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## A LEAD — FOR EXTENSION ?

**E**DUCATION, we know, is a very comprehensive process. Its original and essential purpose must be to form character and to train by instruction and example. For that fulfilment certain subjects are basic and cannot be neglected; while from the thousand and one other subjects open to study selection can be left to depend upon the inclination and capacity of the individual, as also upon the nature of the particular career in view.

The idea that campanology as a form of art and science should be included in a general scheme of education may not be appreciated in some quarters. But it is so intimately connected with the active work of the Christian Church that one is tempted to claim a place for it as some hand-maid to the enlightening of people to the functions of the Church and to the vital qualities of Christianity.

Conjure up in mind the thousands of towers spread over the country from which the bells ring out their call to Christian worship, witnessing Sunday by Sunday to the message of the Church to a more than half-pagan people. What could be more desirable than that the people should not only hear—as willy nilly they do—but answer the call to submit themselves to that spiritual instruction which brings 'the larger heart, the kindlier hand, the love of Truth and Right, the common love of Good'?

Now through the efforts of the Essex Association the County Council's Further Education Committee has agreed to co-operate in bringing the subject of campanology into the local realm of education, and the experiment is about to be launched of a week-end course of theoretical, historical and practical instruction. This may only result in a small beginning, but it is a great venture of faith and could hold the promise of being the first step in an extensive campaign. We are glad to note that 'The Church Times' has given a little publicity to this and shall await with interest the report of this attempt to gain for campanology wider official recognition. The Essex Association—all credit to it—has taken the initiative which may give other guilds and associations the impetus to approach their own county education authorities for securing similar co-operation.

For all the greater interest, however, which may be forthcoming and more ringers as a consequence from the general public, it could be wished that these courses might be brought to the particular attention of many of the clergy

to their profit. The belfry can be a more far reaching pulpit than that which faces the man in the pew; and it is the 'man in the street' we want to capture.

Something is being done, we believe, in a few theological colleges to provide that prospective parish priests may be knowledgeable about the bells in their towers and the art of ringing them, as well as of the functions of the ringing guilds and associations. But that does not touch the large numbers of non-ringing clergymen who have not had such opportunities and who in their parishes to-day are without that knowledge which would give them a closer understanding of bell-ringers', especially change ringers', aims; also of the conditions upon which ringers are dependent for achieving those aims.

Any sort of unintelligent tolerance of ringers, sometimes tinged with amusement at their apparently curious fascinations, is to be deplored and it is not uncommon. While ringers are often chided for ignoring the services of the Church the truth would seem to be that they are far less in many a parson's scheme of things than, say, his choir. Nothing needs emphasising more than that the parish priest's association with his ringers should be on the highest level, even if he cannot handle a bell. His regular, interested presence in the belfry would at least gain him an understanding of what should or should not be done while ringing is in progress and help to prevent disagreements, as well as many silly and unfortunate incidents—such as the vicar hammering on the belfry door during the last stages of a peal and, after the consequent breakdown, announcing that he had only just been able to get there to offer them welcome!

But let ringers themselves, as they have rejoiced to add campanology to their education, be careful to ensure that their own enthusiasm does not do harm to their cause. Reasoning power and the cultivation of restraint should certainly be an outcome of educational development. It must not, therefore, be assumed that everyone likes the sound of bells, however well they may be rung, or that everyone will tolerate them patiently where the tower is in close proximity and the radio programme has, on that account perhaps, to be foregone. Practice nights there must be, and peal attempts, no doubt, from time to time, but let the former be always within reasonable limits and the latter—duly notified beforehand where possible—within reasonable hours, especially where the tower stands amid business or built-up areas.

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Difficult it may be indeed to foresee a time when the general public shall be so educated about campanology that ringers will always meet smiling faces and kind inquiries after their progress and achievements, when no protests shall be heard, and there will not be enough bells for all who rush to learn the art. But what we do wish to foresee and pray for is the day when all and sundry are taking well to heart the message of the pealing Sunday bells as their Saviour's call through His Church to come and learn and understand the true way of life at the Throne of Grace.

C. C. C.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

#### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*ALBERT WALKER .. .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 8
MURIEL REAY .. .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 9
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 11
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 6	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* 300th peal together. The conductor's first peal of Stedman Cinques and first of Stedman as conductor.

Rung for the enthronement of the Right Rev. John Leonard Wilson, Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

### LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

#### A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Treble	*ARTHUR G. MASON .. 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 2	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 8
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 9
*MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS .. 4	*A. RONALD LING .. 10
*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 5	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 11
*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 6	*ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques as conductor.

### LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

#### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

ROYDEN DAVIES .. .. Treble	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 2	WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. 8
FRANCES A. THRELFALL .. 3	CYRIL J. WATTS .. .. 9
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 10
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 11
JOHN HILL .. .. 6	JOHN S. MASON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* 100th peal. † First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### BRISTOL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

#### A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 8
SIDNEY G. RICHES .. .. 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 9
JOHN M. STALLARD .. .. 5	ALLAN A. HILLIAR .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.

### EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 33.	Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	† HENRY G. KEELEY .. 6
*DAVID HOARE .. .. 2	*DONALD E. LEE .. .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 8
VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. 9
HENRY J. SANGER .. .. 5	ARTHUR J. WHITE .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

### STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*MARGARET A. BAILEY .. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 6
LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 5	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. Tenor

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

\* First peal on ten bells.

### WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

#### A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*OGDEN MOORES .. .. Treble	JOE THORNLEY .. .. 6
*ERNEST MOORES .. .. 2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 7
JOAN CARTER .. .. 3	IVAN KAY .. .. 8
*FRED PRITCHARD .. .. 4	JAMES CARTER .. .. 9
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 5	*ERIC CASTERTON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JAMES CARTER.

\* First peal on ten bells.

An in memoriam peal for the father of the tenor ringer.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 5
*ROGER HEYWOOD .. .. 2	† JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 7
PETER J. THOMAS .. .. 4	WM. THORNLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

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

A birthday compliment to Christopher John, son of the 4th ringer.

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

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

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
*JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* 500th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

### SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	PETER BORDER .. .. 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.



## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOKE .. .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
*FRED JACKSON .. .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 5
HARRY D. LISTER .. .. 2	ALAN FEVER .. .. 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 7
ROY DUESBURY .. .. 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

## EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
ROSEMARY JARRET .. .. Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. .. 5
WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 2	GEORGE DAVIS .. .. 6
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 4	ARTHUR W. DAVIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

## HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE O. OVER .. .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Specially arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Pamela Over, daughter of the treble ringer.

## SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

HENRY H. FEARN .. .. Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
ANTHONY AGER .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

## WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*BARRY W. BARTON .. .. Treble	*DOUGLAS HARRISON .. .. 5
HAROLD HAYNES .. .. 2	FREDERICK VICKERS .. .. 6
VICTOR A. PERRY .. .. 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. .. 7
*A. JOHN HOBLEY .. .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

ROBERT G. FISHER .. .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 5
WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

Rung for the Induction service, also a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Tansley Thomas.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

H. JAMES TURNER .. .. Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 3	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

## WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. Treble	*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 6
*ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 7
*J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method.

## CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR .. .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. 6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 4	CURZON CLARK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

\* First peal of Stedman. The fastest peal on the bells.

A birthday peal for Mrs. Seal, the donor of the bells. Also to the ringer of the 6th. A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. John A. L. Thompson.



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QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. 5
*VIVIEN COPPING .. .. 2	ROY MANN .. .. 6
*SHEILA TAYLOR .. .. 3	ROBERT E. MOULDS .. .. 7
GEOFFREY INGHAM .. .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

\* First peal.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(Southern Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.	
WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. .. Treble	HAROLD HUXLEY .. .. 5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. 6
R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. 7
C. ARTHUR MANNING .. .. 4	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Major on these bells.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt.	
Parker's Twelve-part.	
EDWARD F. CONNOCK .. .. Treble	WALTER STEPHENS .. .. 5
MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 2	†RONALD D. SHORT .. .. 6
*CECIL F. CLARKE .. .. 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 7
WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. .. 4	KENNETH MEDWAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.	
Holt's Original.	
*JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 5
ALFRED J. CLAYTON .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. .. 3	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
Heywood's Variation.	
*FREDERICK S. SMITH .. .. Treble	JACK BERRY .. .. 5
ALFRED GREENOUGH .. .. 2	JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 6
HARRY W. BADGER .. .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 7
ERNEST GARRARD .. .. 4	*DOUGLAS BOSLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Stedman.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.	
Thurstans' Four-part.	
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. .. Treble	MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. .. 5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 6
MICHAEL BISHOP .. .. 3	ALFRED WEBB .. .. 7
GEORGE W. BISHOP .. .. 4	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED WEBB.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.

