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THE TOWER CAPTAIN

By the Captain of a Village Band

SOME weeks ago an article under the heading of 'The Ringing Master' appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and it is felt that a few words on the position and duties of The Tower Captain, who is an important and essential man in every band, might be of interest.

First, every company of ringers, like every other organisation, must have a leader, who should, in the writer's opinion, be elected by the ringers each year. This assures him that he has the support and confidence of his fellow-ringers. He should also enjoy the confidence of his Rector and Churchwardens and, above all, set a good example in attending any service for which he has been ringing.

He must be an able ringer and conductor, and besides looking after the most advanced members of the band, must also see that the less advanced and beginners have a fair chance and not sit out the whole evening watching. Nothing kills interest so quickly amongst keen youngsters.

Much tact and at times even firmness is required in smoothing over any incidents and differences that can and do arise, and it is vital to maintain harmony amongst the band. The writer always believes on practice nights in asking the company what they would like to ring and endeavouring to meet their wishes as far as possible. For service ringing, and especially the last touch before the service, it is always advisable to ring a less complicated method that can and should be well struck.

Powers of leadership and drive are necessary, and keenness must be shown in getting the band to make progress, which, of course, can only be at the rate of the man who takes longer to grasp a more advanced method, but who, on the other hand, often turns out to be the most reliable.

Many are the disappointments to be met, mostly in teaching young lads to handle a bell, and then losing them just when they are becoming useful, or when the difficulties of change ringing are encountered, or other interest prove greater. Young ringers must be trained, as many a band has found out too late, when an old and valued member has moved away or, as will happen to us all, answered the last great call.

Order must be maintained in the belfry, and at all times it must be remembered that it is part of God's house, that ringing is part of God's work, and that the bells were installed primarily to be rung in the service of His Church.

In addition, peals must be arranged for National, Church and local occasions, and when the offices of Captain and Steeplekeeper are combined (as in the writer's case) ropes must be inspected and bells oiled and made ready, whether it be for the local ringers or a visiting band. Visitors should be welcomed personally if possible, belfries unlocked and positions of mains switches, etc., pointed out.

Visits to neighbouring towers (especially where there is no resident band) will be much appreciated and do much to create interest in the district.

One of the most pleasant and important duties of the writer has been to help some learner through his or her first peal, and the pleased looks that are shown at 'That is all' make it well worth while.

C. F. W. P.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of February 7th, 1913

ODD CHANGES

Only three men, so far as we are aware, have rung two tower bells to a peal, Messrs. J. W. Washbrook, J. E. Groves and W. H. Lawrence. Last Saturday Mr. John Thomas attempted a similar feat at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, when he started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, ringing 2-3 and conducting. The attempt, unfortunately, came to grief through no fault of his after 1 hour 40 minutes' ringing.

[Mr. Thomas succeeded in later years in ringing 2-3 to a tower-bell peal of Double Norwich.]

Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, we are reminded, is another ringer who has scored 500 peals for one association in his case the Norwich. That brings the total up to five. Mr. I. G. Shade is close on the border-line, and will be ringing his 500th for the Middlesex shortly, if all's well.

The bells of St. Mary's, Chelmsford, a ring of ten, tenor 22 cwt. in E, are to be recast into a ring of 12, tenor 20 cwt. in E. . . .

[Waltham Abbey and Saffron Walden were augmented about the same time. A new diocese for Essex, hitherto in St. Albans, was being formed, and these three churches were rival claimants to be the Cathedral Church. It has been said that the augmentations were not unconnected with this!]

TWELVE-BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 4 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 8
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 10
LEONARD H. BOWLER 5	TONY PRICE 11
ALFRED J. HOUSE 6	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
DOROTHY M. UDALE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 8
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	JOHN HILL 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	†PETER J. STANFORTH .. 10
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	JOHN B. BENNETT 11
*PETER C. WRIGHT 6	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on twelve bells. † 350th peal.

In memoriam to the respected memory of Rupert Richardson.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composer's Circuits B.W.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS E. DAVIES .. Treble	SQUIRE CROFT 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 2	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 7
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 8
*†MARJORIE JACKSON .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE 9
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method.

A wedding compliment to Miss A. Castle and Mr. E. T. Beauchamp.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

*RICHARD RAINFORD .. Treble	JAMES E. BURLS 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 7
*JOHN WOODS 3	*FRANK T. F. POSTLETHWAITE 8
JOHN BAGNALL 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 9
*HERBERT RAINFORD .. 5	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday anniversary of John Woods, the 3rd ringer.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWLEY .. Treble	†HAROLD V. FROST 6
ANNE B. SPEED 2	†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
†D. KAY ADKINS 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 8
†AUDREY M. BAILEY .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 9
ALICK CUTLER 5	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BETTY M. VIDLER .. Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3	PETER C. WRIGHT 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS E. SONE. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS .. Treble	*CECIL RADDON 5
*HARRY PARKER 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 6
*JOHN SCOTT 3	*HAROLD WORRALL 7
*PETER COXALL 4	*JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method.

A compliment to Mr. P. Coxall and Miss Grimshaw on their recent marriage.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER 6
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by ERNEST BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The 200th peal on the bells.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 22 cwt.

H. L. BISHOP Treble	G. BISHOP 5
J. GORDON 2	A. H. WEBB 6
M. BISHOP 3	W. CORDEROY 7
D. JORDAN 4	D. BOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WEBB.

A peal of thanksgiving. First since re-opening of tower on Christmas Eve after being struck by lightning August 15th, 1952.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. Treble	ALAN A. HILLIER 5
MRS. MARY MAYELL .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
JOHN M. STALLARD 3	ALBERT M. TYLER 7
IVOR H. TRUEMAN 4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	JOHN HILL 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	JOHN B. BENNETT 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

IAN JONES	Treble	*G. BRIAN DICKINSON ..	5
MARGARET E. OPENSHAW ..	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	6
JAMES BLACKBURN	3	FREDERICK BROWNLOW ..	7
THOMAS TURNER	4	†FRANK STEAD	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being: 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

HENRY O. BAKER	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ..	3	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ..	Tenor

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

* First peal in twelve methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells, and in the city of Chester.

A birthday compliment to Henry O. Baker, Anthea Baker and Kathleen Mary Lewis.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*JOHN T. FINEY	Treble	W. GEORGE CHALLEN ..	5
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN ..	2	NORMAN J. SMITH ..	6
LEONARD STILWELL ..	3	PETER R. BLACKMAN ..	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS ..	4	JOHN H. HUNT	Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal.

Rung for the eve of the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, STOKE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

JOHN'S VARIATION.		DAVID A. CARPENTER ..	5
FRANK W. PERRENS ..	Treble	*RAYMOND WINTER ..	6
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ..	2	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
L. MICHAEL CALLOW ..	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ..	Tenor
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ..	4		

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Surprise.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,208 Bristol, 1,920 London, 480 Cambridge and 480 Superlative, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*GEOFFREY PAUL	Treble	*H. LESLIE PASK	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ..	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
WALTER TOMLINSON ..	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ..	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Brenda Swann, of the local band.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.		MISS D. L. R. TURK	
(Newn.) Treble		A. R. GUY (Jesus) ..	5
P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
*R. B. MORRIS (Clare) ..	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	7
*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's.)	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise rung for the Guild by a resident band.

NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK H. ELEY	Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	5
*EDMUND MALIN	2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ..	6
*LANCE C. I. WATSON ..	3	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ..	7
LAURENCE WOOD	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ..	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Major. First of Bob Major on the bells, also first peal on them since restoration by J. Taylor and Co.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND ..	Treble	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ..	5
*ERIC EDMONDSON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ..	6
WILLIAM H. DEACON ..	3	JACK N. BROWN	7
THOMAS C. LARKEY ..	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam James Prescott, a member of the local band, who was interred the same day at St. Michael's, Aughton.

STRETTFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK ..	Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS ..	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	Cecil Raddon	6
JOHN SCOTT	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
HENRY PARKER	4	HARRY W. HOWARD ..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARION L. LIDGEY ..	Treble	HARRY MILES	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ..	2	*HENRY TAYSON	6
FRANK BRADLEY	3	WILLIAM J. SANDERS ..	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS ..	4	EDWARD SANDERS	Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Edward Sanders; also to Mr. William Lidgey (who has been closely connected with Tuckingmill Church for many years) on attaining his 89th birthday.

A farewell to Henry Taysom, who is about to enter H.M. Forces.



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SIX BELL PEALS**MALINS LEE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (10 callings) and six 240's (Morris's Arrangement).
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*BRIAN AMIAS Treble	C. MICHAEL BARNETT .. 4
G. LEONARD HEWITT .. 2	HENRY DOUGLAS .. 5
*MARGARET JONES .. 3	ALAN V. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY DOUGLAS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The first peal of Grandsire Doubles by all, except by the ringer of the 2nd. First peal on the bells for 18 years.

