922 our bells were rehung and a new treble added. A new rope was put on the new bell and this runs through two guides and two floors before reaching the pulley. The five remaining ropes were new about two years later. There have been peals, quarter peals, meetings and service ringing in this tower and I have never had to splice any of the ropes. I always use tallow where they pass through the guides and wheels and they are all in good condition.—Yours faithfully,

TOM CURTIS.

Beedon, Berks.

WHAT IS UNORTHODOX?

Dear Sir,—As it is possible to take the lead ends under E (see 'Ringing World' dated October 19th, 1951), and produce a 720 Treble Bob Minor with all the 5-6 at backstroke, and each row to follow one another in the same order throughout, so if lead ends under A were used, would this be classified as unorthodox?

A conductor fixes up an attempt for a peal of Minor in seven methods. One of the methods he includes is York. When he gets to the tower he finds that one or more of his band cannot ring York but can ring Cambridge and London. He then instructs them to ring Cambridge when above the treble, and London below the treble. Have they rung York, or Cambridge and London Spliced?

In Mr. J. P. Fidler's 'Woodbine Group' we find all the work on one side of the treble to consist of 'Woodbine'. Are all these unorthodox? If not, why is the parent method 'Woodbine' unorthodox?—Yours faithfully,

1952.

120 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The following touch of Stedman Triples contains the Tittums, Whittingtons and Queen's changes.

As we ring Oxford Bob Triples here at Darley Dale, I would like to thank Mr. R. Overy for the nice touch recently published in 'The Ringing World'.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

S	3461257
—	4132657
—	4125376
S	1543267
—	1532467
—	5216374
—	4263174
—	2351674
—	2317546
—	3725146
—	3751246
—	7132546
—	7125346
—	1573246
S	1532764
S	5217346
—	5273146
—	2351746
—	2314567

RAILWAYMAN'S DREAM

Dear Sir,—I'm glad so many railwaymen are interested in the Exercise. There is a story of one who woke his wife up, shouting: 'Go Double Norwich Court Bob Major—London Bridge. Woolwich. Dartford. Gravesend. Strood. Gillingham—Single—Ladies' carriages near places from in front—Single—Gentlemen far places from behind. London Bridge lady? Cross the treble in 5-6, down the subway, and don't forget the driver in 3-4. Canterbury, sir? With Pleasure—Bob—Get them milk churns into the van will you? Now then, you children, Treble Bob up, leave the windows and pipe down—Bob—What's that green light doing last behind? Let's have a bit of striking, wheel-tapper. Dodge, lady, dodge! Stay in 5-6 and the tenor's got you. Make places—Bob—Train's crowded like Bank Holiday—Bob—Make your places with me now. Maidstone, sir? Straight down to the front, change at Strood. Lead, driver. Full in front now with the first carriage—Bob—The guard's passed out. This is all!'

Gravesend.

F. A. CLUETT.

MINOR AND DOUBLES

The way in which those concerned have accepted the ruling that several recent performances cannot be allowed to rank as peals recalls that in the past the Central Council's decisions have not always been accepted so calmly. Many ringers will remember, or have heard of, the Council's ruling in the mid 1890's, that peals of Minor and Doubles would henceforward be published as 'Performances on Five and Six Bells'. This led to a violent controversy, in which two prominent members of the Yorkshire Association, William Snowden and George Bollard, played a leading part, and largely as a result of the pressure they exerted, with the added threat to bring their powerful Association out of the Council, the matter was dropped after a time.

It is a familiar complaint that those whose time is mainly spent in towers with eight bells or more tend to look down on five- and six-bell ringers because they are unaccustomed to ringing on the lower numbers. This is, of course, nonsense, for any ringer with, say ten years' experience of the ups and downs of a Sunday service band will almost certainly have rung Doubles and Minor ad nauseum. Similarly, the argument an expert eight-bell ringer would be ill at ease in a multi-method Minor peal is equally fallacious. For one thing there is considerably less to learn in a Minor method, compared with Major, and each one in turn leads to numerous others, differing to such a trifling extent that on the higher numbers hardly anyone would contemplate splicing them. It is quite certain that the average Spliced Surprise Major ringer could cope with multi-method Minor far better than his six-bell contemporary would acquit himself in a peal in the four standard Surprise methods.