JANET M. SPURGIN .. .. Treble	MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. .. 5
*STUART T. HUME .. .. 2	DONALD L. MILLS .. .. 6
HERBERT W. WEBB .. .. 3	LESLIE D. MILLS .. .. 7
BERTIE J. WEBB .. .. 4	HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

In memoriam Frederick Ridgwell, who was a close friend of the local company.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GERALD B. EVANS .. .. Treble	†FRANK LEWIS .. .. 5
†PETER NASH .. .. 2	‡ROY F. BREWER .. .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 3	THOMAS H. TOCOCK .. .. 7
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 WATH DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN SAVAGE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM PRATT .. .. 5
JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. .. 2	WILLIAM HALL .. .. 6
HARRY BROWN .. .. 3	THOMAS E. SMELTZER .. .. 7
JEAN STEWART .. .. 4	FRED E. DUKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

25th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band and first in Ireland.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to William Pratt, President of the Association.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY WINGROVE .. .. Treble	ARTHUR NEWTON .. .. 5
PERCY NEWTON .. .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. .. 3	ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 7
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. .. 4	ROLAND BIGGS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* 250th peal.  
Arranged and rung as a 25th anniversary peal for D. R. and K. E. Fletcher, who rang their first peal together on October 6th, 1928.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

CYRIL H. FINCH .. .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. .. 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. 6
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 7
GEORGE F. BURTON .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt.	
Hollis' Five-part.	
*VICTOR AMBROSE .. .. Treble	MAURICE T. SYMONDS .. .. 5
ROSEMARY SEEBROOK .. .. 2	FREDERICK BOREHAM .. .. 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. .. 3	SAMUEL TWITCHETT .. .. 7
FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK .. .. 4	LEONARD C. OFFORD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOY M. WHITEHEAD .. .. Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL .. .. 5
CHARLES CATTELL .. .. 2	*JOHN E. COOK .. .. 6
ALAN CATTELL .. .. 3	MAVIS WHITEHEAD .. .. 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

## PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ROGER BALDWIN .. .. Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 2	JOHN W. MEADE .. .. 6
BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 4	BRIAN J. LUFF .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 2	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 6
JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 3	PETER KINDRED .. .. 7
*A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* 25th peal.

## SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

SYDNEY J. MERRY .. .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5
JACK BAILEY .. .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 6
ALBERT THOMPSON .. .. 3	MARK J. BARKER .. .. 7
EDWARD F. GOBEY .. .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREY.

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

First peal in method by all the band. Also first peal for the Association.

Rung to commemorate the coming-of-age of Miss Joan Baxter, niece of the ringer of the 4th, also granddaughter of Mr. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston.

## SHERE, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	*E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 5
FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 2	*ROLAND W. MORANT .. 6
JEAN M. HARRIS .. .. 3	*GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 7
*COLIN J. CHAMPION .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Superlative. 100th peal of Major as conductor.

## THORPE BAY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

## A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 5
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. .. 6
*MRS. C. G. WOODGATE .. 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 7
FRANK V. GANT .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.



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## SEVEN BELL PEAL

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18½ cwt.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. Treble	B. W. M. COWPER (Trin. Hall) 4
R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. 2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's.) 5
R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn) .. 3	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 6
F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. Tenor	

Composed by JOHN HOLT (rearranged). Conducted by F. E. ROBERTS.  
Rung after meeting short for Major on 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT CROOK .. .. Treble	RICHARD RAINFORD .. .. 4
FRANK HORNBY .. .. 2	ANTHONY HORNBY .. .. 5
HERBERT RAINFORD .. .. 3	RICHARD HORNBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.

Rung as a seventh wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Rainford.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*PTE. P. G. BUTLER .. .. Treble	*HAROLD OLIVER .. .. 4
†MRS. G. R. G. BUTLER .. 2	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 5
*JOHN GRAHAM .. .. 3	GEORGE COLEMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. G. BUTLER.

\*First peal. †First peal 'inside' in the method.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*MRS. M. S. SNOWLING .. Treble	†G. A. SUTHERLAND .. 4
WALTER KERRISON .. 2	REGINALD J. DARCH .. 5
MARGOT THOMPSON .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

\*First peal. †First peal on an 'inside' bell.

Rung as a welcome home to the ringer of the 4th on return from the Forces, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Jarvis, of Southwold.

CHRISHALL, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GRAHAM PRATT .. .. Treble	WINIFRED M. ELLIOT .. 4
JOHN CHURCH .. .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 5
HAROLD HEATHFIELD .. 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*RAYMOND BROWN .. .. Treble	JAMES H. G. WILLIAM .. 4
FRANK R. BARNETT .. 2	FRED C. PUGH .. .. 5
WALTER H. RAXTER .. 3	CECIL DEAKIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.

\*First peal.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Mon., Nov. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*JOHN VERNON .. .. Treble	*ROY HALL (15) .. .. 4
*CHRISTINE STRATFORD (13) 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5
*RITA STRATFORD (15) .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

\*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

Rung for the Dedication Festival.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS .. .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT .. .. 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal on the bells after being restored by John Taylor and Co.

Rung for the commemoration of all the faithful departed; especially for Lieut.-General Sir Edward Hopton, K.C.B., Lady Clare Ellen Hopton, Diana Caroline Hopton, Captain Guy William Hopton, and Edward Michael Hopton.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, York, Bourne, Netherseale, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER J. CAME .. .. Treble	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 5
JEAN M. HARRIS .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Eleven different callings.

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. Treble	HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 4
ROGER O. FRY .. .. 2	*EDWARD F. CONNOCK .. 5
*WALTER STARR .. .. 3	†ALBERT F. BUTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD L. PARFREY.

\*First peal of Stedman Doubles. †First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor.

First peal on the bells since restoration and augmentation, and the first peal in the method on the bells.

Rung to mark the completion of 25 years as Rector of the parish by the Rev. Archibald Jones, M.A.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

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

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE E. CATTON .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4
ALAN G. FEVER .. .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 5
JOHN S. WYBREW .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

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

*On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
F. J. JACKSON .. .. Treble | JOHN J. TAYLOR .. .. 4  
ERNEST J. PADGETT .. 2 | FRANK LAMB .. .. 5  
JOHN WARDLE .. .. 3 | LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

**HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven 720's.

DORIS SHEPPARD .. .. Treble | \*RONALD FORSTER .. .. 4  
JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 2 | TREVOR PRITCHARD .. .. 5  
THOMAS PRICE .. .. 3 | LESLIE BARRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\*First peal of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 5 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 10080 MINOR**

Being three extents each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two extents of St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

DAVID BRAND .. .. Treble | RONALD W. STEWARD .. 4  
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 2 | LEONARD SHARPE .. 5  
ALAN G. FEVER .. .. 3 | KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

Longest length by all.

Rung in memoriam to the 'fallen' of both world wars.

**STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.**

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

*On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 2,520 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.  
MONICA HOWARD .. .. Treble | \*ALAN COOKE .. .. 3  
RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. 2 | †GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN 4

FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

\*First peal 'inside.' †First peal of Doubles 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled on the Eve of Remembrance Sunday.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR**

In eight methods, being 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob; 576 Little Bob; 448 Reverse; 320 each of St. Clement's and Double Bob, 288 Wellington, 224 Crayford Little Bob, and 1,472 Plain Bob, with 399 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5—6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3—4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7—8  
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: SHEILA PARKER.

**WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Nov. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF 5760 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being eight extents. Tenor size 8 in C.  
\*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3—4

\*JOHN KING .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

\*First handbell peal of Treble Bob. The first handbell peal of Treble Bob for the Guild. The conductor has now rung handbell peals of Kent on all numbers from Minor to Maximus.

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Members of the Worcestershire and Districts  
Association enjoyed their annual week-end at  
Bournemouth. A peal was rung at Ringwood  
on November 7th, and on the following Sun-  
day ringing took place at St. Peter's and St.  
John's, Bournemouth. A call was made to  
ring at Malmesbury on their way home.

To-morrow, the anniver-  
sary of the Queen's wedding,  
there will be a television  
broadcast from the Imperial Institute. The  
Master-elect of the College Youths, Mr. John  
Chilcott, will probably speak.

Miss J. M. Weddell, who rang a quarter peal  
of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary-atte-  
Bow on Remembrance Day, received special  
congratulations from the band on passing her  
finals as a medical practitioner.

Oxford Diocesan Guild ringers planned a peal  
attempt at St. Leonard's Church, Watlington,  
on St. Leonard's Day. Unfortunately, a few  
days before the tenor clapper at Watlington  
snapped. The attempt, which was successful,  
was transferred to Kirtlington at short notice.

The ringers who took part in the peal on  
the restored bells at Dunkerton, Somerset, on  
November 4th would like to put on record  
their appreciation of the hospitality of the Rev.  
and Mrs. A. Jones, who entertained them to  
supper in the Rectory on completion of the peal.

An old friend of ringers, Rev. G. H. Per-  
man, lately of St. Andrew's, Holborn, has been  
appointed Vicar of Ealing. He hopes to meet  
Middlesex ringers at St. Mary's on November  
21st at 6 p.m., when a South and West District  
of the Middlesex County Association and Lon-  
don Diocesan Guild is to be held.