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

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JACK BRAY Treble	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 4
BRIAN CUTHBERT .. 2	HARRY HALL .. 5
RONALD CHAFER .. 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

**GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. 4
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPE .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

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

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In twelve methods, being one 720 each of: (i) London and Wells, (ii) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (iii) Norfolk and Primrose, (iv) Cambridge and Ipswich, (v) Beverley and Surfleet, (vi) Beverley, Surfleet, York and Durham, (vii) York and Durham. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. 2	†LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
*ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR .. 3	JAMES W. HAW .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Spliced Surprise.

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

(Eastern Branch.)

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being thirteen 120's of April Day, fourteen 120's of Grandsire, and five 360's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERIC PARSONS Treble	†GEORGE PARKER .. 4
G. ANGUS DIXON .. 2	RUSSELL BARRATT .. 5
†RICHARD BAILEY .. 3	ARTHUR A. CURTIS .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

Being a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. H. S. Howell, who was inducted to the living the previous week.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*PETER G. HARTLEY (16) .. Treble	*JANET M. SPURGIN (13) .. 4
LESLIE D. MILLS .. 2	MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 5
†STUART T. HUME (15) .. 3	DONALD L. MILLS (13) .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor and first peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung in appreciation of the ringer of the 2nd, who taught the remainder of the band.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

*On Mon., Jan. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

A. M. ATKINS Treble	BRIAN PIDGEON .. 4
MISS E. BROWN .. 2	FRED WREDFORD .. 5
SIDNEY SKINNER .. 3	JOHN QUICK .. Tenor

Conducted by A. M. ATKINS.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Jan. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20.
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*DAVID BAKER Treble	RAYMOND P. WOOD, JUN. 4
RICHARD WILSON .. 2	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. 3	HENRY C. WEAVER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of election to the Sussex County Association of Mr. S. F. Haffenden (verger and captain of ringers at Goring-by-Sea); also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Fox.

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

*On Fri., Jan. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. GREEN .. Treble	PETER MASON .. 4
BERTIE BEE .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
†AMOS INGALL .. 3	MOSES BILLINGS .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*COLIN J. CHAMPION .. Treble	†ROYDON DAVIES .. 4
†HILDA E. OATWAY .. 2	WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. 5
*ERNEST W. RAZZELL .. 3	*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. OATWAY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'inside.'
‡ First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

A birthday compliment to C. J. Champion.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Treble	*BRIAN W. CABLE .. 4
*GERALD D. J. SANDWELL 2	HERMON J. OLIVER .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 3	GERALD FROST .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Minor and Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*DEREK NADIN Treble	MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON 4
†BRIAN WOODRUFFE .. 2	ALEC RICHARDSON .. 5
MRS. MARGARET WHITE .. 3	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Norwich Surprise, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY .. 4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT .. 5
MARY FULLER .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

BENJAMIN STEPNEY .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS .. 4
GEORGE BEENEY .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS 3	C. JOHN PIPER .. Tenor

Conducted by C. JOHN PIPER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

Arranged for the conductor's 18th birthday, which occurred the day before.

RIBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble	*DIANA R. BANKS .. 4
*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 2	ERNEST J. GOWER .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

* First peal of Minor.

SPILSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*H. ERIC PARSONS .. Treble	G. ANGUS DIXON .. 4
*RICHARD N. BAILEY .. 2	GEORGE H. PARKER .. 5
*CECIL H. WRIGHT .. 3	RUSSELL BARRATT .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since 1821.

Rung on the birth anniversary of the treble ringer's child, a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife, and for the wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble	*FRANK K. MEASURE .. 4
*MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	*ALFRED BALLARD .. 5
*MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Minor in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160, and four 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOE E. G. ROAST .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 2	*JOHN WEST .. 5
*PETER J. CAME .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Surprise.



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CASTOR, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven varied extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES Treble	*BETIE BALL 4
*JOHN PLUMMER 2	FRANK SISMEY 5
WALTER LONGFOOT 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to J. Plummer, who is shortly leaving for Cuffley.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEOFFREY PEARSON Treble	*DAVID A. EDWARDS 4
JEAN C. BROWN 2	DEREK OGDEN 5
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*DAVID A. CORNFORD .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 5
*IVAN A. C. BUTCHER 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Minor.

HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*LESLIE E. HAWKINS .. Treble	LAURENCE E. HITCHENS .. 4
*EDWARD C. MARLOW 2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 5
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 3	*THOMAS E. MALLARD .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Ballance.

LEWKNOR, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

HARRY C. JONES Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	GEORGE F. BURTON 5
CHARLES COLES 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal on the augmented ring.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 24 extents (10 callings) of Grandsire, 8 (4 callings) of Plain Bob, and 5 of Morris's 240's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GILLIAN A. RICH Treble	†JOHN F. PENFOLD 4
†JANET R. WELLS 2	†FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE .. 5
†GEORGE E. RUCK 3	*WARWICK W. RICH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

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

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Hull, Norwich, Ipswich, Bourne, and three of Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS Treble	BETIE BEE 4
*FRED INGALL 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE 5
AMOS INGALL 3	LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First Surprise peal in five methods.

Rung to celebrate the 93rd birthday of Mrs. E. Ingall, mother of ringers of 2nd and 3rd; also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wells, granddaughter of Mrs. Ingall, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ANNE HOLMES Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	JOHN E. CANNELL 5
RALPH BIRD 3	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. CANNELL.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Holmes, of Cobham, Surrey, on the birth of a daughter.

HANDBELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 170, PUNT ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

JOAN GRAY 1-2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 5-6
VALERIE WILLARD 3-4	*BARBARA BEESON 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN (C.C.C. No. 100).

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First handbell peal and first peal of Major.

A wedding compliment to John B. Willis, a member of the above Society.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob; 576 Little Bob; 464 Reverse Bob; 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob; 288 Wellington Little Bob; 232 Crayford Little Bob; and 1,456 Plain Bob, with 397 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
JOHN FREEMAN 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7-8

* Silent.

Witness: PHILIP BARNES.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Jan. 25, 1953, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

IN JESUS COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Spliced College and Waver-tree College, (2) and (3) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall College Bob, (4) and (5) Spliced Double and Fulbeck Bob, (6) Spliced Canterbury and Reverse Bob, (7) Plain Bob; 118 changes of method.

Tenor size 11 in G.

R. JAMES COOK 1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER 3-4
PETER BORDER 5-6	

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

ANGERSLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 480 Stedman, 420 Grandsire): H. Floyd 1, R. Shires 2, B. Burston 3, H. Churchill 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Wills 1, Miss E. Burton 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, D. Watson 4, F. E. Wilson 5, C. Weston 6, T. Bolingbroke 7, G. H. Bray (first as cond.) 8.

BADSEY, WORCS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Worthington (first quarter) 1, A. J. Taylor 2, K. Mitchell (first 'inside') 3, A. Worthington 4, R. R. Savory (cond.) 5, L. Mitchell 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Joy Worthington.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Mitchell 1, D. W. Beard (cond.) 2, A. W. Beard 3, R. W. Stannard 4, C. Fenn 5, S. J. Holgate 6, E. G. Cottis 7, P. J. Dawe 8. Rung for the annual marriage reunion service. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Mitchell (first of Major) 1, C. Fenn 2, A. W. Beard 3, R. W. Stannard 4, C. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, S. J. Holgate 7, E. G. Cottis 8. Rung for the festival of carols.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Poolman (first of Minor) 1, E. Marshall 2, S. Casley 3, D. Searcy 4, C. King 5, C. Ward (first as cond.) 6, W. Langley 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Baldwin, over 50 years a ringer at this church and a founder-member of the Middlesex Association.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Milsted 1, Nellie Bridges 2, H. Luck 3, L. Everest 4, T. Holmes 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. A. Russell (cond.) 7, T. Ellender 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Talbot 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, F. Tuffley 3, Miss S. Davis 4, G. Stocker 5, R. Rex 6, R. Crook (first as cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8.

CHELSEA, S.W.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lott 1, Miss J. M. Weddell 2, F. Howson 3, R. Mackrill 4, Miss V. E. Dupré (first on ten bells) 5, A. F. Udall (comp. and cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, P. A. Carter 8, C. H. Wood 9, C. T. Bartlett 10. Rung to celebrate the christening of Frank Richard, third son of the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Hodgson 1, Mrs. Jean Dunn 2, D. Mellor 3, H. E. Taylor 4, D. Gregory 5, A. C. Wright 6, R. Bullen 7, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1 and 3.