The publication of this year's Analysis has revealed that out of 986 peals of Doubles and Minor rung in 1950, no fewer than 334 were in one method only; in other words, mainly Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. One wonders what value the participants can possibly have attached to most of these or, indeed, whether there is much justification for regarding them, or any five- or six-bell performances, as peals.

Since the earliest days of ringing, it has always been accepted that the composition of a peal must be true. This has been applied rigidly and indeed in olden times a false peal was often the subject of considerable derision. Is it logical, one may ask, to debar a peal on seven or more bells because, perhaps, half a dozen changes occur twice, when others in which 720 changes are rung seven times, or 120 changes 42 times are cheerfully accepted—indeed, in some quarters considered absolutely praiseworthy? It will, of course, be argued that the 720's and 120's of which these efforts are built are themselves free from repetition, but this is just as illogical. If the sevenfold appearance of no fewer than 720 changes can be endured, what does it matter if some of them are rung a few times more and others correspondingly less? Moreover, why should five bells be the lower limit? In July, 1938, 210 extents of Minimus were rung on handbells, and the two who took part were surely as much—or as little—entitled to regard that as a peal as those who ring Doubles and Minor.

Individual ringers who feel strongly on the subject can, of course, act accordingly by not standing in five- or six-bell peals, except perhaps as an occasional curiosity. Possibly, however, the time has come to re-examine the motives which led the Council of the day to act as it did. It may well be that the reasoning was sound, but that the members who supported the motion were merely ahead of their time.

E. B.

WYE, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1728 London Surprise Major: H. Baker 1, M. W. Marshall 2, P. D. Hucklestep 3, M. S. Laneffield (cond.) 4, W. W. Ring 5, F. G. Hucklestep 6, T. Cullingworth 7, H. Parkes 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

'SIDELIGHT' OR 'SEARCHLIGHT'?

Dear Sir,—The recent article, 'A Sidelight on Method Extension,' pitifully calls for a 'searchlight' on the truth of the matter. Latterly considerable evidence has been adduced to show the opposite view of points the article raises.

In each branch of ringing—teaching, conducting, method designing and analysis, etc.—there are techniques and masters of them; and it is possible (in fact more often the case) that an expert in one branch knows considerably less of another. This truth is evident from, for example, queries about method structure and extension coming from well-known conductors; also from the fact of the mistaken idea that a knowledge of composition automatically gives an understanding of the principles of method structure, or vice versa.

One of the outstanding facts about method extension is still largely unappreciated among ringers; indeed, the article only serves to confirm it! Here it is: There is not, and never will be, any doubt or difficulty about whether the 'natural' or theoretic form of extension of a method can or cannot be produced in any given case. (And this applies not merely to Surprise and other hunt-controlled, but to all methods.) The doubt or difficulty arises only when this 'natural' or theoretic form (i.e., if producible) fails to exhibit the two main conventional ringing requirements, namely, (a) Basic Coursing Order, and (b) the full-range Plain Course. Then the 'trial-and-error' boys get to work, invariably completely mutilating—or at best distorting—the basic method pattern, in order to produce a 'version' that may drag in those requirements. And all this is with the dubious object of trying to fill a gap in the method's family tree!

The methods of the Cambridge family, including those with Cambridge work above the treble such as Yorkshire, are not, as the article seems to suggest, the only ones with pure extensions. There are plenty of others, both inside and outside the Surprise category. For example—Plain Bob, Stedman, Duffield, Grand-sire, Kent and other Treble Bob methods, also Bromley, Clacton, Devon, Essex, Leicestershire, Manchester (not yet published), Daventry (not yet published), etc., all in the Surprise group.