Many of the company present at the Jasper  
Snowdon dinner, recently held in Sheffield, com-  
mented on the name cards, beautifully written  
in Old English lettering by the wife of Mr. H.  
O. Chaddock, one of the organisers of the  
dinner. Several who visited Sheffield for the  
dinner have expressed appreciation of the ex-  
cellent week-end ringing facilities organised by  
Mr. J. E. Turley.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The Lord Bishop of South-  
wark unveiled a peal plaque  
for the Coronation in the  
ringing room at Holy Trinity, West Hill,  
Wandsworth, on Sunday, October 25th, during  
morning service. Mr. L. H. Ford, G.M.  
(tower warden), introduced to the Bishop the  
following members of All Saints', Fulham  
Society: Messrs. H. Gage (conductor), R.  
Sanders, J. Stevenson, J. Allsop, R. Linsell, Mrs.  
C. Watts and Capt. H. Ellis, and also Mr. D.  
Burnett (Cornwall). The peal was 5,040 Sted-  
man Triples, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon.

Mr. Alfred J. Clayton, now 75 years of age,  
rang his first peal for 18 years at Beddington  
on November 7th.

In connection with the nation-wide appeal  
this week for Westminster Abbey the bells are  
being rung daily each evening from 5 to 6.

'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the  
Maidstone District of the Kent County  
Association, has now reached its sixteenth  
issue. The current issue contains a description  
of All Saints', Staplehurst, and two methods  
given are London Victory Delight and  
Highbury Bob Major. Throughout the winter  
months combined practices will be held on the  
second Wednesday at different towers in the  
eastern half of the district.

We welcome to our quarter peal columns the  
first on the bells at Rushden, Northants, since  
the recent augmentation and rehanging to com-  
memorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth  
II. There were three first quarter peals by  
members of the local band, which is being built  
up from scratch with the help of friends from  
Higham Ferrers. At the moment Sunday ser-  
vice ringing is confined to Grandsire Doubles  
and call changes.

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GENERAL CONDEMNATION OF GRAMOPHONE RECORDS FOR BELLS—IMPORTANT RESTORATIONS IN LONDON — CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND NON-TERRITORIAL MEMBERSHIP

**T**HE veneration and affection with which the Ancient Society of College Youths is held was demonstrated by the strong support that was given to the 316th anniversary dinner held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday.

The Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, was received in the customary way, being escorted to his seat by the senior steward, Mr. J. E. Chilcott, and the junior steward, Mr. C. J. Watts.

During an excellent meal the Master took wine with the company on the call of Mr. A. A. Hughes. The veterans were well represented. When the call to take wine with those of over 60 years' membership was given there stood up Messrs. Richard Stannard (63 years), Isaac Emery (62) and W. T. Elson (61). Those with over 50 years' membership who were similarly honoured were Messrs. W. H. Pasmore (58), Caleb Fenn (57), Rev. F. L. Edwards (56), G. N. Price (56), Ernest G. Fenn (54), Joseph S. Hawkins (52), Henry Hodgetts (52), A. B. Peck (52) and Albert A. Hughes (51).

About one-third of the company stood up when those who had rung a peal with the Master were honoured.

After the toast of 'The Queen,' the Master, in submitting that of 'The Church,' said strictly to speak of 'the Church' was to refer to a divine society which was world wide. Their thoughts that evening were probably directed to the Church in this land and not unnaturally, for it was in the church towers of England that the art of change ringing had been developed more than anywhere else in Christendom.

## SERVING THE CHURCH

True there were a few secular buildings which possessed a ring of bells, but he would not be at all optimistic concerning the welfare of the Ringing Exercise if ringing was confined to those bells. Opportunities for practice would be few and far between and he could not visualise that the same spirit of keenness and enthusiasm would exist as it did to-day among the ringers who felt that they were serving their Church.

On various occasions, such as ringers' services, they had explained to them the many uses of church bells. They were told that they were rung to call people to the church services. In olden times probably this idea was correct, but nowadays, when everyone possessed a watch or clock, this might seem to be an unnecessary measure. Personally he preferred to look on the ringing of bells as a part of the service, just as much as the choir and organ.

'With this point of view in mind I fail to see why certain incumbents, happily very much in the minority, can think fit to install these sets of imitation bells in their churches. Surely nothing short of the real thing is good enough to play a part in the church service.'

'Maybe there is an explanation. I have been told that in olden days church bells were rung as a medium to drive away evil spirits, and if those who are responsible for causing these gramophones to blare forth from their church roofs have that purpose in view, then I am sure that you will agree that they have chosen a very good instrument for their job.'

## RESTORATIONS IN LONDON

They were all happy to note that real bell restoration work was going ahead all over the country, and at last the ringers of London were beginning to reap a little benefit from this. During the war the majority of London bells were lost and those left were not in very good going order.

A year ago that day the grand ring of ten at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, was reopened after



THE MASTER, MR. F. E. COLLINS

a complete restoration, and shortly after that a new ring of eight was restored at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East. He understood that the ring of eight at St. Olave's, Hart Street, would be ready to ring at Christmas and also the twelve at St. Giles', Cripplegate, by Easter. They congratulated the church officers on the success of their efforts to put their bells and belfries in good order (applause). They liked to think of themselves as servants and workers of the Church and they hoped that there would never be lacking a succession of trained ringers to man the church towers or churchpeople who valued their bells.

The Rev. W. O. Cosgrove, Rector of Brasted, who was the guest of Mr. E. H. Lewis, replied, and said that the whole atmosphere of that gathering was tremendously impressive. The fact that their lighting of the Master was by two candlesticks which were used by the Duke of Wellington in the Waterloo campaign he found, as a schoolmaster who tried to teach history for 80 terms, most impressive. The Duke was inspecting a battalion of new recruits and at the conclusion commented: 'I don't know what effect they will have on the enemy, but, by God, they frighten me' (laughter).

The presence of so many ringers of the Victorian days that evening and the tremendous sense of atmosphere, brotherhood and hospitality that prevailed was most welcome in this war-weary world of theirs. He was glad the Master referred to ringing as part of the service of the Church, and he hoped that view was shared by every member of the Society.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, who recalled that he had his first lesson in bell-ringing on his 15th birthday from a farm worker named Henry Cox. He had had the honour of being a member of the Ancient Society for 56 years and it occurred to him

what a great difference there was in ringing in the 56 years before he joined and the 56 years since. When he joined the Society there had been no occasion to ring for a Coronation for the whole of those 56 preceding years. As a boy at school at Lyme Regis he heard the bells rung for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887.

At the time of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria he found the advantage it was to be a College Youth. He wrote to Mr. Cockerill and asked him if he could have an opportunity to ring or to get a sight of the procession. He was able to take part in the ringing at Southwark Cathedral and saw Her Majesty come over Waterloo Bridge. In the present century they had had four Coronations and the Silver Jubilee of King George V., and previous to that his silver wedding, and had passed through two wars.

As they knew in the second war they were bombed out of their headquarters at the Coffee Pot and also from the premises of Mr. Langdon. The Society then found a refuge in the Whitechapel Foundry under whose hospitable roof they had remained ever since. He very much admired the work of the College Youths in these days, and he was sure when they saw a number of brilliant young ringers taking their part in the affairs of the Society that its future was well assured.

## TWO SECRETARIES IN 63 YEARS

A great reception was accorded Mr. Alfred Peck, the secretary of the Society, when he rose to reply. He said there was something about the College Youths that got into one's blood, but there would soon come a time when he would have to give up and a younger man be elected as their secretary. They had two secretaries in 63 years, and if his successor should be a young man there was a possibility that they would have three in 100 years. Much of his work was done by Mr. Hughes and his dear wife and they did thank them for their continued hospitality.

The Society had held 13 business meetings during the year. They had been to Liverpool where they had a very great welcome, to Henfield, Bromley and Croydon. In addition they had 37 practices. They rang 26 peals in the following methods: Yorkshire Maximus and Royal, Cambridge Maximus, Royal and Minor, London Royal, Bristol Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Minor, Spliced Minor, Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples. Some of these peals had been rung by their young members and he was very proud of them. It gave him great pleasure to see that they were getting the right type of young fellow into their Society.

He called the members' attention to the resolution passed by the Church Assembly the previous day deprecating the use of gramophone records in place of church bells. He agreed with the Archbishop that these records were a sham. The other day when the Queen Mother went to the Mansion House a record made by the Society on the old ten at Bow was played from St. Bride's Church. Such a thing ought to be stopped.

Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Mr. Albert Walker (Master of the St. Martin's Guild), Mr. Duffield (Sudbury), Mr. G. E. Symonds (who wrote that his certificate was dated February 5th, 1898, and an East Anglian, Walter Prime, was then Master), Mr. G. H. Cross, Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths (who was recovering from an attack of bronchitis), Mr. Rowland Fenn and Mr. K. S. B. Croft.