DESFORD, LEICS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. L. French 1, Mrs. P. J. Stanforth 2, Mrs. J. R. Smith (cond.) 3, J. R. Smith 4, P. J. Stanforth 5, W. Bennett 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. French, mother of the treble ringer.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Naden 1, B. J. Woodruffe 2, E. Ellison 3, Mrs. M. White 4, Mrs. G. Richardson 5, W. A. Smith 6, I. W. Smith 7, A. Richardson (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to W. A. Smith, who is studying at Durham University.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Proctor 1, R. Parker (first of Stedman) 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, T. A. Relf 4, D. A. Frith 5, J. Royce 6, H. R. Woods (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. Pick 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Parsons, of Staveley, mother of F. S. Parsons, of Grantham.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. M. Rowley 1, Miss F. Burbridge 2, Miss M. Tapley 3, A. Waddington 4, M. H. Couchman (cond.) 5, L. K. Dawe 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dear 1, D. J. Hare 2, A. W. Dibley 3, L. H. Bywaters 4, P. Mehew 5, G. Dear 6. Rung for Watchnight service.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. R. Retter 1, A. Tapley 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, J. Salway 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. G. Betts 6, W. Reeks 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 2.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Pam Wood 1, H. Rowley (cond.) 2, A. Bowers 3, M. Axford 4, M. Hunt 5, J. Dewes 6. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hall (first quarter) 1, H. Rowley (cond.) 2, Pam Wood 3, A. Bowers 4, R. Axford 5, E. Atkinson 6. To mark the 61st anniversary of H. Rowley's first quarter, rung on January 17th, 1892.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. M. Salisbury 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, C. E. Wright (cond.) 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, S. Perfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Harding 1, H. Mair 2, Miss C. M. Hall 3, C. Benactt 4, J. Adams 5, T. Bowles (cond.) 6.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire) rung with 7, 6, 8 behind: F. Jukes, jun. (first quarter) 1, A. E. Morgan 2, A. Peakman 3, C. Peakman 4, F. Jukes, sen. (first quarter as cond.) 5, H. Morgan 6, F. Preston 7, D. Griffiths 8. First quarter for all in four methods. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the late Bishop of Lichfield.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 15th, 1,925 Grandsire Caters: T. C. Belton 1, J. B. Webb 2, E. Malin 3, C. M. Smith 4, Joan Beresford 5, D. Beresford 6, G. Peers 7, W. J. Cope 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, W. N. Culling 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. S. Woods (Lord Bishop of Lichfield).

LUTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. King 1, A. J. Smith 2, W. Bottrill 3, J. Scott 4, J. G. Rushton 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, C. Mann 10. A compliment to Miss Enid Preston, who commences another term at Durham University.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Erin Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, R. Keeley 2, H. G. Keeley 3, J. Barrett 4, G. Whitmore 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. Morris (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. A birthday compliment to Canon C. C. Cox.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Miss Ann Cox (first quarter) 1, J. Seager 2, M. Harbott 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, R. W. Morant (first quarter as cond.) 5.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, W. Ransom 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. Clements 5, E. J. Wakeling 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, J. Hales 8.

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By ringing the treble to a silent and non-
conducted peal of Stedman Triples at Salford
Priors, on Saturday, Mrs. J. Thomas reached
her 500 peals and becomes the first lady to
achieve this total. It was the first silent peal
of Stedman by all the band and rung at the
sixth attempt.

We have received from
the chairman of the Stroud
Branch of the Gloucester and
Bristol Diocesan Association a donation of
7s. 6d. towards the expenses of 'The Ringing
World' from one of the Gloucestershire clergy
as an appreciation of the ringers and their paper.
The thought that accompanied the gift is much
appreciated by the Editor and 'The Ringing
World' Committee.

The peal as Spilsby on January 20th was the
first on the bells since 1821.

Mr. Harold Gorton, of Bolton, Lancs, would
be pleased to hear of any other ringers who
have tolled the bells at Bethlehem.

The ringer of the tenor in the quarter peal
at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on January 4th,
was J. Stockbridge and not A. Butler, as sub-
mitted.

Mr. Cecil Knight, the genial secretary of the
National Police Guild, is in the Leicester Royal
Infirmary following an operation for appendi-
citis. Good wishes from his many ringing
friends are tendered to him for a speedy re-
covery.

The winter issue of 'The Irish Bell News' is a
first-class number, full of human interest.
Editor F. E. Dukes knows what news appeals
to ringers. Subscription rate for 1953, 2s. 6d.,
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One of the founders of the Lancaster
Branch of the Lancashire Association.
Mr. John Woods, who has been the
mainstay of its activities ever since, was not
permitted to allow his 70th birthday to pass
unheeded. A peal of Plain Bob Royal was
rung at Lancaster R.C. Cathedral. Afterwards
the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and
Mrs. Wood and time was found to indulge, as
ringers do, in many reminiscences.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A delightful pictorial study
of the Rev. F. Llewellyn-
Edwards, Rector of Kingston
Magna, appeared in the 'Bournemouth Daily
Echo.' Mr. Edwards is pictured surrounded by
children from the village school where he has
taught them to sing in seven languages. Men-
tion is made of Mr. Edwards' (who is described
as 'a parson from "Barchester Towers"') love
of ringing and that he rang the bells of St.
Paul's Cathedral last year at the Lord Mayor's
Show.

The Sussex County Association's annual
week's tour from July 5th to 12th this year will
be in Derbyshire. There are a few vacant seats
if anyone is interested; please write Miss F.
Wyman, next Post Office, High Street, Lingfield,
Surrey.

Mr. Ernest Morris has been a victim of
bronchial influenza. He left his bed a little
too soon to attend Sunday services at St. Mar-
garet's, Leicester, and the result was a nasty fall
down the chancel steps. He fell on his face,
badly cutting his right eyelid and damaging his
cheek and forehead.

The bells of Farnworth, Lancs, ceased their
regular use after ringing in the New Year. Work
on restoring the bells and fittings will start after
the Coronation. The sum of about £1,200
is required to complete the contract and the
Vicar (the Rev. F. T. Barnsley Webber) appeals
to all friends of Farnworth Church for a
generous response.

In an article on 'Ringing the Changes,' the
monthly periodical of the National Institute for
the Blind, the writer states: 'I told my bell-
ringing friend that I had heard a tune played
on church bells which sounded like the some-
what vulgar song, "Why don't you leave my
wife alone? She is so drunk she can't get home."
That, he explained, was Queens.' Another
memory of the Victorian era.

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BIG DROP IN PEAL RINGING IN 1952

Over 300 Less Than Previous Year

It is now possible to give an indication of peal ringing during 1952. Without any exclusions by the Peals Analysis Committee for recommendation to the Central Council, the number so far submitted is 2,617, made up of 2,395 on tower bells and 222 'in hand.' This is a substantial drop on the record total recorded in 1951 of 2,925 (2,632 on tower bells and 293 'in hand').

Figures for the previous four years were:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
1950 ..	2,370	354	2,724
1949 ..	2,527	378	2,906
1948 ..	2,365	274	2,639
1947 ..	1,953	221	2,174

But for the passing of King George VI. in February the total would have been much less. The total for February of 327 peals was about 100 above the average for the month for the past four years.

Handbell ringing was the lowest for the past five years, and many of the peals received were on six bells. There are very few centres where peals are scored regularly 'in hand.'

MONTHLY TOTALS FOR 1952

January ..	179
February ..	327
March ..	214
April ..	201
May ..	229
June ..	186
July ..	163
August ..	211
September ..	207
October ..	188
November ..	255
December ..	257

Total 2,617

Tower	2,395
Hand	222

LEADING ASSOCIATIONS

	Tower	Hand	Total
Leicester Diocesan Guild..	184	22	206
Kent County Association..	149	6	155
Lancashire County Assn...	143	4	147
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	108	11	119
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	114	—	114
Chester Diocesan Guild ..	105	3	108
Essex County Association	107	1	108
St. Martin's Guild ..	92	12	104
Norwich Diocesan Assn...	95	1	96
Archdeaconry of Stafford	91	3	94

The above figures are subject to verification by the Peals Analysis Committee.

ROTHERHAM BUSINESS WOMEN HEAR ABOUT RINGING

On January 10th, a lecture on 'Church Bells and Change Ringing' was given to the Rotherham Business and Professional Women's Guild by Mr. N. Chaddock. Over 100 ladies were present. Demonstrations in change ringing were given by Mr. and Mrs. Chaddock, Mr. T. C. Ryder and Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, and tunes were played on handbells by Wickersley Modern School Handbell Ringers.

Visual aids included a large section of an ideal bell tower, a model bell in frame and numerous diagrams, books and photographs. The Sheffield and District Society's Peal Book was on view and created much interest.

The lecture dealt with various aspects of the Exercise, including methods of hanging and ringing bells, peals, ringing organisations, literature, casting bells, bells abroad and the place of ringing in church work.

The variety of sensible questions which came from the audience afterwards indicated the tremendous interest which the lecture had aroused, and some requests were received—to visit the belfry on a practice night and see the bells being rung.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Winter Meeting at Wakefield

The winter general meeting was held at Wakefield on January 17th and was well attended by members from each of the four Districts. Good use was made of the Cathedral ring of twelve during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting following tea the chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc., Archdeacon of Leeds, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, and the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. S. H. Steel, S. F. Palmer, A. Bairstow and J. Maxfield.

The president expressed regret that he was unable to attend the last meeting and expressed his personal thanks to Mr. H. S. Morley for kindly stepping into the breach at very short notice.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a vote of thanks to the Provost of Wakefield, the Very Rev. Noel P. Hopkins, for the use of the bells and providing facilities for the meeting, adding that he was sorry that the tablet recording the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal ever rung had now disappeared from the belfry. Mr. J. W. Gibson seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. E. Kirby replied, acknowledging the vote of thanks which he would pass on to the Provost. Like Mr. Johnson, he was sorry that the tablet had disappeared, but unfortunately it was one of those things that had happened during the restoration.