But, of course, it is high time that all the misnaming be stopped, and all distorted versions be given identification labels distinguishing them from the basic method of which they are no more than bastard issue. In this there is no call to the Methods Committee to attempt compromise, as the article suggests. Such was never implied in our original motion which gave the Methods Committee its mandate. On the other hand, there is ample evidence available to that committee to enable it to make recommendations to the Central Council on the only major point at issue in this extension business, i.e., the class or classes of extension to be recognised.

RAILWAYMEN'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—I believe the first peal by railwaymen was rung at Christ Church, Swindon, and a board in the tower records the performance. The board reads: 'On Saturday, February 19th, 1898, a peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes, was rung in 2 hours 57 minutes. T. Lawrence 1, G. C. Iles 2, A. Lawrence 3, T. Robinson 4, C. J. Gardner 5, T. Ricketts 6, O. W. Layng 7, J. H. Shepherd 8. Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by T. Ricketts.'

All the band worked on the Great Western Railway and were members of Christ Church tower. The peal was rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Mr. C. J. Gardner, still a regular ringer at Christ Church, is the sole survivor of the band.—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

METHODS COMMITTEE

At this stage, when the Methods Committee is giving further consideration to the matter, it would be premature and improper to suggest what its recommendations should be; but it is both proper and needful to take a clear view of the issue. Two classes of method extension have already been noted in this letter:—

Class 'A'.—The THEORETIC, which, if it exhibits the conventional requirements, is 'Ideal' and universally acceptable.

Class 'C'.—The VERSION, invariably exhibiting structural mutilation of the basic method, with little similarity to its 'blue line' (Anyway, it 'rings' as a quite different method!)

Latterly a third class has been distinguished, through a rational process of analysis of the basic method, depending on the geometric rather than the arithmetic approach, which process, in fact confirms the theoretic extension itself. (For the less technically minded this may be put in the form of an analogy—the extension thus derived is not unlike the photographic enlargement of an original picture.) This is:—

Class 'B'.—The PROXIMATE, which is the mathematically corrected theoretic form that lacked the conventional requirements, and which has no distortions, a similar blue line, and 'rings' as the same method. The method name always includes the adjective, e.g., Dulchester Major, and Dulchester Royal Proximate.

Now here lies the tragedy of it all. Many Class 'C' extensions have been published, and some even rung to peals, when in fact the preferred Class 'B', and even in some few cases the perfect Class 'A' extensions obtain. On this discovery is the focusing of attention demanded, and not, as the article suggests, on some abortive and useless attempt to group as a united family certain Class 'C' extensions. Thus it is evident that too little and not, as the article suggests, 'too much,' attention has been given to this, the real core of the matter. Investigation of published basic methods is now well advanced and a schedule of extension Classes is in preparation. This, with a Central Council decision on 'acceptables,' should determine the whole business.

So clearly, all this is not, as the article suggests, mere academic theorising over a 'problem child,' but is the fundamental stuff of which are born the very methods that 'P. A. C.' conducts. Manifestly it is now our duty to purge the Art of all this higher-stage dross, and to establish, without further culpable delay, those firm foundations on which ringing posterity may securely build.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

'MIDDLETON'S'

Dear Sir,—May I suggest the time is ripe for peal reports of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Major to be booked simply as 'Middleton's'? It is surely time this composition was joined up with other 'immortals,' such as Thurstans, Holt, Parker, etc.

I am further tempted to suggest this, for during the past few weeks an epidemic appears to have broken out—mainly in Cheshire and Shropshire—to record it as 'composed by C. H. Middleton.' My complaint is that neither Middleton's parents nor the people who signed the necessary documents at his funeral knew anything of this second initial!

Other recent reports have also gone astray with names of composers. Thus we had Jas. Mott at Saffron Walden, J. Thorpe at Pulford, and even the Central Council librarian called a peal at Tring purported to be the composition of F. F. W. Meadows.—Yours truly,

OLD RINGER.