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## COLLEGE YOUTHS DINNER

(Continued)

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected during the past year:—

R. E. Scudamore (Llandilo), W. Richings and L. R. G. Taylor (Bristol), W. White (Appleton), R. A. Higgins (Wincanton), A. A. Potts (Macclesfield), F. H. Bennett (Shrewsbury), R. W. Morant (Guildford), F. Hunt (Ashted), H. E. Ellis (Surbiton), R. B. Meadows (Bournemouth), D. J. F. Oakshott (Epsom), A. K. Street and E. H. Smith (Shiplake), G. Prescott (Weston), H. L. Parfrey (Corston), R. G. Hooper and E. Sutton (Bristol), I. W. Taylor and K. Abbott (Rochdale), F. Pritchard (Oldham), R. G. Lay (Hampton), W. F. J. Cope (Bath), G. R. Eyles (Box, Wilts), G. J. Hawkins (Bath), A. G. Winn (Streatham), C. H. Meers (Blackheath), A. Smith (Rochdale), B. K. Lunn (London), E. F. Shearn and M. J. Horseman (Nailsea), E. H. Langley (Wokingham), C. A. Benn (Reading), J. V. Donaldson (Victoria, B.C.), R. G. Edwards (Birkenhead), A. Hibbert (Chapel-en-le-Frith), T. C. Larky (Liverpool), T. Rogers (Wallasey), F. S. Almond (Woolton), T. W. Hammond (Aintree), T. Lee (Liverpool).

F. C. Price (Feltham), E. F. Packham (Henfield), F. G. Nurdan (Evesham), A. R. Peake (Swindon), M. Bishop (East Hagbourne), W. E. Allman (Runcorn), B. Jones (Stockport), R. N. Marlow (Fordingbridge), C. M. P. Johnson (Accrington), H. G. Keeley and R. Keeley (Lyme Regis), R. P. Crump (Wood Green), J. W. Whittaker (Macclesfield), B. E. W. Colley and W. A. Farmer (Shrewsbury), D. J. Kirby (Bromley), J. Thornley (Bolton), N. Smith (Burnley), N. Thompkins (Pendlebury), R. P. Wood (Worthing), G. J. Hurrell (Eltham), G. H. Clift (Beeston), J. R. Ketteringham (Alfold), S. A. Jesson (Leicester), I. Trueman (Bristol), D. Burnett (Cornwall), F. Wills (Exeter), B. F. Pidgeon (East Budleigh), C. C. Deem (Exmouth), J. L. S. Glanvill and F. Wreford (Exeter), E. W. Rowe (Sidmouth).

## LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood as the following who died in 1953 were remembered:—

Fred Hindle, Charles Williams, Charles Edwards, George Jones, Harry Overton, Percy Webb, Fred Cotton, Sidney Ansell, W. J. Baldwin, Percy Stevenson, Henry Stovell, Robert Sperring, Sidney Rackham, James Backhouse, John Blakiston, Joseph Broadley, John Glew, Henry Harding, William Symonds, William Ford, James Denner, George Dawson, Thomas Werrett, John Smith, E. A. G. Allen, Ernest Parker, Walter Cliff, Sidney Palmer, C. H. Perry, Walter Warwick, W. H. T. King, Cecil Baker, William Chalk, George Martin, Arthur Sturman, Edwin Hooper, Harry Wood, Joseph Hough, J. T. Miller, Frederick Souter, Herbert Halford.

Sidney Wiltshire, Robert Edwards, Roger Atkinson, Percy Smith, Frederick Crook, George Leader, Alfred Nichols, Miss M. E. Thorpe, Wilfred Hooton, George W. Cartmel, Harry Miller, Jack Rance, Herbert Holden, T. J. Hamlin, Walter Perkins, O. Warner, Tom Arrow, A. R. Wilson, William Bacon, William Watkins, Alick Haynes, Walter Wallington, Fred Lasbury, Alfred Swan, George R. Newton, Tom F. Coles, Wilfred Matthews, Ernest Gosden, George Lancaster, Walter Ladd, G. A. Blaxcell, William Rees, George Lawrence, Harry Scoffin, C. Brasier, William Bunch, W. Townsend, Frederick Ridgwell, Frederick Reeves, Joseph Waite.

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors' was submitted by Mr. E. H. Lewis. He welcomed the Rector of Brasted and mentioned it was in his tower on November 5th, 1937, that the only peal was rung for the tercentenary of the Society, the Revs. Dr. Perkins, E. G. Turner, H. J. Fynes-Clinton and L. Brewster, and the representative of the Cumberland, Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was son and

grandson of famous ringers. Representatives of the territorial associations were present from all parts of the country.

## RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Lewis stated that he had been a resident member of many of these associations. The first was the Midland Counties, he having learnt to handle a bell at Trowell and one of his first pupils was Mr. Ted Gobey. In 1904 he migrated to Lancashire and lived for two years in the same road as his old friend, Mr. George R. Newton. He spent 10 years at Widnes, where he told the Police Guild he was 'a copper refiner'. Later he was with the Chester Guild at Frodsham, and in 1905 at Shrewsbury, where he joined the Salop Guild.

In 1914 the war sent him to Scotland, where he became a resident member of the Scottish Association. In 1929 he was called to Kent and received a very great welcome from the Kent County Association. During the war he was evacuated to Buckinghamshire and joined the Oxford Guild, and now he had transferred to the Hertfordshire Association. To all the kindred societies he extended the best wishes of the Ancient Society for their future welfare.

In that week's 'Ringing World' there was a letter about electoral reform and he was not sure that he was altogether in favour of the view put forward. 'I don't like to express a definite opinion without careful study, but I am quite sure that the Central Council would not be worth anything if it did not contain elected members of their Society, which was one of the founder members. Their Society took the main part in the foundation of the Central Council, and anything which kept out the representatives of the Society would be very much to the detriment of the Council.'

'I think also there is something for university bodies having their own representatives. If there had been no university members I should not have been a member of the Central Council and would certainly not have been in a position to undertake a complicated piece of mathematical research which I did for the Council.'

Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, former secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, replied and recalled his ringing experiences when he first came to London 45 years ago.

The toast of 'The Press' was entrusted to Mr. H. Miles, of Carbis Bay, whose collection of extracts referring to ringing delighted the company. In a reference to 'The Ringing World' he said at the Central Council meeting he brought forward a motion that for each peal or quarter peal rung there should be a contribution to 'The Ringing World' of one shilling. That was defeated. In the debate it was pointed out that the journal would be placed on a firm basis if there were another 1,000 postal subscribers. He asked if every member of the Society was doing his best to get those new subscribers. 'We have this paper which we value so much, and unless we do something about it we may lose it altogether.'

Since his motion he had kept a fairly close watch on the donations from peal and quarter peal ringers. He did not think the contributions from peal ringers were good enough.

The Editor, Mr. T. W. White, acknowledged the toast.

## FRAGRANT MEMORIES

In the absence of Mr. E. Alexander Young, the toast of 'The fragrant memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was given by Mr. A. A. Hughes from the MSS. Mr. Young had prepared.

In 1653 the Master was William Bishop, the son of Richard Bishop, who was Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Commons. He succeeded his father to that office.

John Cundell was Master in 1753 and he rang 25 peals, of which he conducted five. His first peal was on the old ten at Cripplegate, when he and Thomas Fernyhaugh rang the tenor to 5,094 Grandsire Caters. This was the first occasion on which a bell was rung double handed to a peal. He rang the seventh

to a peal of Bob Triples on the old eight at St. Saviour's, Southwark. On that occasion three men were needed to ring the 49 cwt. tenor. He rang the tenor with assistance to Bob Major for the first peal on the bells of Canterbury Cathedral. He rang the 11th and conducted the first peal of Double Grandsire Cinques at St. Bride's. During Cundell's term of office as Master, Annable rang in 6,080 Bob Major at St. George's-in-the-East, his last peal with the Society.

Charles Balle, who was Master in 1853, joined the Society in 1839, the same year as Robert Haworth. The year he joined some silver medals were struck to celebrate the bicentenary of the Society. Haworth received one of these medals, but Balle did not.

During the evening Mrs. A. A. Hughes delighted the company with her handbell selections. She was accompanied by Mrs. Tom Lock.

## THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president), Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council), the Rev. F. L. Edwards, E. G. Turner, H. J. Fynes-Clinton, Dr. Perkins and L. Brewster, Messrs. A. B. Peck, F. Sharpe, A. A. Hughes, A. R. Macdonald, R. Meadows, H. Miles, A. York-Bramble, P. Clark, F. Dunkerley, J. Worth, W. Allman, B. Jones, S. Dearden, R. Edwards, V. Savage, W. H. Coles, J. Dyke.

F. Smallwood, A. Rose, E. Jenkins, J. Bibby, G. Massey, S. Parry, J. H. Jones, S. Mason, F. Haynes, W. Osborn, C. Martin, T. Borcham, J. Hawkins, W. Cook, L. Reece, F. Bennett, Tomlin, P. Woodgyer, D. Parsons, E. Macintosh and J. Sansom.

J. Chilcott, M. Chilcott, B. Lunn, H. Parsons, D. Fowles, J. Hill, N. Diserens, W. Butler, J. Birt, H. Bishop, T. Townsend, L. Barry, W. Hughes, D. Hughes, B. Brighty, A. Richards, D. Kirby, A. Winn, T. Waugh, H. Weaver, I. Emery, J. Prior.

B. Threlfall, G. Cecil, T. Fox, L. Fox, H. Thompson, G. Meers, J. Cannell, R. Cousins, E. Owen, H. Marwick, R. Wilson, G. Fearn, S. O'Shaughnessy, W. Oatway, R. Lathbury, P. Davis, E. Nash, R. Bell, H. Ellis, D. Langdon, H. Weedon, W. Elson, Elson, Jun.