A similar vote of thanks to the local company for their kind help and tea arrangements was moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sellers and carried with applause.

The president announced that the next meeting would be the annual meeting and if no invitations were forthcoming the committee, who had discussed the matter, recommended that the meeting be held at Selby Abbey on May 2nd. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved, and Mr. J. W.

Moxon seconded, that the committee's recommendation be accepted. This was carried.

The president stated that the committee had considered a proposal to launch an appeal for funds for the purpose of presenting their former hon. treasurer, Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, with a suitable memento and acknowledgment of the untiring and painstaking service he had so assiduously rendered to the Association for so many years. The committee were unanimous that the appeal should be launched forthwith as it was hoped to make the presentation at the annual general meeting. The committee were confident that the support of the membership would be readily and generously available and asked that donations should be sent as early as possible to the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, Lane End House, Lane End, Pudsey, near Leeds.

Reporting on the Snowdon Dinner, the president paid tribute to the excellent arrangements the York Minster Society had made. They were particularly glad to welcome the Lord Mayor of York and the Dean of York. Mr. Harold Walker, of York, then gave a very comprehensive statement, pointing out that 79 were present. They had hoped to exceed this figure by some 20, and it was with that figure in mind that they had fixed the cost per head. As it was there was a small deficit of 30s. He thought this reflected lack of support and urged the members to do all possible to remedy this in future.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he felt their very best thanks were due to Mr. Walker and the York Minster Society for the splendid effort they had made and moved that the deficit be met from Association funds. Mr. W. Barton seconded and this was carried.

The following new members were elected: Jean Lawn, Elsa Murray and Margaret Barker, of Collingham, and Dorothy Hogg, of Leeds. The meeting then concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman. Further ringing followed, rounding off a pleasant and successful meeting. L. W. G. M.

TWO HUNDRED PEALS IN A CHESHIRE TOWER

On Saturday, January 17th, the 200th peal on the bells was rung at Norbury by a band who between them have rung 714 peals on the bells, i.e., James A. Milner 107, William Fernley 124, Wilfred Stevenson 62, James Fernley 129, C. Kenneth Lewis 71, Joseph Whittaker 53, Peter Laflin 54, John Worth 114. The band for the occasion was selected on the basis of the greatest number of peals rung there, and in addition to the members of the band the following have scored heavily: John W. Hartley 52, Lionel Clough 50, Tom Wilde 39, Alan A. Potts 29. Other ringers whose names once appeared regularly in the pages of 'The Ringing World' have a good score, but space forbids an exhaustive list.

The first peal on the bells was rung on May 5th, 1900 (Minor in four methods), and the only survivor of that band is Mr. J. Dean, who still occasionally visits the belfry. Forty-two peals were rung on the old six, which were recast and augmented in 1925, and the first peal on the augmented ring was Kent and Oxford Treble Bob on November 26th, 1925. Before the bells were augmented, however, ringing history was made there in Spliced Minor ringing, peals in varying numbers of methods up to 35 being rung. The first peals of Clarendon Surprise, Manchester Surprise, Stockport Surprise, Ramsey Surprise, Deva Surprise, and Carisbrooke Delight were rung at Norbury, and the first

peals for the Chester Guild of Spliced Surprise in 2 methods, 4 methods, 14 and 16 methods were also rung there as well as the Guild's firsts in various other methods. The longest lengths on the bells are 5,600 Cambridge and 5,600 Aldenham. It is worth mentioning that the top four (as regards numbers of peals rung) of the list of methods rung are Bristol 34, Cambridge 22, London 17, and Double Norwich 16.

Any mention of Norbury tower would not be complete without reference to the late James Fernley, who guided its destinies with a firm but kindly hand for many years and whose proud boast it was that 'Norbury is a nursery for ringers.' He would indeed be proud to see the way in which this tradition is being carried on by his son, James, although he would, perhaps, be surprised at the fact that the tower can muster a complete band of ladies for service ringing. On practice nights at Norbury ringers attend from various local towers (if ten miles can be termed local), and the ringing may range from rounds for the learners to Spliced Surprise in 12 or more methods.

The ringers, too, have been fortunate in the clergy: the Rev. A. J. Humphreys was for many years their Vicar and very capably dealt with any complaints he received, and his successor, the Rev. E. Taylor, has already shown himself most sympathetic towards ringers. This has engendered the most cordial relations between ringers and congregation. C. K. L.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Enthusiasm Still in Dorchester Branch

RINGERS of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their annual general meeting at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on January 17th, the attendance being over 70.

The eight bells of St. Peter's were rung from 2.30 p.m. until 4 o'clock, when the Guild service in the church was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon C. Chute, Rector of Piddlehinton and vice-chairman of the branch. Mr. Eric Cornick was at the organ.

Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, chairman of the branch, read the lesson and also gave the address, taking his text from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verse 11: '... in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.'

These three points, said the Rector, summed up what should be the aim of all Christians, to be eager and willing to do their chosen work well, to be fervent (the original meaning of which meant 'boiling') with zeal for Christ's service, and, finally, serving the Lord in their own sphere to the best of their ability.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Institute by a band of ladies connected with the church, and following this the business meeting was conducted by Canon Markby, chairman. Apologies were read from the Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. E. T. P. Field.

WEST LULWORTH BELLS

Arising from the minutes, the question was asked, 'Is anything being done about the bells at West Lulworth?' and Archdeacon Chute, in reply, said he had been given to understand that the tower was being rebuilt, but not to its former height, and the bells would not be rehung, the expense being too great.

The hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, read his report for the past year, in which he stated that membership had declined a little, but the enthusiasm was still there. There were now 173 members, 150 of whom were ringing members.

Four peals were rung and 24 quarter peals, spread over a total of 12 different towers. All the peals were rung at Piddlehinton, one of these and a number of the quarters being in memory of King George VI.

Meetings in 1952 were held at Dorchester, Wool, Milton Abbey, Abbotsbury, Preston and Wyke Regis, and the fortnightly branch practices were as popular as ever. Preston now had six bells and Charminster's six had been rehung, two very welcome occurrences.

The branch had lost two ringing members and one associate by the death during the year of Messrs. J. T. Godwin and W. J. Simons, of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and Mr. J. Salter, of Weymouth. Later in the meeting the chairman paid tribute to their memory.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of just over £40, slightly more than last year.

The report and balance sheet were adopted with thanks to the hon. secretary and treasurer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Proceeding to the election of officers, the vice-chairman, Archdeacon Chute, said he would like to thank the ladies for a very fine tea, a sentiment which was heartily acclaimed by all present, and the Archdeacon then asked for nominations for the office of chairman.

Canon Markby was unanimously re-elected, as also were the rest of the officers: vice-chairman, Archdeacon J. C. Chute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne; assistant secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey; Deputy Ringing Master, Messrs. F. Stedman and E. T. P. Field.

The secretary was asked to make inquiries as to the possibility of holding the Spring quarterly meeting at Maiden Newton.

It was also suggested that two meetings should be held on Thursdays.

The next branch practice was fixed for Preston on Saturday, February 7th next.

New members elected were Messrs. B. Greaves and B. Ellis (Piddlehinton), T. Webb (Abbotsbury), E. Hill (Wyke Regis) from associate to ringing member, and Miss R. Warren, Miss P. House and Mr. P. Saberton (Fordington).

The meeting agreed to the payment of the expenses of the Ringing Master and Hon. Secretary on the occasion of their attendance at the Guild committee meeting at Salisbury in February last.

Canon Markby thanked the vice-chairman for his attendance and his conducting the service, and gave a warm welcome to Canon C. C. Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis and Master of the Salisbury Guild.

Canon Cox expressed his pleasure at being able to attend, and wished he could attend more of the meetings of the Dorchester Branch, but Saturday was a busy day, and his last appearance at Dorchester was in January, 1947.

In reply to a question from the secretary regarding the transfer of a tower from one branch to another, the Master said that the tower secretary should apply to his branch secretary, and the matter should come before the Guild Committee.

SALE OF CHURCH BELLS

Canon Cox spoke on the subject of the sale of church bells. This should not be allowed, in his opinion, as there were probably towers in the same diocese which would welcome the opportunity to acquire the bells for their own use. Speaking of the Guild report, Canon Cox stated that it was suggested that in view of the cost of printing it would be advisable to print the report every two years instead of annually.

Mr. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for his address and his able conducting of the meeting, and to all who had helped with the arrangements, especially Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, who had managed a great deal of work in a short time.

THE GODWIN MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. J. W. Smith said he had been asked by the family of the late Mr. Godwin to thank the members of the branch for the way in which they had carried out Mr. Godwin's wishes regarding the ringing at his funeral. (Mr. Godwin had expressed a wish that the bells should be rung half-muffled before and open following the service at St. Peter's.)

The J. T. Godwin Memorial Fund now stood at about £65, and Canon Markby thanked the branch members for their contributions. The money would be used for churchwardens' staves, church notice boards and redecoration of the belfry, including the peal boards.

Mr. Smith inquired if the annual Guild Festival could be held on Easter Monday, and Canon Cox agreed to put the question before the Guild Committee.