A HERTFORDSHIRE OUTING

Once again the short winter season of ringing for the younger set (organised from the Bedford District headquarters) included a day outing to a neighbouring county, this year to Hertfordshire. On December 27th the Bedford contingent consisting of Christopher Woodhead and the Stephens trio, met with cycles at the railway station and boarded the 8.40 a.m. train to Henlow Camp where we were joined by Daphne Hare. A four-mile cycle ride brought us to Pirton Church, dead on time. The church has an anticlockwise ring of five hung in a central tower and rung from an upstairs ringing chamber; the circle is such that the ringers of the treble and fourth view each other behind the tenor ringer's back. We rang several Doubles methods here and as the time of departure drew near, Joan Ashton, the last member of our party, arrived just in time to ring a short touch before the bells were lowered.

With a bracing side-wind we arrived at St. Ippolyt's on time and began our programme of quarter peal attempts with a Delight method learnt for the occasion—Ely Delight. A shift course in the last part of the 720 put an early end to this and the remainder of our visit was spent ringing short touches. After an early lunch in Hitchin we cycled along a very muddy country lane to Graveley, where we rang a good quarter of Treble Bob. The six bells here are rung from the ground floor.

At Great Wymondley we were greeted by a young member of the local band who was patient enough to stand by while we rang a quarter of Cambridge Surprise, this being the first of Surprise by all except the tenor ringer, and the first 'inside' by the ringer of the second. We returned to Hitchin for a light snack and, with a following wind, freewheeled most of the way to Arlesey. In spite of the tenor man's request for a leisured pace, the bells soon settled down to a fast rate of striking. This quarter of Plain Bob was it so happens, the first touch the conductor had called.

The day's ringing was rounded off with a high tea provided by Mrs. Hare, a thought which was highly appreciated by all, and it was with great reluctance that we left the blazing fireside to combat the howling gale outside.

The quarter peal details are as follows:—Graveley, Herts.—720 Oxford. 576 Kent: Mary Stephens 1, Daphne Hare 2, Joan Ashton 3, R. Stephens 4, C. Woodhead (conductor) 5, M. Stephens 6. Great Wymondley, Herts.—1,272 Cambridge Surprise: C. Woodhead 1, Mary Stephens 2, R. Stephens 3, Daphne Hare 4, Joan Ashton (conductor) 5, M. Stephens 6. Arlesey, Beds.—1,260 Bob Minor: Mary Stephens 1, C. Woodhead 2, Daphne Hare 3, Joan Ashton 4, R. Stephens (conductor) 5, M. Stephens 6.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

One of the bright centres in Suffolk is All Saints', Easton, where Mr. Sidney Wightman has a band of 12 ringers. Their weekly programme is ringing twice on Sundays and a practice on Wednesdays. On New Year's Eve the ringers, their wives and children and the churchwardens, numbering in all 38, had their annual supper, a very happy function. Easton is a village which observes the old traditions with 6 a.m. ringing on Easter Day and Christmas Day.

Mr. Wightman has trained three separate teams and is now engaged on the fourth at Tunstall.

In a letter of appreciation to Mr. Wightman, Mr. C. W. Pipe, secretary of the Suffolk Guild, writes: 'When one thinks that a little village like Easton can find 13 ringers and towns like Framlingham, Beccles, Bungay, Saxmundham, Sudbury and many more cannot, it speaks highly of Easton and yourself.'

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Gosling 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, I. Jenkins 3, R. Boardman 4, E. A. Stafford 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brian 1, A. Freeston 2, S. Jessop 3, D. White 4, R. Brown 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, W. E. Clarke 7, J. Petch 8. To commemorate the conductor's 38th year as a service ringer at this church.