C. Glenn, D. Smith, W. Smith, P. Hull, J. Relf, A. Mason, T. Blow, R. Davies, T. Myers, F. Myers, I. Trueman, Trueman, sen., R. Bowden, R. Hooper, J. Stallard, A. Tyler, C. Benn, V. Cherrill, C. Lewington, J. Phillips, H. Belcher, R. Deal, C. Watts, W. Pasmore, G. Price, H. Hodgetts, D. Clift, W. Williams.

F. Skidmore, A. Hilliar, L. Derrick, A. Beard, C. Fenn, S. Holgate, J. Ford, W. G. Cook, L. Tidy, W. Grice, C. Norris, Ketteringham, W. Rawlings, J. Willis, R. Norris, J. Weller, F. Budgen, C. Wardell, Holgate, sen., R. Stannard, E. Fenn, H. Ranzetta, J. Bullock and T. W. White.

## IRISH PRESIDENT'S 70th BIRTHDAY

In honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Pratt, President of the Irish Association, a peal of Wath Delight Major was rung at Hollywood on November 7th. After the peal the band and other friends were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, and a birthday cake, adorned with bells, was cut.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Barber) thanked Mr. and Mrs. Pratt for their hospitality, and presented Mr. Pratt with a combined church hymnal and prayer book, suitably inscribed and also signed by the band.

Mr. Pratt, in thanking the band, mentioned how pleased he was at the success of the peal, which was the first in the method in Ireland.

Messrs. H. Brown and J. T. Dunwoody also paid tribute to Mr. Pratt's work for the Association.

After tea there was handbell ringing.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GAVE INVASION WARNING

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 23rd you state that you doubt if any other lady ringer had the distinction of ringing the bells during the invasion scare of 1940. I should like to couple Miss E. Landon's name with that of Mrs. Welton.

Miss Landon is the daughter of the late Rev. Canon Guy Landon, Rector of Alverstoke, and was a member of St. Mary's band. She rang the sixth on that never-to-be-forgotten-night while a warning was in operation. I well remember hearing the bells of other churches in the borough being tolled.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. NOBES.  
St. Mary's, Alverstoke.

## SCALE OF COMPARISON

Dear Sir,—I do not believe ringers of Major and higher methods fully appreciate the skill required in multi-method peals of Doubles and Minor. Comparison is difficult, but I wonder if any reader could assess the number of different Minor or Doubles methods that would be the equivalent to a peal of, say, Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Many years ago an attempt was made to assess the relative merits of different types of peals, but the table did not give credit to Minor ringers and their many methods. The word minor must not be confused with something inferior to major, as the strain of a multi-method peal is certainly the equivalent to some of the major Surprise performances.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT E. FLUTTERS.

Boston.

## 350 CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether Mr. Percy Johnson, in his reference to the late George Bolland at the Snowdon dinner as the possessor of 350 clocks, has confused him with another Yorkshire ringer, Mr. Arthur West, of Cottingham, who died, I would say, within the last ten years, and who, at the time of his death, owned a similar number of clocks.

He was, I believe, a man of independent means, and in the early 1930's employed a very gifted young ringer, Derek Sharp, to assist him in the daily task of winding and maintaining them.

In 1936 Derek came this way for a week's holiday, during which he rang three peals, two on tower bells and one 'in hand,' which made him decide not to return home. He obtained employment locally, and was a valued member of Crayford tower until the outbreak of war.

On more than one occasion Derek told me that Mr. West's clocks were all housed in one large room, and the noise made by their ticking can well be imagined. Nevertheless, this did not prevent Mr. West, Derek, Colin Hopper (now of Guildford) and his brother Alan meeting regularly in the same room for handbell practice!

Derek Sharp joined the R.A.F. early in the war, and in due course was sent to America for training, during which he received a great deal of publicity, both in America and over here through falling out of an aeroplane and managing, by a million to one chance, to grab the tail and hang on until he was brought safely to earth by the pilot.

He was reported missing after a raid on Germany in 1944, and nothing has been heard of him since.—Yours,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## NON-TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Sir,—In the introduction to my article of last week you inadvertently stated that I want the abolition of all non-territorial associations. This is farthest from my thoughts. I merely consider that they should not have representation on the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

JACK R. WORRALL.

Woking.

P.S.—I am myself a member of three non-territorial associations.

## PEALS AT UPPER CLAPTON

Dear Sir,—Between 1922 and 1938 I have recorded the following peals at Upper Clapton: Mar. 30th, 1922, Stedman Triples. Aug. 18th, 1923, Stedman Triples. Feb. 27th, 1929, London Surprise Major. Nov. 22nd, 1930, Bristol Surprise Major.

Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

Dear Sir,—Regarding the query by Mr. C. F. Neal, a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, in which I had the pleasure of taking part, was rung at St. Matthew's on November 22nd, 1930, conducted by William Pye. Peal No. 2239, Middlesex County Association, 33rd annual report.—Yours faithfully,

F. G. NASH.

London, N.22.

## UNDER INSURANCE OF CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—The under insurance of churches can be a very serious matter in the case of partial damage as well as total loss.

It may not be generally known that insurance companies will only pay a percentage of any claim unless the property is fully covered. In the case quoted by Miss Cross, where bells valued at £2,000 are insured for £400, only 20 per cent. of any damage to these bells could be claimed.—Yours truly,

C. A. LEVETT.

St. Leonards-on-Sea.

## THE LATE MR. WILLIAM SHORT

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter of Mr. Ernest Morris, the late William Short was appointed instructor to the Hereford Guild in 1902 and each winter visited the diocese until the outbreak of the first world war.

His total of 126 peals for the Guild was as follows: Doubles, Grandsire 56 (conducted 39); Minor, one to seven methods 26 (13); Triples, Grandsire 25 (22), Stedman 15 (8); Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich 3 (1); and one handbell peal of Grandsire Triples.

These were rung in 64 towers as far afield as Merthyr Tydfil, Welshpool, Brecon, Ross-on-Wye, Ledbury, Bridgnorth, Bulth Wells, etc. This was before the Swansea and Brecon Guild was formed. The peals contained a large quantity of 'firsts.'

It was a fitting tribute when he died in 1950 that four Hereford Guild members should join Worcester Association ringers in a half-muffled peal of Double Norwich at Old Swinford, near Stourbridge.

Another ringer who did great work for beginners was Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay-on-Wye, who probably rang more peals of Doubles than any ringer. Of his total of 267, no less than 253 were for the Hereford Guild, 158 of which he conducted. His peals of Doubles were about 200, approximately 150 being Grandsire. He cycled thousands of miles helping beginners, and many owe their first peal to him. His death in 1944 was indeed a great loss to ringing.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE EVANS.

Eardisland.

## GREAT BIG BOB

Dear Sir,—What a long-felt want is filled by Great Big Bob! This is the kind of sturdy independence that has made Britain what she is!

My fellow-ringers and I have long deplored the want of individuality in ringing, and the appearance of Great Big Bob in your correspondent's letter was eagerly welcomed in our tower. We have since rung it with conspicuous success, and have even ventured to introduce a few improvements of our own, such as firing on the front three bells, while the tenor hunts up to eighths place, which produces a very tasteful effect! We differ, however, from your second correspondent as to the calling of the method. We have found that a single by private agreement in 4-5, as in Stedman, is all that is needed. Dodging is then continued in 4-5, until one of the bells above or below the dodging sees an opportunity to slip through the natural barrier thus caused and force the dodging bells apart, willy-nilly.—Yours faithfully,

DAPHNE R. CASTELL.

Stanton Harcourt, Oxon.

## HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I recall being told that half-muffled ringing was a practice first developed at Rolvenden, Kent, in the 18th century, when that tower had a good band, and that the practice spread gradually until now it is countrywide.

I would be grateful if any reader can confirm or deny this, or can give me any definite information as to where, in fact, half-muffled ringing on solemn occasions did start. Perhaps some reader will be able to quote some authority on the matter and thus clear it up for me. I have been unable to find any reference to this matter anywhere.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

Harwell, Berks.

## EXPERT'S VIEWS WANTED ON THE EXCELLENCE OF TENORS

Dear Sir,—It would be of general interest to invite correspondence on the apparent excellence of certain tenor weights, 12 and 15 cwt., 21 and 24 cwt., 30, 33 and 42 cwt., 50, 60, 72 and 84 cwt. (or near). Is it due to progressional weights-cum-diameter-cum-alloy, after the pattern of similarity in magnetism and other similarities in molecular progressions the atomic scale of elements?

Expert views on the matter would be very interesting. I am sure.—Yours sincerely,

STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Sampford Peverell, Devon.

## ST. GILES', NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to be able to announce that, after surmounting various difficulties, work has now been commenced by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, on the rehanging of this ring of ten.

At present the bells are being removed by the founders. The existing wooden frame, which, so far as can be recalled, is the original one installed in 1732, is to be entirely removed, and the bells will ultimately be hung in a steel frame at a lower level. Whilst the bells are out certain work is to be undertaken to strengthen the fabric of the tower and the condition of this work will more or less decide when the bells will be rehung.