Following the meeting, the ringers returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. with methods up to Cambridge Major under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey.

HOSPITALITY AT RIBCHESTER

Few peal-ringing visits could have been of a more cordial nature than that made by the Clitheroe Sunday service band with Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, when they visited Ribchester, Lancashire. On arrival they were welcomed by the Rector and the local captain (Mr. T. Sagar), and a lady arranging flowers in the church offered to make a cup of tea before the peal was attempted. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Sagar and then all sat down to watch the television programme. For this real hospitality the band wish to thank their hosts.

Sarum St. Edmund's Visited After 20 Years

The Salisbury Branch held its annual meeting for the first time in 20 years at Sarum St. Edmund's on January 24th. The bells at this fine old 14th century church have been unringable since before the war, but they are still said to be the finest ring in Salisbury, and an estimate has recently been given that it would cost £750 to make the timber frame safe for ringing.

The Rector, the Rev. H. G. Goodall, conducted the Guild service and welcomed the ringers. After giving a brief account of the church and its bells, he spoke of their message—not merely to call people to worship (as synthetic bells or a loud-speaker van could do), but first of all to proclaim the Risen Christ and that 'This is the day which the Lord hath made' and 'This is none other than the House of God.'

Some 50 members and visitors then adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, which local ringers' wives (and children!) had prepared.

At the business meeting which followed, the company stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. Frank Yule, for many years a keen and loyal member of Sarum St. Paul's, who died recently.

Reporting on the year's activities, the secretary mentioned seven business and practice meetings, 12 new members elected, six certificates of proficiency gained, five peals rung including ten 'firsts' and two 'firsts as conductor', also a number of quarter peals.

The balance sheet showed a balance carried forward of £24 13s. 9d.

The branch officers were all re-elected: Chairman, H. A. Roles; vice-chairman, W. Chalk; secretary and treasurer, Miss Y. L. Eloie; Ringing Masters, H. A. Roles, J. Mussell, H. H. Abrahams; together with A. Haines and C. Haines as members of committee. D. Gay was elected a ringing member and G. Dibden a life ringing member, and E. Haines received a certificate of proficiency.

The chairman, in reviewing the year, spoke of the present position at Sarum St. Martin's, where the bells have now been overhauled since the repairs to the spire, but the Rector did not wish to allow regular Sunday ringing until a band can be raised from the members of the congregation. He also reported on the inspection of St. Edmund's bells, and on the announcement in a local paper that Durrington hope to add a treble to their ring of five bells as a permanent memorial of the Coronation.

St. Martin's bells were put to good use in the afternoon as also were those of St. Thomas's, St. Paul's and Wilton in the evening. Touches were rung in standard methods and Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative and London (one ringer was heard to say with satisfaction, 'And they all came round!'). The ringers are grateful to all the incumbents concerned for the use of the bells, and to the Rector of St. Edmund's for his welcome.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CORONATION PEAL NOT WANTED

Dear Sir,—At a recent meeting to discuss our village plans for Coronation Day, the request for the six bells was: 'A peal or two before the service and some bells during the bonfire and on no account any of your three-hour Bob Majors'!

I wonder if any other parish has begged to be supplied with a Coronation peal?—Yours faithfully,

CECILY C. ROBERTS.

Steeple, Hants.

TOPE-DEAF

Dear Sir,—Is it the general opinion that a ringer who is tone-deaf is naturally a bad striker?—Yours faithfully,

PAMELA M. CLEMENTS.

Burnham, Bucks.

LANLIVERY BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. F. Stuart Worth's letter under the above heading in your last issue, I am afraid that he is not correct in saying that these are the only unringable bells in Cornwall. I can think, off-hand, of three sixes, Baldhu, Gwincar and St. Michael Caerhays, and two fives, Advent and South Hill. I believe the six at Saltash are also unringable.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

Dear Sir,—In November last several ringers, some Cornish and some from other parts of the country, rang at Lanlivery tower.

Although the bells were what may be termed 'hard-going,' the main fault was that they were loose in the stocks, a matter which could be remedied by the use of a spanner.

I fail to see, therefore, why the bells are unringable but I agree they are unpealable.

I fully endorse Mr. Worth's statement that the bells form one of the best-toned rings in Cornwall.

A further point. There was no oscillation apparent in the tower or between the tower and the frame. As far as could be told by ringing the bells the frame seemed quite solid.

This may help the Incumbent to get the work done at a considerably lower price than the £700 stated in Mr. Worth's letter.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

Bodmin, Cornwall.

HARRY PARSONS

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue reference was made to the death of Harry Parsons, and, with your permission, I should like to add a few words to what was then said. When he was at Zeals, Wilts, a little over 40 years ago, he was a valued member of a small group who joined in visiting different towers in North Dorset for the practice of standard methods, and thus stimulated interest in change ringing in a district where it was almost unknown. During his short time with us he was a great asset to our little company—a sound ringer, a delightful companion, always ready to give of his best. Of those associated with him in those days, the brothers D'Aeth, the Rev. C. A. Phillips and Mr. A. E. Coles have passed on before him, probably others, whose names do not recur to my memory. From the activities of that little group the Salisbury Guild has derived permanent benefit. Incidentally, it was at one of those gatherings that the renowned J. Thomas performed one of his early feats by ringing two tower bells to a 720. To those of us still surviving, regret at the passing of one more of our number mingles with happy memories of bygone days.—Yours faithfully,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Bournemouth.

OSWESTRY BELLS

Dear Sir,—The music of church bells has been described in various ways and I think the following comment on Oswestry bells, which appeared in a recent edition of the 'Border Counties Advertiser,' is worthy of note.

'... just pause for a moment and listen. Loud and clear, as they have done for over so many years, piercing the crisp night air like invisible javelins will come the lofty, rhythmical sound of the bells.'—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Swindon, Wilts.

METHODS

Dear Sir,—Some 40-odd years ago, when in Bristol, I met a well-known composer from the Midlands. During the time we were together he asked me if I was interested in the composition of touches, peals or methods.

The enclosed blocks of figures were given to me by him and he explained that these four blocks (as far as he was able to ascertain) were the ones used when the first extent of Doubles, Treble plain hunt, with 118 double rows and two single rows, was composed.

He also said that there were about 20 different blocks which can be used in the composition of Doubles, and without a doubt they have been used a great number of times, and if you succeed in building up true extents from them, do not kid yourself you have composed a new method. The least number of blocks you can use is three, one below treble and two above (see Plain Bob Doubles).

The most I have been able to get up to now is one below and five above in a true extent; you cannot call this a method. If you fix them together, give them a number.

Prior to 1788 ringing books contained a large number of Doubles methods. In the Clavis we find a Minor method which is London below treble, and Cambridge above. In Mr. J. P. Fidler's book of more recent years we find the same principle followed.

In concluding, I would like to draw your attention to a 'Major' peal by H. G. Cashmore (page 736, November 14th, 1952); here he has succeeded in placing blocks from 16 different methods into 32 leads. He may one day succeed in getting 80 methods into 160 leads.—Yours faithfully,

B. T. JEANES.

Bridgwater.

(1)
5-5 5-5 5-5 5-5
4 4 4 4 4
3 3 3 3
2 2

Where a line is drawn between figures it denotes that a place has been made. No. 1 is plain hunting, as used below treble in Grandsire Doubles. When used below treble read 1.2.3.4 for 5.4.3.2.

(2)
5-5 5 5 5 5 5-5
4 4 4 4 4 4
3-3 3-3
2 2

No. 2 is a Bob in Grandsire when combined with No. 1 below treble.

(3)
5-5 5-5 5 5 5-5
4 4 4 4 4 4
3 3 3-3
2 2

No. 3 is a plain lead in Grandsire when combined with No. 1 below treble.

(4)
5-5 5 5 5 5 5-5
4 4 4 4 4 4
3-3 3-3
2-2

No. 4 is a simple lead in Grandsire when combined with No. 1 below treble.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The winter meeting of the Society was held at Wednesbury on January 24th. The ancient Parish Church of St. Bartholomew stands on a hill commanding extensive views of the surrounding Black Country, and the ring of ten bells (tenor 24 cwt.) is worthy of this fine church. The meeting attracted an attendance of 62, and ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Maurice Turner.

The service was conducted by Dr. A. B. Lavelle, Vicar and Rural Dean of Wednesbury, who gave an inspiring address. The Parish Church organist, Mr. Gurney Harper, very kindly played for the service. The tea was at Wadsworth's Restaurant, where a very nice meal was served.

After tea, Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary, thanked Dr. Lavelle for taking the service and granting permission for the use of the bells, and Mr. Gurney Harper for officiating at the organ.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at Penn, Wolverhampton, on March 14th.

SOUTH WALES A NEW DISTRICT FOR LADIES' GUILD

On January 24th, the inaugural meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild was most successfully held at Chepstow Parish Church.

Some seventy ringers, representing towers in eight counties, enjoyed ringing many varied methods, ranging from rounds to Surprise. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Roland Jackson, who endeared himself to the visitors by his amusing address. Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Miss N. Williams, of Bath. Twenty-four new members were elected from Mathern, Staunton, Newport, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Sketty, Porthkerry, Radyr, Abergavenny, Ebbw Vale, Bedwellty, St. Mellons and Porthcawl.