BRITFORD, SALISBURY.—On Jan. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lowe 1, J. Sutton 2, M. Page 3, J. Lewis 4, H. Abrahams (cond.) 5, L. Page 6. First quarter of Minor for 3 and 4.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilda Oakshott 1, M. F. Oakshott 2, T. Brett-Smith 3, G. James 4, E. Bishop 5, Allison Purdom 6, J. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, E. E. Mounter 8.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On Dec. 20th, 120 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain, Old, April Day, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire: B. Pattison 1, P. Chapman 2, Joan Ashton 3, C. Woodhead 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5. First quarter in 12 Doubles methods by all the band.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: E. A. Barnett 1, E. Barnett (cond.) 2, Miss B. Thompson (first 'inside') 3, A. G. Williams 4, J. W. Eden 5, C. Popple 6, W. J. Lemon 7, G. Hucklestep 8.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Stephens 1, A. Evans 2, T. Stephens 3, R. Alsop 4, R. Stephens 5, J. Alsop (cond.) 6, B. Werry 7, J. Jaynes 8.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—At the Bell Tower on Dec. 30th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: R. W. Kyte 1, J. Thomas 2, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 3, G. C. Hemming 4, F. G. Nurdan 5, R. Harriss 6, R. R. Savory 7, E. T. Newbury 8, J. E. Newman 9, P. Harriss 10, G. J. Hemming 11, W. J. Newman 12. First quarter on 12 bells for 1, 4, 7 and 12.

FULHAM, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,680 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Maxwell 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Phillips (cond.) 3, R. Mackerill 4, C. Watts 5, H. M. Page 6. Rung on the front six.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, at St. George's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Constant 1, R. E. Constant 2, J. Constant 3, R. C. Constant (first 'inside') 4, J. Burles 5, F. Cluett 6, R. A. Constant (cond.) 7, W. Gorrington 8. Last quarter peal before closing of the church.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Savage 1, E. Barrs 2, A. Sheppard 3, M. Jamison 4, G. Colman (first as cond.) 5, M. Moore 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. First quarter on bells since being rehung. Rung by the local band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, at S. Nicolas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Arnett 1, R. Kenward 2, Miss P. Warren 3, R. Morant (first quarter) 4, F. Oldwyd 5, C. Hazelden (cond.) 6, W. R. Morcy 7, S. Breeze 8.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Woodcock (first quarter) 1, R. G. Lay 2, F. C. Price 3, P. C. Ridgway 4, S. J. Woodcock 5, T. H. Blunt (first as cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Lawrence (first quarter) 1, R. G. Lay 2, T. H. Blunt 3, P. C. Ridgway 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fuller 1, R. G. Bywaters 2, L. H. Bywaters 3, D. J. Hare 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, J. Mayes 6.

HORBURY, WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At SS. Peter and Leonard's, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Rowley (cond.) 1, E. Atkinson 2, J. W. Milner 3, R. Axford 4, E. C. Axford (first quarter) 5, M. T. J. Axford 6, M. Hunt 7, J. Dewes 8.

HORNSEY, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Fenson 1, J. Nash 2, R. P. Crump 3, W. Kingston 4, D. Kingston 5, J. E. Crump (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method by 4 and 5, and first quarter of Surprise on bells.

IBSTOCK, LEICS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Joan Bolt 1, A. E. Rowley 2, Ivy Jordan 3, Roland Beniston (cond.) 4, R. Tonks 5, R. E. Manton 6. Rung for the engagement of R. E. Manton and Miss I. M. King.

KERESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sibley (first quarter, aged 10) 1, Miss R. Griffiths (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. Folwell 3, B. Ellender 4, H. E. Sibley (first quarter of Doubles as cond.) 5.

LINCOLN.—On Dec. 30th, at St. Giles', 1,280 Grandsire Triples: Brenda M. Swain (first quarter) 1, Nancie E. Swann (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. F. Metham 3, Margaret A. Swann 4, G. R. Parker 5, N. E. Chambers 6, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 7, J. F. Hodson 8. The ringers of 1, 2 and 4 are sisters, and it was their first quarter together.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, A. W. Angel 2, Miss R. Gibbons 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, Miss M. Kennelly 5, C. P. Andrews 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, A. W. J. Hunt 8.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. J. J. Broadhurst (first quarter) 1, R. Phillips 2, P. Millward 3, K. Edwards 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, J. Mawdesley (jun.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

NORTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. Edmund's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Gamage 1, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 2, T. Haynes 3, B. O. Soden 4, W. R. Hammons (first in the method) 5, B. E. Frost 6, E. Nobles 7, H. Marlow 8. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. A. Deacon, an old ringer of St. Edmund's.