Several appeals have been made towards the cost of this work, but there is still a balance to be found, and I am sure that the Rector of St. Giles' will be grateful to receive contributions, however small, from any ringer who has enjoyed ringing on these bells.—Yours faithfully,

R. S. ANDERSON, Chairman,  
North Staffs Association of Change  
Ringers.



**LETTERS—Continued****CUSTOM AND USAGE**

Dear Sir, — Unfortunately Mr. York-Bramble's nether limbs appear to be rather inelastic in connection with his pet subject. I am sorry if I hurt his feelings.

As for his Biblical quotation, may I remind him of a homely little saying about pots and kettles? He has been criticising the C.C. Committee for years: surely they are, collectively, a great deal older and wiser than he.

However, he has a perfect right to criticise them. Equally I, even though 'a comparatively young man' (Mr. George Baker says 'a very young man'), am at liberty to express my views, to which I expect an answer and not vague comments on my Christian morality.

He says his conclusions are based on long established custom and usage. Presumably Mr. George Baker and the C.C. Committee use the same sources—strange they should get different answers.

I assume that when he says Grid Analysis is logical he means that he proves his results. How is it that he cannot convince Mr. George Baker and the C.C. Committee? There is no disputing with pure logic if there is agreement as to the basic concepts (i.e. those based on 'custom and usage').

What is the custom and usage in method extension? The only methods of note which were extended in the past were the Plain Bob and Grandsire groups, Oxford and New (Kent) Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise and Double Norwich. I am assured by a member of the committee that London Major is not an extension of the Minor. Many people have always refused to accept Double Norwich Royal as the correct extension of the Major. This does not leave much useful information from which to derive axioms based on 'custom and usage.'

What are Mr. York-Bramble's axioms? Let him cut away all the excess verbiage of Grid Analysis, call a spade a spade and a 'stat' a place, and then perhaps his axioms and their justification will appear.—Your sincerely,

R. F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

**BIDFORD-ON-AVON**

Dear Sir,—The bells of the Church of St. Lawrence, Bidford-on-Avon, which were cast in the year 1791, have not featured in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' for many years, in fact only one peal has been rung in the last 25 years owing to the bad 'go' and the bells not being in peal form.

They have, however, been rung regularly for Sunday services and occasional practices until a few weeks ago, when it was considered unsafe to ring them in their present condition. Examination by experts confirmed this.

It is hoped to have the present ring of six bells retuned and rehung in an all metal frame with the addition of two treble bells.

An appeal for £1,500 is being made in order that the work may be put in hand as soon as possible. The ringers themselves will try to raise £100 towards this sum.

If any of your readers feel that they would like to support this fund donations would be very gratefully accepted.—Your truly,

A. T. STOREY,

Captain of Ringers.

Steppes Piece, Bidford-on-Avon,  
Warwickshire.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****Ashford District and Men on Service**

The Ashford District held a very successful meeting at Pluckley on November 7th. About 40 members and their friends were present, from Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Brabourne, Folkestone, High Halden, Lydd, Maidstone, Marden, Paddock Wood, Smarden, Willborough and Wye.

Pluckley, unfortunately, does not now possess a local band, the usual causes having contributed to its break up—deaths and National Service—but the Rector, who is himself a ringer, hopes to be able to recruit a fresh band.

Ringing started about 3 p.m., and carried on until 4.30, when all attended a short service, conducted by the Rector. Then came a sumptuous tea, provided by the hostess of the Black Horse Inn, with tables so liberally stocked with home-made cakes and pastries that even our appetites were defeated.

At the short business meeting, which followed the tea, the new District Secretary asked to be excused from reading out the avowed objects of the Association, and then asked all members to welcome those ringers who, although not versed in the higher forms of the art of change ringing, were, nevertheless, always present on Sundays to carry out the first object of the Association. He hoped that members who had had more opportunity to advance in the art would assist those less fortunately situated by visiting their towers, and inviting them to their own.

He then asked all members to try to keep in touch with their fellow ringers, whether members or not, who had been called up for service in H.M. Forces. Send them copies of 'The Ringing World,' write to them about ringing happenings—but don't let them feel they are forgotten. In this he was given the powerful support of Mr. John Willis, whilst Miss Godderidge immediately offered to send two copies of 'The Ringing World' weekly to the first addresses given her.

After the election of five new members, the meeting closed, and all returned to the tower to remind the inhabitants of Pluckley that the church still had six bells. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

W. P. G.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION****Monmouth Branch**

The quarterly meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held on November 7th at St. Cadoc's, Caerleon. Some fifty-eight ringers attended, including many visitors. Fourteen branch towers were represented. Ringing in a great variety of methods was ably conducted by the Branch Master, Mr. Ryan Price.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Ivor Davies, who welcomed the branch to Caerleon. He was assisted by the Rev. F. A. Oswald (Machen) and the Rev. Ivor Richards (Crumlin).

An excellent tea was provided by the Caerleon ringers in an adjoining hall.

At the business meeting new members were elected from Llanfrefcha, Caerleon and St. Woolos, Newport.

Progress was reported from Caerleon, Peterstone and Bedwelly.

Rumney was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

**WEDDINGS****MR. J. E. FOX—MISS PAMELA PEEL**

On Saturday, October 31st, a large congregation assembled in the parish church of Walpole St. Andrew, Norfolk, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. E. Fox and Miss Pamela Peel.

The bridegroom is well known as the secretary of the Wisbech District of the Ely Diocesan Association, and both he and the bride are ringers at this church and also members of the choir.

The service was conducted by Canon A. Lee-Warner (a former Vicar), assisted by the Rev. H. J. Scott (Vicar), and Mr. F. Elmer (Lay Reader).

A reception was held in the Parish Hall of Walpole St. Peter, at which the Rev. H. J. Scott, who is President of the Wisbech District, presented the happy couple with a canteen of stainless steel cutlery on behalf of the members, several of whom were present.

St. Andrew's bells were rung both before and after the service, and two quarter peals, one at St. Peter's and one at St. Andrew's, were rung in honour of the event.

**MR. B. F. LUMBERS—MISS J. M. CHAPMAN**

The wedding took place on November 7th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Weekley, of Mr. B. F. Lumbers, only son of Mrs. Lumbers and the late Mr. F. Lumbers, of Weekley, to Miss J. M. Chapman, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Chapman, of Kettering. Both bride and bridegroom are members of the choirs of Warkton and Weekley; the bridegroom is also a member of the Warkton band of ringers. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. H. Voller.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white figured taffeta dress covered by spotted net, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. She was attended by the Misses Pamela Lumbers, Janet Twelvtree and Brenda Twelvtree, and Mrs. Sheila Lane (matron of honour). Master Raymond Lane was page boy.

As the couple left the church the bells were 'fired' intermittently with rounds and queens, after which touches were rung.

After the reception in the Village Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Lumbers left for London, where they were to spend their honeymoon.

**Gratefully Acknowledged**

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ASFORDBY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Zanker 1, E. Littlewood 2, A. Hinman 3, F. J. Williams 4, H. Bell 5, P. A. Corby (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Littlewood for his 80th birthday.

**AYLESBEARE, DEVON.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: R. Perry 1, C. Deem 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, J. Carter 4, J. L. S. Glanvill 5, J. Quick 6. First in method for all.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Imogen Darrell-Waters (first quarter) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Bridges 6, S. Hatfield 7. Rung with the tenor covering. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Edwards 7, R. Buckland 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Beale 1, W. H. Gravett 2, A. W. Bond 3, G. Aldah 4, W. H. Hargreaves 5, H. W. Woolven 6, H. Statham (cond.) 7, G. Bagg 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Jack Whitehead, aged 74, for 15 years a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church.

**BRISTOL, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe, on Oct. 4th, 1,408 Grandsire Cinques: E. F. Hancock (cond.) 1, F. G. Leaker 2, G. Briggs 3, A. M. Tyler 4, D. Smith (first of Cinques) 5, I. H. Trueman 6, R. Hooper 7, R. J. Bowden 8, A. A. Hilliar 9, P. L. Pearce 10, F. Hansford 11, F. C. Mogford 12. Rung for the harvest festival.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Bushell 1, R. E. Old 2, J. M. Nash 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. T. Windram 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. Longest length of Minor for all except the conductor. Rung with local band as a token of respect (half-muffled) for Christopher Croft, interred earlier in the day.

**EASTRY, KENT.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. R. Wells 1, W. A. Terry 2, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 3, J. F. Penfold 4, G. E. Ruck 5.

**HENDON, N.W.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, J. Parslow 2, Miss Ruth Foreman (first quarter as cond.) 3, J. Taylor 4, D. T. C. Smith 5, H. Arnold 6. Rung for the festival of All Saints. Also a welcome from the Mother Church to Frances Elisabeth, younger daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Collis, of St. Mary Magdalene, Holders Hill Road, N.W.4, on her christening.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. R. Worrall 1, G. Oliver (cond.) 2, Doreen Gibbons (first in two methods) 3, E. R. Warner 4, J. Martin 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson to Mr. E. R. Warner.