Officers elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. Ryan Price; secretary, Miss Jacqueline Evans; committee, Mrs. R. F. Coles, Mrs. Trevor Roderick, Miss Temlett and Miss Audrey Stephens. Thanks were expressed to Miss Williams for taking the chair and also to Mrs. Parfrey and other friends from Bath for their help and support.

After deciding to hold the next meeting at Cowbridge in May, the ladies returned to the tower to enjoy further ringing.

STEDMAN AT MARTOCK

Dear Sir,—I recently submitted a quarter peal of Stedman Triples rung at Martock for publication, with a footnote stating: 'Assumed first quarter of Stedman on the bells.' This footnote was submitted after I had been told by the captain of the tower (who has been connected with the tower for over 56 years) that this was the first quarter. This has led to some private correspondence and I have also been told that quarters of Stedman have been rung there—but the captain still assures me that this is not the case. I should, therefore, like, through the medium of your paper, to ask if there are any authentic cases of quarter peals of Stedman having been rung at Martock previous to the one which I conducted.—Yours,

Yeovil, Som. HARRY J. GAYLARD.

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XXIX

COURSING ORDER IN KENT TREBLE BOB

The coursing order of the bells in Treble Bob can be followed with as much ease as that of Plain Bob. The essential difference is that the bell in the 'Slow' work (described a fortnight ago) is taken out of the coursing for the time being. In Kent Treble Bob the treble meets the bells in the order 2.4.6.5.3, as it does at the beginning of Plain Bob, but instead of hunting back through them in the same order, 2, having to remain in the slow, is missing, and in re-tracing its steps the treble meets the bells in the order 4.6.5.3 and then picks up 2 on the front. Next time, 4 goes in Slow and the order out is 4.6.5.3.2 and back 6.5.3.2.4.

If you are ringing one of the working bells you maintain the same cycle of coursing, but substitute the treble for whichever bell is in the Slow. Thus in the first lead of the plain course the cycle is 1.4.6.5.3. (2 being in the Slow), in the next lead 2.1.6.5.3 (4 being in the Slow), in the next 2.4.1.5.3 (6 being in the Slow), and so on. Or, beginning always with the treble, 1.4.6.5.3; 1.6.5.3.2; 1.5.3.2.4, etc.

When a bob is called, the bell in front of the treble 'makes the bob' and is turned in its coursing order so that it follows immediately after the treble. Thus, if the bells are coursing 1.4.6.5.3 (1, etc.) in the first lead and a bob is called, the coursing order becomes 1.3.6.5.2 in the next lead, and then 1.6.5.2.4 if a plain lead follows or 1.2.6.5.4 if there is another bob.

If you are ringing on more bells than six, the coursing order follows the same rules. When you ring the method on eight you merely put 8.7 every time between 6 and 5; and if you go to ten you put 8.0.9.7 in that order between 6 and 5.

A knowledge of coursing is, of course, essential to the successful conductor. He must not only be able to 'read' it from the bells themselves, as he goes along, but he must be able to anticipate it: that is to say he should know before he calls a bob exactly what change will take place in the sequence of the bells.

Suppose he is calling Treble Bob Minor. He knows that the bob will have no effect on the bells going into and coming out of the 'Slow' work, that one bell is going to make 4ths and return to lead: while the others stop for the extra double dodging.

The three bells round the treble transpose their places thus: The one behind the treble goes into the Slow: the one from the Slow takes its place in front of the treble: while the one that had previously been immediately in front of the treble, having made the bob, becomes the one immediately behind it. While this was going on the rest of the bells had been delayed and they fall into position behind the bell that made the bob in the same order as before the call, whether it be two bells in Minor, the four in Major, and so on to the higher numbers.

The ability to see this coursing order enables the young conductor to call his touches or peals from bells other than the observation bells. He can, for instance, tell when to call the bobs at 'In' or 'Out' when the tenor is the observation, although he may be ringing any of the others. He can, in fact, call the observation bell into any position required, by noting its position in the coursing order, and he will be able, with experience, to know where every bell should be each lead.

We do not pretend that what we have said will enable the beginner to 'read' the bells right off at once. We have only endeavoured to show him what to look for when he is ringing, to help him develop his powers of observation. He must apply it when he is in the tower and make a study of it on paper at home.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

South and West District

Attendance at the annual District meeting held at Acton on January 17th was in striking contrast to the average attendance at meetings during the year. The average was 45, but the number at Acton was but 25.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ellis, who gave a most interesting talk on towers and ringers with whom he had been associated, including St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and 'dear old Jim Davis.' Members learned with regret that the president, the Rev. P. Gough, Rector of Acton, was seriously ill.

One of the chief items of interest at the business meeting was the election of officers, who are: Master, R. E. Price; Deputy Master, F. Blagrove; secretary, F. W. Goodfellow; assistant secretary, Miss J. Bailey; Central Committee representatives elected were Messrs. Finch, Eldred and Webb.

Other items upon which decisions were taken included ringing during Coronation week, mid-week practices and quarter peals for promising ringers.

The secretary's annual report covered all the activities during the year which included eight meetings, four of which were joint meetings with other Guilds, 15 peals and 44 quarter peals. It might be of general interest to record the final paragraph of the report. It said:—

'It is only possible to keep service ringing going if there is a steady flow of recruits to the art, and our thanks go to those four or five towers where a good band is maintained. Instructors will meet with a better response from their pupils and are likely to retain them more frequently if they concentrate on teaching the elementary principles of good handling, the prime necessity of learning to ring by keeping a good rhythm and continually listening to the effect above, rather than blindly following the next rope.

'Teach the learner to be a craftsman and to take a pride in being complete master of his bell. Once this is achieved, you will keep your recruit and the methods he rings will follow in good time. Too many recruits are disheartened by being taught that method ringing is mainly a matter of following ropes. They never have the real joy that comes from perfect striking. And perfect striking is the only standard we must aim at. Strive and you will achieve!'

North and East District

The annual meeting held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, attracted a fairly representative gathering of members from affiliated towers, who were pleased to know that the enthusiastic local band, helped by the Rev. Shaw-Kew, an all too rare sympathetic and encouraging incumbent, had successfully come through a trying period to keep their bells in a proper going order. An evensong service was held in church prior to an excellent tea prepared and served by the local lady ringers and their relations.

At the business meeting the chair was occupied by Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president. The annual report submitted by the secretary (Mr. T. J. Lock) indicated that the monthly meetings had been attended by an average of 33 ringers and had been carried out in accordance with the programme. The district had lost three members through death—H. C. Collier (Willesden), H. S. Arbin (Monken Hadley) and R. Colyer (Pinner). Seventeen new members had been elected, but an appeal was made for more members still. An additional meeting was held, at the invitation of the Essex Association, in August at Waltham Abbey.

After the report had been adopted the statement of accounts was submitted, and this showed a balance of £24 15s. 6d. to be carried to the Central Fund of the Association. In addition, a sum of £5 13s. would be paid into the Bells Restoration Fund.

Elections of district officers were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Cutler; secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant secretary, Mr. C. F. Neal; auditor, Mr. R. F. B. Speed; and representatives on the District Committee, Messrs. R. H. Begrie, H. G. Hart and G. R. Parsons. New members elected were R. B. Meadows (Kilburn), G. Pratchett and Miss R. Foreman (Hendon), R. Gorrington, J. Moss and Miss M. Skinner (Pinner), and J. Hales, J. A. Hales and Miss N. Hales (Upper Clapton). Miss A. E. Salter (North Minims) was elected a non-resident life member, and Mrs. V. Neil, of Willesden, was elected an honorary life member.

A programme of district meetings was arranged for the coming year, but it was decided not to nominate special methods for the meetings. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Shaw-Kew and to the local ringers for making arrangements for an enjoyable meeting.

Farnham Want a Ring of Ten as Coronation Memorial

Mr. C. W. Denyer, in presenting his report at the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Farnham on January 24th, said, 'Several of us still hope that we may one day have a windfall to start a fund for recasting and re-hanging our heavy-going eight into a lighter and more musical ring of ten. The massive tower is worthy of ten bells. Why not add two more bells to the present ring as a Coronation memorial for the town?'

There was an attendance of nearly 90 at the meeting, which was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), who had previously conducted the Guild's form of service in the Parish Church.

Of the 14 towers in the district, stated the report, 13 had rung regularly for Sunday services and weekly practices. Crondall, the only exception, had lately been unable to muster enough ringers, and this was mainly due to the advancing age and indifferent health of Mr. W. Dimes, who had been ringing at Crondall for 50 years and had managed to keep together a band of ringers all the time.

Membership had gone up slightly, ringing members by 16 to 143 and honorary members

by 8 to 18. Seven peals were rung during 1952 including one at Seale with an average age of 16 years 2 months, and this was the youngest band to ring a peal for the Guild.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. A. H. Pulling said it was obvious that the centre of ringing in the Guildford Diocese at present was the Farnham District.