OCKBROOK, DERBY.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles, being 720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob: J. Harrison (first quarter) 1, C. J. Gibbs 2, J. Salisbury 3, R. Harrison (first quarter as cond.) 4, M. Bailey 5. A farewell to M. Bailey who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): Miss E. Steele 1, C. H. Harding 2, B. Pattison (first of Treble Bob Minor) 3, A. Smith 4, B. F. Sims 5, B. S. Cope (cond.) 6.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 of Doubles (480 Bob, 480 Grandsire, 300 Stedman): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, T. Clark 3, Freda Attwood 4, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 5, Mary Delderfield 6. Birth-day compliment to ringers of 1 and 2. First quarter peal in three Doubles methods by all.

PERMARSH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles: M. Pritchard (first quarter) 1, V. Buttle 2, Mrs. G. Trendell 3, G. Trendell 4, T. Bird (cond.) 5.

PENDLETON, LANCs.—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: J. Wheadon 1, Jean C. Brown 2, Frances M. Lafin 3, R. Barlow 4, N. A. Brown 5, S. Hough (jun.) 6, D. Ogden 7, D. Mottershead (cond.) 8.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris M. Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, Ruth Jeanes 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1951.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,257 Stedman Carers: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Tafender 2, S. H. Lott 3, J. Bullock 4, E. E. Holman 5, J. Bennett 6, C. A. Hughes 7, C. W. Outley 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, F. L. Blewer 10.

POWDERHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Burnett 1, Miss P. Willmington 2, D. Panter 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, R. T. Perry 5, L. Burnett 6.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles, being 2 extents each of Norfolk, April Day, Old, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire: R. Youdle 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, A. Jones 3, J. Holbrook 4, F. Carter 5, D. Youdle 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,620 Doubles, being 6 extents of Plain Bob, 2 of April Day, 2 of Old and 60 changes of Plain Bob: J. Holbrook 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, E. Brown (first quarter) 3, A. Jones 4, F. Carter 5, R. Youdle 6.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mitchell 1, Miss M. Perkins 2, D. M. Hall 3, S. Dance 4, P. Carbutt 5, E. Atkinson (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. W. A. Jubb (curate) on preferment to the living of Monk Bretton, Yorks.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Turner (first quarter) 1, T. Cooper 2, Mrs. M. Abbott 3, M. Abbott 4, M. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Hall (first quarter) 6. First quarter by a Sunday service band. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hall (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Abbott 2, Miss D. Page (first quarter) 3, T. Cooper 4, M. Abbott (first of Minor) 5, M. Brown (cond.) 5. First of Minor by a Sunday Service band.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Bob Minor: D. J. Marshall 1, Sheila Kilbourne 2, W. E. Simpson 3, Mrs. W. E. Simpson 4, R. Harrison (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. Bailey 6. Rung as a farewell to Maurice Bailey, who is taking up his military service.

SUNBURY, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Chase, Antelope, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Plain): E. Pizzey 1, Janet S. Bailey 2, A. Bone 3, F. Blagrove (cond.) 4-5.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Bowers 4, W. Paul 5, S. Atkins 6, T. Staggs 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of the daughter of the captain of the local band.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, T. J. Marriott 2, G. S. Hill 3, P. Marriott 4, W. G. Soar 5, A. J. Marriott (first quarter as cond.) 6.

WARSOB, NOTTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: D. Rooke 1, Jean Haynes 2, D. Chadwick 3, Joan Smith (first in the method) 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WHITE WALTHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Aslett 1, B. Gregory 2, D. Spice 3, D. Hague 4, F. J. Russell (cond.) 5, J. E. Tessier 6.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. N. Williams 1, E. Williams 2, F. Preece (cond.) 3, A. Dorey 4, H. H. Runyard 5, J. Williams 6. A farewell to 1951.

WOOEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hall 1, A. Wear 2, R. Gardiner 3, D. Robinson (first quarter 'inside') 4, V. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. Carver 6.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-East Branch

The annual meeting of the North-East Branch at Tiverton, on January 5th, was attended by over 50 members and visitors, many of the latter coming from over the Somerset border. Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening. Of the many touches successfully brought round the two which perhaps best brought out, by the excellent way in which they were struck, the full beauty of this glorious ring were one of Grandsire Triples, in which the Guild president and two branch chairmen took part, and one of Bob Major, mainly by Somerset visitors.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon R. C. Worsley, who gave an address which, while avoiding the subjects of bells and ringing, was most appropriate to the occasion and made a deep impression on all present. The collection, in aid of the Guild Belfry Repair Fund, realised £1 9s. 3d.

At the business meeting the annual report showed that despite the difficulties, mainly due to distance and isolation, with which change ringers in this area of Devon have to contend, the Branch had continued to hold its own. Regular Sunday service ringing had been the rule in all Branch towers, there was a slight gain in membership, and an increase of £2 10s. in the balance in hand. It was decided to transfer £5 to the Instruction Fund in order to assist the Stoodleigh band to learn change ringing.

The retiring chairman, Mr. A. J. Taylor, stated that he did not wish to seek re-election as he felt that the Guild, in which he held two offices, would be strengthened, and greater interest in the cause of change ringing stimulated, if he relinquished one of them. The meeting accepted the resignation with regret and elected as its new chairman the Rev. J. F. Jones, the Rector of Huntsham, according him a very hearty welcome and wishing him every success during his term of office. The remaining officers were re-elected en bloc and the meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

A very pleasant meeting was held at Snitterfield on January 5th when about 35 ringers representing no less than 13 towers attended. These included visitors from the Worcestershire, Peterborough and Surrey Associations.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist was Mr. J. Holden, a member of the Ladbroke band. An enjoyable tea was supplied by Mrs. Smith, of Snitterfield.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—At St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Jan. 19th. Bells available 3. Meeting 4.15, followed by tea. Bells 6 till 7.30.—A. B. Peck. 107

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Braintree (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, if possible, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 67

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting Sheffield on Jan. 19th. Cathedral bells (12) available 2.30. St. Marie's (8) also available after tea. General committee meet 3.30 at Wolstenholme Hall (near Cathedral). Tea (2s. 6d. per head) same premises at 5 prompt. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards. Please note arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 121

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—IIchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock, January 26th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3. Meeting and tea to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 132

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Compton Bishop, near Axbridge, January 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Children's Hospital, by permission of the Matron.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 152

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Business meeting in tower 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 154

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Davenham, January 26th. Names for tea, by January 21st, to H. W. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 130

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, St. George's, Stockport, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For: tea, advise Mr. J. Barker, 34, Hillcrest Road, Offerton, Stockport, by January 22nd.—C. K. Lewis. 160

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Liscard, Wallasey, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 159

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Joint meeting at St. Luke's, Derby, on January 26th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Names for tea, by January 23rd, to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Derby. 141

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Jan. 26th. Bells from 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting after tea. St. Leonard's (6) available in evening. Numbers for tea to me by Jan. 21st, please.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec. 151

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting at Henbury (8) on January 26th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business, elections, etc., 6 p.m. Names for tea, by 20th, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 126

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 26th. S. Nicolas' and St. Mary's 3 p.m., Holy Trinity in evening. Service 4.15 at St. Mary's. Tea S. Nicolas' Hall. Please notify for tea by previous Tuesday to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 119

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual district meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 2.30. Service 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Gates, 88, Queen's Street, Hemel Hempstead, by Jan. 24th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 114

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Chilham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Those who require tea must notify Mr. L. Bennett, 10, Mill Row, Chartham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, and enclosing the cost, 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 116

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting Willesborough, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 117