**HORTON, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain, Candleaby, Boxford, St. Simon's, Braywood, Rugby, St. Martin's, Welford, Merton, Union, Uppington, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Ravensingham, Dorton, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Haddiscoe, Fundenhall): A. Cooke 1, Monica Howard 2, R. Shepherd 3, F. Blagrove (cond.) 4, J. Rock 5. Rung on the Eve of Remembrance Sunday.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, N. Mallett 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

**LLANDILO, CARMARTHENS.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Alcock 1, A. Reynolds 2, O. Woods 3, R. Scudamore (first as cond.) 4, J. Turvey (first quarter) 5, R. Williams 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. O. Woods.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. White 1, S. Linnet 2, A. Hubble 3, F. Lewis 4, E. Richardson 5, S. Easter 6, A. Mansfield (cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8. Fairwell to the Rev. J. R. Lewis on taking up another appointment.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Bonner (first quarter) 1, E. D. Poole 2, H. Buckingham 3, Miss S. Hazely 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. Rung for All Saints' Day.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On Nov. 8th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Money (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. Uden 2, H. Allen 3, W. Eveleigh 4, F. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. Hughes (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the wife of the tower captain (3rd ringer).

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burton 1, B. G. Burton 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, C. Claydon 5, K. C. S. Wood 6. For patronal festival. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burton

1, Miss D. Mansfield 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, A. A. Livings 4, C. Claydon 5, S. Claydon 6. Half-muffled in memoriam George William Cordell, sidesman, interred this day.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Muncy (first quarter on eight bells) 1, Miss M. Roberts (first quarter on eight bells) 2, G. Crisp 3, T. R. Dennis 4, J. Gipson 5, W. J. Ridgman 6, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 7, M. Ginn 8. Rung after a peal attempt failed through the tenor rope coming untucked.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Walker (first of Minor) 1, A. A. Upton (first quarter of Minor) 2, R. Tallis 3, J. L. Lightfoot (first quarter of Minor) 4, A. C. Morris 5, D. Harrison (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

**PATRINGTON, YORKS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): D. A. Chapman (cond.) 1, H. Andrews 2, L. G. Marritt 3, L. Rodmell 4, G. Percy 5, D. Fewster 6, E. Ives 7, E. Heart 8. First quarter for 7 and 8.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,080 Plain Bob Royal: Margaret Mills 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, H. E. North 4, H. Woodall 5, F. Fisher 6, C. Wright 7, A. Firth 8, T. C. Ryder 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Longest length of Royal for 1 and 5. For the patronal festival.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: B. Coleman (first quarter) 1, G. Catton (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Fever 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

**RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clark 1, D. Priestley 2, A. Bigley 3, O. Payne 4, C. Underwood 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, G. D. Deighton 7, B. Whitworth 8. First quarter on the bells after augmentation and for 1, 2 and 8. Rung for the 70th birthday of Charles Clifton.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Nov. 1st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, L. W. Fisher 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6, G. H. Dunnington 8 covering.

**SHILLINGTON, BEDS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Miss J. Dear 1, Miss A. Willes 2, M. Orm 3, P. Meheew 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5. First in the method by all. Rung to mark All Saints' Day and the patronal festival.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—At St. Ann's Church, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Green (first on working bell) 1, I. M. Parry 2, P. E. Parry 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5, W. Coleman 6.

**STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Halstead 1, Miss F. Childs 2, D. Short 3, F. C. Moulard 4, J. A. C. King (cond.) 5, C. E. Daubney 6. First quarter for 1 and 4. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. S. B. Carey, captain of Stockbridge band.

**STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Nancy Marlew 1, Rita Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, A. Ballard 4, F. K. Measures 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

**SUTTON IN THE ISLE.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gimbert 1, M. Darby 2, D. Murfit 3, S. Shipp (cond.) 4, J. Robinson 5, R. Peacock 6. First quarter by 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for evening service.

**TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 600 Kent): W. Knight (first of Minor) 1, E. Fowell 2, J. Rainsford 3, J. Clark (cond.) 4, K. Stacey 5, W. Smith 6.

**TRULL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Smith 1, Beryl Churchill 2, B. Vine (cond.) 3, H. Churchill 4, G. Uglov 5, R. Perry 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

**TWYFORD, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Townsend 1, A. Hodges 2, F. Thorpe 3, G. Gilder 4, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 5, J. Gascoigne 6.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Dobb 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, Miss J. Smith 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Watford Surprise Major: R. King 1, R. Rowley 2, D. K. Adkins 3, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 4, W. Wenban 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman 8. First in method by all except 6 and 7.

**WHITCHURCH, OXON.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Baughan 1, Miss L. Slade 2, E. Baughan 3, W. Johnson 4, G. J. Hearn 5, J. K. Morley (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment for Miss Ruth Gray, a member of the band.

**WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Howard 1, A. Cooke 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, R. Shepherd 5, J. Rock 6. Rung on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 21st, 1913:

### BIRMINGHAM AND SHEFFIELD MEET

An interesting incident happened at the opening of Shoreditch bells. During the evening, a party of six ringers from Birmingham visited the tower and found among the large company already in the tower six of their Sheffield friends. It was immediately suggested that they should join in a touch, and an excellent three leads of Treble Twelve were rung by the following: P. O. Lafin (Birmingham) 1, J. Thorp (Sheffield) 2, J. Neal (Birmingham) 3, G. Holmes (Sheffield) 4, T. Mills (Birmingham) 5, J. Evinson (Sheffield) 6, S. Grove (Birmingham) 7, L. Charlesworth (Sheffield) 8, S. F. Palmer (Sheffield) 9, A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham) 10, W. Bridger (Sheffield) 11, J. E. Groves (Birmingham) 12.

All the above ringers are well known to one another, but this meeting was entirely accidental, and it was remarkable that an equal number of men from places as far apart as Birmingham and Sheffield should, without prearrangement, meet together in a touch in a London belfry.

Mr. C. W. King, of 11, Henry Street, Goole, has a '40 Years Ago' memory this week. On November 22nd, 1913, he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham. The band consisted of Miss Winifred M. Hague 1, Charles W. King 2, Clement Glenn 3, John W. J. Cottam 4, Thomas Smith 5, Arthur Hague 6, Herbert Rudkin 7, Joseph Drake 8. He is the only one left of the Goole ringers who then participated, although he is delighted to read almost weekly of the prowess of Mr. Clement Glenn, who was the conductor on that occasion.

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# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY RINGING

The following is a selection of quarter peals rung on Remembrance Sunday (November 8th).

**BATHWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.**—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Merret 1, W. Cope 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, E. Naylor (cond.) 4, E. Fry 5, A. Read 6, E. Connock 7, R. Stubbs 8. Half-muffled.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pole 1, C. Castleman 2, C. Lynch 3, A. Skinner 4, J. Kesterton 5, N. Abell 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass. Half-muffled.

**BOW, E.**—At St. Mary-atte-Bow, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, Miss J. M. Weddell 4, G. Bryant 5, C. A. Hughes 6, C. W. Ottley 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

**BURES, SUFFOLK.**—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. H. Davies (Q4, first quarter) 1, P. G. Hartley (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, S. T. Hume 8. First of Triples for 2 and 4, and half-muffled.

**CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.**—1,260 Spliced Doubles (Plain Bob, Chase, Union, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Candlesby S.C., Reverse Canterbury): M. Purchase (first quarter) 1, R. Crook (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Howard 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brooks 5, R. Purchase 6. First quarter in seven Spliced by all except 3.

**COWFOLD, SUSSEX.**—1,320 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): R. Boxall 1, J. Cherriam 2, E. Stoner 3, F. Ford 4, F. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Symmonds 6. Half-muffled.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Kershall 1, Mrs. K. Snelling 2, C. Stephenson 3, K. Snelling 4, H. Lilley 5, J. Jeffery 6, J. Lilley (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

**CULHAM, OXON.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wright 1, B. Davis 2, J. Greenwood 3, G. Allam 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, D. Davis (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples (middle quarter from Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, J. Hurrell 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 4, F. Richardson 5, F. Hurrell 6, T. Easterby 7, R. Boyce 8.

**GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.**—1,440 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Fidler 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, W. Todd 4, E. Winters 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Bowden 1, Mary Cox 2, Maureen Goode 3, Mrs. K. Bowden 4, F. A. Ranson 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. First quarter for 2, 3 and 8. Half-muffled.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Orme 1, P. Croft 2, C. Hare 3, L. Fidler 4, W. Todd 5, E. Winters 6, F. Croft 7, D. Jones (first of Major as cond.) 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): Mrs. D. Wright 1, L. S. Woods 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. Worboys 5, C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, D. Cornwall 2, Miss D. Coker 3, K. Biggs 4, N. Cornwall 5, D. Borcham (cond.) 6, A. Cox 7, R. Schofield 8. Half-muffled.

**HURST, BERKS.**—1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. C. A. Eele 1, J. Froome (first in method) 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, C. W. Mortimer 4, L. Hall 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Judith D. Shedel 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, E. M. Baker 3, Gwenda A. Davies 4, J. F. Shedel 5. Half-muffled.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, C. D. Linington 2, S. A. Hall 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Half-muffled.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Storey 3, G. Parsons 4, F. Shorter 5, E. Talbot 6, J. Euston 7, B. Sullivan 8.

**LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.**—1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. Eales 1, R. S. Holland 2, A. Cooper 3, S. J. Summers 4, M. P. Ainos (cond.) 5. Half-muffled.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: O. Davis 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, P. L. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Half-muffled.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Werrett 1, Miss P. Willis (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. A. Willis 4, M. Collings 4, W. Hitch 5, R. Dixon 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Mrs. J. Sanderson 8. Half-muffled.

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**STANWELL, MIDDLEX.**—1,280 Doubles (Plain, Candlesby, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Rugby, Merton, Welford, Braywood, Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham): A. Cooke 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2-3, Rita Thompson 4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Cockings 1, F. Kinchin 2, J. Findon 3, J. A. Print 4, G. Ingram 5, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, C. R. Steed 9, E. Smith 10. Half-muffled.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

**WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH, S.W.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne A. Stokes (first quarter) 1, J. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, S. Dearden 4, J. Hill 5, M. Chilcott (cond.) 6, C. Watts 7, H. Page 8.

**WEST TARRING, WORTHING, SUSSEX.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Black 1, Miss D. Saunders (first 'inside') 2, F. Chipper 3, D. Smith 4, C. A. J. Chappell (cond.) 5, F. Jackson 6.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Devenish 1, Miss B. N. Matson (first quarter) 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 5, F. W. Wicks 6.

**YORK MINSTER.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. McGuiness 1, F. Atkinson 2, B. Rodgers 3, D. Forth 4, D. Holland 5, H. Forde 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7, A. H. Walker (first quarter) 8. Also to Edward Rickitt, 45 years a Minster ringer, who died November 8th, 1953.

## OBITUARY

### MR. EDWARD RICKITT

After an illness extending over two years, Mr. Edward Rickitt, who was a York Minster ringer for 45 years, died on November 6th, and was laid to rest on Tuesday, November 10th. The interment was preceded by a service in the Minster, which was attended by a great many of his friends, and was conducted by the Rev. A. J. McMullen, chaplain to the York Minster Society of Change Ringers. Chancellor Harrison, Canon-in-Residence, read the lesson. Handbells were rung as the coffin was carried from the Minster.

'Ted' was not a prolific peal ringer, his total being 27 rung for the Yorkshire Association, but his record for service ringing was unsurpassed. His ringing colleagues will remember him best for the impish delight he took in arguing a minority view at meetings of the Minster Society, but he always loyally abided by any decision once the vote was taken.

It was with deep regret the Minster Society received his resignation when his doctor ordered him to give up ringing two years ago. His long service to the Minster was recognised by a suitable presentation, and special mention was made of his record in the annual report of the Friends of York Minster.

H. W.

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### ENGAGEMENT

**JOHNSTONE-GILBERT.**—The engagement is announced between Douglas, youngest son of the late Col. and Mrs. Johnstone, and Patricia, eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert, late of Bromham, Bedfordshire. 3498

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.**—Annual dinner to be held in Cambridge on Saturday January 30th, 1954. Details to be given later.—J. H. Fielden, St. Catherine's, Resident Secretary. 3483

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### MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing after meeting at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3464

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3461

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Cherteston, Sat., Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3471

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3467

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Sat., Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3432

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Nomination of District officers. Bells to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—R. I. Shepherd. 3427

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Northiam (6). 2.30-4.30 p.m. Beckley (6). 5.45-8 p.m. 3452

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at North Mymms (8), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, N. Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 3469



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**— Maidstone District.—Mereworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3419

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**— Ealing, Nov. 21st. Christ-the-Saviour (8), Ealing Broadway, 3 to 4.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's (8), South Ealing. Ringing to follow. Tea available locally. Joint meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Dec. 5th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 3468

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nov. 21st. St. Giles', Reading (8), 3 p.m. Service 4. St. Peter's, Caversham (8), 6.30.—N. Swann. 3455

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, E., Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please. Note changed date of annual meeting, Jan. 23rd.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields. S.W.18. 3428

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Redhill, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Oxford T.B. 3421

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Nov. 21st. Tower open 2.30 p.m.—C. W. Linington, Div. Sec. 3448

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**— Practice, Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 7.15 p.m., Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Practice, Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, All Saints', Fulham. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Southwark Cathedral. Everyone welcome. 3509

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**— Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Axbridge, Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. December practice meeting, Uphill, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 3492

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—New date for quarterly meeting at Westonzoiland, November 28th. Usual times.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 3503

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting, Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday, Nov. 28th, 3 p.m. Cafes available for tea.—Dennis Knox. 3505

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter), November 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. D. Ogden, 5, Lansdowne Avenue, Audenshaw, Manchester, before Tuesday, November 24th.—C. K. Lewis. 3508

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby (8), on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 3495

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Roker (St. Andrew's), Saturday, November 28th, 2.30. Please bring own food.—W. F. Sheraton. 3487

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Abbey Hotel 5.15 p.m. Meeting in tower immediately after tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 3450

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stapleton, Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, November 24th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3482

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenhams Branch.—Annual meeting, November 28th, St. Andrew's. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 25th.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenhams. 3493

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 28th.—A. L. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 3512

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Nov. 28th. St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Nicolas' Hall 5 p.m. Shalford (8) available 7 p.m. NOTE: There will be no further ringing in Guildford after the service. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Guildford. 3478

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Baldock, November 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Albion Treble Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3480

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton (note change) on Saturday, November 28th. Bells 2.30. Dedication of peal board 3. Tea 5. Business 6. Free tea ONLY for those who send names by November 25th to William Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton.—Joseph Thornley, Assistant Branch Sec. 3507

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT.**—Meeting at Ossett, Saturday, November 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at Is. 6d. Names to F. Bennett, Dale Street, Ossett, by Wednesday, November 25th.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 3506

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Narborough, November 28th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Rooms, 5. Notify by November 25th Mr. L. Towers, 46, Huncote Road, Narborough, Leicester. 3490

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Toller Hall 5 p.m. You all expect a good tea at the Borough, so do not let me down by not dropping me a card. Names to me by Monday, 23rd.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Lincolnshire. 3460

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH (Llandaff Branch), SWANSEA AND BRECON (Southern District).**—Joint meeting, Baglan, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Nov. 21st to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Forestfach, Swansea.—R. R. Coles and J. A. Hoare, Hon. Dis. Secs. 3449

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Elmham, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 3504

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, November 28th. 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 23rd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3489

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Dallington, Nov. 28th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify Eric Nobles, 14, Millway, Duston, by Nov. 24th. Corporation bus No. 12 route. 3463

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Special meeting at Wicken on Saturday, November 28th. Dedication of peal board. Service at 4 p.m. Tea for all who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. A. J. Green, Leckhampstead Road, Wicken, Wolverton. 3487

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at Mitcham. SS. Peter and Paul bells (8), 2.30 to 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea and

meeting in Fortescue School, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, 5.30. Christ Church bells (6) after meeting. Nominations for district officers. Notice for tea to Mr. S. Howard, 45, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, by Nov. 25th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3453

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hailsham (8), Saturday, November 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salchurst Road, Eastbourne. 3502

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Annual dinner at Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, November 28th, commencing at 6.30. Bells, Cathedral (12), 2 to 2.45, St. Maurice's (6), 3.30 to 5.15. Choral Evensong at St. Maurice's, 5.15. All tickets sold.—J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3499

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock, December 5th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3501

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton (8), Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3486

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Clyst St. George, December 5th. Names for tea by December 1st to B. Pidgeon, High Street, East Budleigh. 3496

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Netherton, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 3510

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking, December 5th. Bells from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5, followed by business meeting, including nomination of district officers for 1954. Please send numbers for tea to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by December 2nd. 3488

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Standing Committee, December 5th. Ringing, St. George's, Colegate, 2 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Clement's Hall, Colegate, Norwich, 4. Agenda. Annual General Meeting. Names for tea by November 28th to Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 67a, The Close, Norwich. 3485

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral Church of Christ, December 5th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than November 30th to T. S. Bowles, 6, Kempson Crescent, Littlemore, Oxon. 3500

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by November 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 3491

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice, December 5th, Britford (6), 2.15 to 4.30, Downton (8) from 6 p.m. Tea at Youth Club, Downton, 5 p.m., for those who send names by December 1st to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3481

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Annual general business meeting at Beaminster on December 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Netherbury (6) and Stoke Abbott (5) towers open. Names for tea by November 30th, please, to Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3484

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**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), December 5th. Bells from 2.30. Tea, moderate charge, 5 p.m., in Parish Room, adjoining church, but essential to notify by Tuesday, December 1st, Rev. A. Doxey, Greasley Vicarage, Newthorpe, Notts. 3479

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Prestbury (8), December 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 3494

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

About 70 members and friends attended the Wellingborough Branch meeting at Wollaston on October 31st. The service was led by the Vicar (the Rev. M. B. Pendleton), who also gave the address. A collection on behalf of the Restoration Fund amounted to £1 12s. 4d.

At the business meeting Rushden was selected for the annual meeting on the last Saturday in January. It was decided to purchase a number of instructional booklets for the use of practising members.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. W. Perkins, late of Irthlingborough, who died recently.

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