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. R. H. Mills (assistant hon. secretary and treasurer) showed a balance of £11 5s. 3d.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master), Mr. E. J. Bragg (Assistant Ringing Master), Mr. G. S. Joyce (hon. secretary), Mr. R. H. Mills (assistant hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. W. H. Viggers (hon. auditor). Mr. F. Cherryman (Pirbright) was added to the committee. The District decided to renominate the existing Guild officers.

New members elected were: Brian Hale (Farnham), Angela and Roger Houchin (Seale), Anita Beer and Miss A. Goodchild (Ash), Mr. G. Smith (Farnborough), Rev. P. Cole (Aldershot), Mr. W. Hall (Bagshot), Miss B. Monk and Miss J. French (Worlesdon) as ringing members, and the Rev. J. Melhuish (Bagshot) on honorary member.

SOME LESSER KNOWN CHURCHES IN WARWICKSHIRE

No. 3 — Meriden

It has been said that of all the counties Warwickshire is the most typically English. If this is so, then the ringers of Meriden must represent a cross-section of all the ringers throughout the country, for to them goes the privilege of ringing the bells of the church nearest to the very centre of England. Meriden Church stands high on a hill overlooking the village, and Sunday by Sunday its bells peal out over the heart of England, the wooded hills and leafy lanes of Warwickshire.

Once inside this ancient church there is much to intrigue the ringing visitor—an old chest; exquisitely carved tombs; a chained book of the time of the first Elizabeth; a unique squint arrangement; and, besides hosts of unmentioned items, a lovely chancel with stone-work by Norman, Early English and Perpendicular masons. At the entrance to the tower is a magnificent arch, lofty and commanding, while inside are staves used by past members of a local society. On the west wall are four clappers, now silent after generations of loyal service. The tower itself is 15th century and sustains a squat pyramidal spire of later date. The spiral staircase has, oddly, wooden steps as far as the belfry, at which stage the original stone steps begin their short flight upwards, although the newel is stone throughout.

From the clock chamber a door leads on to the nave roof, where there are four panels, one of which indicates that 'this roof was all of this side was all blood of Novambor the 28 1703.'

Five bells hang in the top storey of the tower.

The inscriptions are:—

Treble.—The Reur. Sammwell Iones Uicar 1740 W.B.

2nd.—When my first and third begin to ring, Then I was broke before all did sing. Wm. Brooke cast me. 1740.

3rd.—Hymphrey Hawksford and Edward Beck Chvrchwardens 1740 W.B.

4th.—Cast by John Warner & Sons Ltd. London 1897. I was cast in the 60th. year of Queen Victoria's reign and hung in celebration of her diamond jubilee. Albert Lewis Willett—Vicar, Charles Wriothesley Digby, George Frederick Burr, Churchwardens, 1897. Hung by G. Day & Son—Eye.

Tenor.—No inscription, but Richard II. coins on inscription-band, waist and sound-bow.

The fourth bell apparently replaced a bell said to have been lost or stolen generations ago; there were but three bells in 1883 (Brooke's), so since that time the 4th was cast and the old tenor recovered and put back in its rightful place after years of absence.

In 1552 the Commissioners reported at Meriden 'iij bells' and 'Note that the p'ishe owthe for oon of their aforesaid bells iiii (4).' Browne Willis, the antiquarian, quoted '4 bells' in 1750, obviously Brooke's three and the old tenor.

Some years ago there were some ringing rules in the tower. It would be well to conclude this article with them:—

'A reminder

Who rings a Bell let him look well

To Hand and Head and Heart,

The Hand for work, the Head for skill,

The Heart for worship's part.' A.A.M.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

A year of progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch, held at Finedon on January 13th. Some 20 towers were represented, and after tea a party of Bedfordshire ringers arrived.

The Guild service in the afternoon was conducted by the Vicar (the Rt. Rev. Gerald R. Vernon), with Mr. Hirst Cuttall as organist. The collection for the Guild Restoration Fund amounted to £2 4s. 3d.

Tea was served in the Town Hall by members of the Mothers' Union, supervised by Mrs. Pearson. Among the 80 present were the incumbents of Bozeat, Stanwick and Finedon Parish Churches.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. Knight (Bozeat) presided. The report and balance sheet for 1952, presented by Mr. A. Bigley (secretary), revealed a very satisfactory year. One life member and four honorary members contributed to offset the branch's heavy expenses during the year. Nineteen ringing members were elected and Rushden was added to the list of towers affiliated to the branch.

All officers were re-elected to serve during 1953. Two honorary members and eight ringing members were elected as follows: Rev. D. Brown (Stanwick) and Mr. W. L. Knight (Earls Barton), honorary members, and Messrs. H. Pentelow (Higham Ferrers), C. Whitworth, W. Bates, W. Dickens, W. Smith, G. Smith, G. Pateman and L. Priestley (Rushden), ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Stanwick on April 18th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar (Bishop Vernon) and others concerned was proposed by the branch president.

After the meeting a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. M. King, J. King, P. Chapman, A. Bigley and J. Mawby, of Lavendon, who came over to meet old friends.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Society at Barnsley on January 10th was fairly well attended. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m. A short service was conducted in the church at 4.30 p.m. by the Rev. C. G. Woodhead, and the president, Mr. N. F. Moxon, acted as organist.

The ringers then went to the Rectory Rooms, where the Rector (Canon A. P. Morley) and Mrs. Morley with other ladies were waiting to welcome them and also to serve a very enjoyable tea.

At the business meeting the Rector, who is hon. president, presided, supported by the president. The following towers were represented: Badsforth, Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Horbury, Sandal, Silkstone, Shelley, Sprotborough, Thorne and the local company.

The balance sheets for the Society's fund and for the shield and cup contests for 1952 were adopted as satisfactory.

The balance sheet for the dinner showed a small loss, but it was the general feeling of all that it was essential to hold this function and that any loss should come out of the Society's funds.

The officials were re-elected for 1953 en bloc as follows: President, Mr. N. F. Moxon; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant; secretary, Mr. D. Smith, both of Felkirk; auditors, Mr. L. Steel (Darfield) and Mr. H. Rusby (Cawthorne).

The Society decided to arrange the annual outing either on June 27th or July 4th and visit Ripon and district, and also to hold the annual dinner at Barnsley on October 10th. An invitation was received to hold a summer meeting at Meltham, near Huddersfield. Although this tower is out of radius of the Society, the invitation was accepted for a date in July. One new member was elected, Miss A. Dean (Felkirk).

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on February 14th.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Quarterly Meeting at Warwick

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Warwick on January 17th. Over 50 members and friends attended. The bells of St. Mary's Collegiate Church (the heaviest ring in the diocese, tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.) were kept going during the afternoon and evening to suit all tastes, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Royal being the favourite methods.

Tea was taken at the Ilex Cafe, followed by the business meeting, the Master (Mr. F. W. Perrens) taking the chair. Apologies were received from the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Messrs. J. H. W. White and J. Taylor, sen.

The hon. secretary read a letter which had been sent to the secretary of the Coventry Cathedral Reconstruction Fund suggesting that the 14 bells housed in the Cathedral tower be hung for ringing within a special framework independent of the tower should that be found unsuitable to carry the weight. A reply had been received giving the opinion of the architect that the danger to the tower as it stood would be too great. The Guild Committee hopes to make further representations to the Reconstruction Committee at a later date.

Stratford-on-Avon was chosen as the meeting place for the annual meeting in April.

The following members were elected: Miss Lola Callow and Miss Thelma Bowcutt as resident members, and J. Lightfoot and A. A. Upton as non-resident members, with the ratification of the election of R. C. Ingram, Erdington, prior to a peal.

The Guild Peal Book presented by Councillor Harry Weston at last year's annual meeting was on view with the peals for 1950 and 1951 entered in Mr. C. H. Webb's own inimitable style. Grateful thanks were accorded Mr. Webb for the painstaking manner in which he had entered the peals. D. E. B.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District Annual Meeting

At Huntingdon on January 17th the Hunts District held their annual meeting, about 40 members and friends being present. The Guild service was at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. M. E. Bayley), after which tea was at All Saints' Hall.

The business meeting followed, the Rector being in the chair. Mr. R. F. Baker (assistant secretary) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. Mr. H. S. Peacock, district secretary, presented the report of the year's working, which was very satisfactory. Mr. F. W. Lock stated the Belfry Repair Fund was in a healthy state. Two or three £5 grants had been made in 1952.

Usual thanks brought the business meeting to a close, when further ringing took place at both St. Mary's and All Saints' Churches. Standard methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise, not forgetting rounds and Doubles for those not so far advanced. F. W.

NEWS FROM WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL

The Bishop of Liverpool when he visited St. Peter's, Woolton, recently, climbed the 50 odd steps to ring with 10 of the service ringers.

In the last 18 months over 20 youths have learnt to handle a bell in this tower and some of them are now proficient in Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

By handbell ringing at Christmas this band raised over £10 10s. for the tower fund.

Mr. John T. Dunwoody, the Northern District secretary of the Irish Association and a member of the Central Council, is laid up and has had a minor operation to his leg. His friends on the Council are looking forward to seeing and hearing him at Bournemouth.