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Saturday, January 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, when officers will be elected. Ringing also at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 131

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Leicester Dinner, January 26th. Ringing: St. John's, South Albion Street (10), 11.30 a.m.—12.45 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Church Gate (12), 1.45 p.m.—3.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), near Castle, 2.45 p.m.—4.45 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m., St. Philip's Hall, Evington Road. Buses 30 and 31 from Charles Street or Humberstone Gate. Entertainment and dancing until 11.30 p.m. 133

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — White Waltham, Saturday, January 26th. Committee meeting, Holly Cottage, 3.30. Bells 6 p.m. Names for tea by 21st.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Beedon (6), January 26th at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, January 23rd, to Mr. J. Butler, Westfield, Compton, Newbury. 139

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting Peterborough, Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Mary's bells 3 to 4. Service St. John's 4.15. Address by the Lord Bishop. Tea 5. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 103

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual, Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, Jan. 26th. Names for tea essential by Jan. 22nd to Mr. Eric Nobles, N.B. Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 109

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Towcester on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Names for tea by the Tuesday previous to Mr. V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester.—W. Yates, Sec. 125

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting Pewsey, Saturday, January 26th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 145

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting Walsall, Jan. 26th. Bells (12) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Jan. 22nd. Tower secretaries who have not collected their reports are reminded to do so at this meeting.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 94

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual district meeting at Balderton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Frequent buses from Newark. Names for tea must be sent to Miss Beryl White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark, by previous Tuesday. 110

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting at Mildenhall (10) January 26th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 157

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Mary's bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Beddington Park Tea Room. Please notify Mr. F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, by Jan. 19th. Nominations of general officers for 1952.—P. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 112

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Bexhill, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5.—P. H. R., Hon. Div. Sec. 164

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Ringing arrangements for January 26th: Long Ashton (8) 10—11.30 a.m.; SS. Philip and Jacob's (8) 2—3.15; St. Stephen's (10) 3.30—4.15; Christ Church (10) 5.15—6. Service at Christ Church 6 p.m.—Lance C. I. Watson, Hon. Sec. 136

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Cottage. Names, by 22nd, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 142

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual at Christchurch, Saturday, January 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday, January 23rd.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 137

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting and social, Ladbroke, February 2nd. Bishop's Itchington and Harbury bells available 2—4 p.m. Good bus service from Leamington. Ladbroke bells 2—4.30, followed by service, tea, etc., at Ladbroke. Social 7 p.m. Bus for Ladbroke via Southam from Leamington 2.15, returning 9.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Numbers for tea (2s. each), please. Social and refreshments free.—Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam. Phone: Harbury 314. 134

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Freiston, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, in Parish Hall. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 28th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 150

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby on Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 30th to G. W. Moody, Walcot, Scunthorpe. 153

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday Feb. 2nd. Festival Church (St. John's, Waterloo Road) 3.15—4.15; St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 2.30—4; Southwark Cathedral 4—5. Service in Cathedral 5. Tea/business, handbell competition, Chapter House. 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral 7.45. Names for tea, please. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 162

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Standing Committee, Norwich, Feb. 2nd. St. George's, Colegate, bells 2.15. Tea and committee meeting St. Clement's Parish Hall, Colegate, 4.15. Names to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Jan. 26th. 32

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Longcot, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 30th.—M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 144

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting Salisbury (St. Paul's), Feb. 2nd. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45. Bells: St. Paul's, 2.30—4, 6—6.30; St. Thomas', 6.45—8. Names for tea before Jan. 29th, please.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 128

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Dudley (10), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. (Netherton, Jan. 19th, not available.) Service 4.15 followed by tea and business meeting.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 158

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Annual Henry Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, March 15th. Chairman: Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Deputy Mayor of Birmingham. Tickets 13s. 6d. Early application (accompanied by remittance) essential.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 163

Mr. W. E. Critchley's 200 Peals

Mr. W. E. Critchley, of Doncaster, has rung his 200th peal, at Conisborough. His list is appended:

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