COMPOSITIONS

5,056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol

By GEORGE FREEBREY

23456 M W H

65432	x	x	x
46532			x
54632			x
63542		x	x
64235	2	x	x
24365		2	x
54263	2		3
34265	x		x
36524	2	x	x
52364		x	x
46325	x	x	x
63425			2
35426	x		2
43526			x
63254	x	2	x
34256		x	2
52643	x	x	3
23645	x		2
56342	x		x
35642			x
23546	2	3	x

Repeat once.

All courses are L.X.L. with leads of Bristol inserted where double or triple bobs are shown.

Where x is shown the lead is optional, Superlative or Cambridge.

5,040 SPICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By KENNETH A. ROE

23456 W M H

42635	—	—	Bel, Yk, Pud, Lei, Bucks, Buckm, Wig, Yorks, Bel
62534	—	—	Lincs, Pud, Lei, Bucks, Buckm, Wig, Lind, Bel
45236	—	—	Ditto
24536	—	—	Ditto
52436	—	—	Bel, Yk, Pud, Lei, Bucks, Buckm, Wig, Yorks, Bel
43526	—	—	Ditto
54326	—	—	Ditto
32546	—	—	Ditto
53246	—	—	Ditto
25346	—	—	Ditto
34256	—	—	Ditto
23456	—	—	Ditto

Bel, Belgrave; Yk, York; Pud, Pudsey; Lei, Leicestershire; Bucks, Buckinghamshire; Buckm, Buckingham; Wig, Wigston; Lind, Lindsey; Lincs, Lincolnshire; Yorks, Yorkshire.

First rung at Leicester Cathedral on December 11th 1952, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

5,024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456 B M W H

43526			2	—
53246		3	2	—
42635			—	—
62534			—	—
23645	X			
34256	X			
52643				
62345				
62453	X			
25634	X			
25346	X			
42356				
32654				
32546	X			
54326				
35426		3		
23456		3		

First rung at Caythorpe, Lincs, July 24th, 1950.

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COLERIDGE—PRYER.—The engagement is announced between the Rev. Nicholas Francis Domville Coleridge, of 64, Torquay Road, Newton Abbot, youngest son of the late Rev. and Mrs. G. H. B. Coleridge, of Leatherhead, and Denise Mary Lorimer Pryer, only daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. A. Pryer, D.S.O., and of Mrs. Pryer, of St. Catherine's, Seymour Road, Newton Abbot, Devon. 2095

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MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Luke's, Brington (6), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage. Important business follows.—A. Bennett. 2087

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew, Cromhall. 2096

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 2059

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 2048

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Feb. 7th, annual general meeting, 2.45-4, St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street; 3.45-4.45, Southwark Cathedral; service 5; tea, business, handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral afterwards. Names, please, Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 2036

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Shaw, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2067

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Wokingham on Feb. 7th. Service at All Saints' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 4.45 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. 2065

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Prittlewell, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, to be followed by meeting.—P. A. Sadler. 2086

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

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Annual business meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 3 p.m. 2060

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry White-chapel, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. James', Clerkenwell. 2073

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, South Kirkby, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify me not later than Feb. 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2105

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Pott on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea arranged by the local ringers in the Sunday School room at 5.15. A good company is requested.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec. 2083

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Cottingham on Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. A. Mason, 49, Woods Lane, Cottingham. 2104

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (12) at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea not later than Feb. 12th to Mr. F. Yates, 82, Hobson Street, Macclesfield. 2112

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Bulkington (8 bells), near Nuneaton, on Feb. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, 11th.—A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 2110

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

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

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

DEVON GUILD.—North West Branch.—Meeting, Pyworthy, Feb. 14th. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 2079

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5 at George and Dragon. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 2098

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Feb. 14th, Wilburton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 2108

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2091

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 2102

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Purton (6), Feb. 14th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 2080

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

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual, Feb. 14th. Service All Saints' 3.30. Bells All Saints' and St. Nicholas' after 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by Feb. 10th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 2089

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

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel Church, Everton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All names to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Liverpool 6.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 2097

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 2106

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Newhey, Feb. 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. I. Kerr, 35, Moorland Avenue, Milnrow.—F. Pritchard. 2088

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual Dinner, Co-op. Hall, Burbage, Feb. 14th. Bells available 5 o'clock. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 7s. each. Names, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lyngate Lane, Burbage. 2093

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Hall. Names, by 11th, to Mr. R. Tonks, 87, High Street, Ibstock. 2082

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Fulney bells also available in evening. 2051

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

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 2092

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Winhill, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 12th, to F. G. Fietwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winhill, Burton-on-Trent. 2107

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Service St. Laurence's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting St. Mary's Church House. Bells available: St. Laurence's 3 p.m. and after meeting: St. Mary's 2-3 p.m.; St. Giles' 3-4; Caversham 7.30-8.45; Tilehurst 7.30-9. Names for tea by Feb. 12th, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 2077

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Uppingham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Notify for tea early to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 25, West Road, Oakham. 2109

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

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual District meeting at Mildenhall, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church, or bring your own. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 2055

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

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Steep (6) on Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 Tea 5 and business meeting. Numbers for tea by 10th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 2103

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Dinner and social evening, Feb. 21st, at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, 6.30-11 p.m. Tickets priced 9s. 6d. Open ringing. All welcome. St. Luke's 3-5.30; St. Peter's 4-6 p.m.; St. Alkmund's 3-5.45 p.m. 2078

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Helmshore, Saturday, Feb. 21st. All ringers welcome. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. Porter. 2081

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells of Parish Church and Foundry from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Fearon Hall at 5. Names, by Wednesday, 18th, please, to Mr. P. L. Taylor, Bell Foundry, Loughborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 2094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—All welcome at Adderbury (8), Feb. 21st, 2.30. Service 4. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 2101

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kidlington on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Notify for tea to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford, Phone Eynsham 222. 2113

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Netherbury, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 16th, to J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminstor. 2085

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Notice to members of **General Committee.** Annual meeting will be held at Leeds Church Institute, Albion Place, Leeds, 3 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Please note change of venue and date.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec. 2100

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held in Guildford, April 11th. Details later.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 2099

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual general meeting will be held in Bath on Easter Monday. Twelve towers open. Service 12 noon. Luncheon (5s. 6d.) and business meeting at the Christopher Hotel. It would be advisable to make early application to me for seats.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 2111

QUARTER PEALS

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Farmer 1, R. Lowe 2, Miss M. Page (first as cond.) 3, J. Button 4, H. Abrahams 5, J. Lewis 6.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bryant (first quarter) 1, W. Farmer 2, B. Thompson 3, S. Arlner 4, F. Cook (first as cond.) 5, S. Court 6. A 75th birthday compliment to W. Farmer.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,313, Grandsire Caters: W. Clare 1, S. Waiklate 2, D. Waiklate 3, A. E. Thompson 4, F. R. Lowe 5, G. Freebrey (cond.) 6, H. Letts 7, C. Waiklate 8, M. Barker 9, R. A. Scott 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 3, 8 and 10. Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, also as a welcome to Mr. John Wilkinson on his return from Canada.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 20th, at Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Ball 1, Miss B. Cowlin 2, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 3, Miss D. Luke 4, W. Eveleigh 5, H. J. Eldred 6, T. Dew 7, Miss J. Scrutton 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,440 Plain and Oxford Bob Minor: M. Orme 1, P. Croft 2, D. Jones 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,440 Bourne and Norwich Surprise Major: M. Orme (first of Treble Bob) 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, E. Winters 4, D. Jones 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Payne (first quarter) 1, D. Gibbins 2, M. Burt 3, M. Tomlin 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Message (first quarter) 1, F. H. Beeny (first 'inside' in the method) 2, G. Beeny 3, B. Stepany 4, C. Booth 5, A. Ellis 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Mrs. S. Charnley 2, Miss J. Pett 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, F. D. Bishop 7, T. E. Davies 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. E. Boam 1, J. S. Woodhouse 2, R. Hall 3, H. D. Holland 4, W. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung in appreciation of Mr. F. Carless' work as hon. lay reader in this parish, who last week entered St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, to train for the ministry.

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BROWN EDGE, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Jan. 12th, a quarter peal of Treble Bob in three methods (Kingston, Kent and Oxford): W. Bourne 1, A. Pointon 2, F. Holdcroft 3, R. Turner 4, A. Cottrell 5, W. P. Deane (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield and Mr. Joseph Cumberland.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas's Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jennifer Marshall (first quarter) 1, R. Kenward 2, G. L. Grover 3, W. Moray 4, F. Oldroyd 5, A. C. Hazelden 6, R. W. Morant (cond.) 7, L. B. Luig (first quarter) 8.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Friday 1, J. Clark 2, A. Dunk (first as cond.) 3, J. Rayment 4, M. Lacey 5. First quarter for 1 and 2. First quarter by a local band.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Wm. Bott 1, H. L. Wykes 2, M. Roote 3, P. Pawley 4, J. Pawley (first as cond.) 5, K. Rands 6.

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