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THE VILLAGE WITH A 'WHITE' CHRISTMAS

THE North Berkshire village of Appleton was one of the few villages that this year was able to boast of a 'White' Christmas. For when the church's ten bells rang out on the Eve and the Day eight of the ringers were Whites and six members of this ringing family shared in the charming custom of touring the houses ringing carols on handbells on Christmas Eve. Their foreman was 77-year-old Mr. Richard White, who has rung Appleton bells from the age of eleven.

Appleton is famed throughout the Exercise for two long record peals. In 1922 a peal of Stedman Caters of 21,363 changes was rung in this church in 12 hours 25 minutes, and in 1932 a peal of Grandsire Caters of 16,271 changes in 9 hours and 20 minutes. Mr. Richard White took part in both. He was born at The Greyhound at Besselsleigh and came to Appleton as a child. His grandfather, founder of the bell-hanging firm, was a ringer, so was Richard's father.

Mr. Richard White left Appleton School at eleven to enter the bell-hanging business. Now, only he and his son, Francis (35), remain in it. He has hung bells in almost every English county. Many Oxford colleges and churches have received his skilled attention—and the job means much more than putting bells into position!

Of St. Lawrence's Church, Appleton, it dates from the 12th century, the nave, north aisle and font being original; the chancel has a 13th century priest's door. The oak rafters of the nave are 15th century, as are three stained glass armorial shields in a window. There is a gruesome-figured brass to a man who died in 1518, his widow seeking solace in a nunnery. Far more beautiful is the finely carved canopied altar tomb of Sir John Fettiplace (died 1593), whom Elizabeth knighted at Woodstock. The Fettiplaces held Appleton Manor from 1564 until 1634. On one of the church pillars is painted a tribute to Sir Richard Fettiplace for 'his good gift.' This refers to the provision made by Sir Richard and Bessels Fettiplace for the teaching of Appleton and Besselsleigh children 'in good manners and learning.'

Many ringers who have visited Appleton for the Ringing Days and on other occasions know of the three interesting inns in the village. The Plough is dated 1683, but its main chimney with a big oven below is probably

Elizabethan. The Post Office is in a cottage bearing the date 1690 and over the porch is coloured parge-work. The sub-postmaster is Mr. George Holifield, a name familiar to readers of this journal, who has shared with the White family many of their peals.

There was a time when Appleton was famed for its brass band, which among its functions was to play to church the members of the Appleton Club every Whit Thursday, prior to their Feast in and about The Three Horseshoes Inn. Mr. Richard White was a member of this band and he tells the story that he had almost mastered the cornet when, about 1911, the instrumentalists broke association—no fault, however, of Mr. White and his cornet playing!

Of the famed sons of Appleton was Edmund Dickinson, alchemist and court physician to Charles II. and James II.; he was the son of the Rev. William Dickinson. King Charles had a laboratory built for Dickinson below the royal bedchamber, with a private staircase thereto so that the King could watch experiments. Dickinson firmly believed the philosopher's elixir (of life) to be attainable; he also published among other books a work illustrating the connection between heathen mythologies and Scripture history.

For this picture of Appleton, one of the villages of Britain revered by all ringers, we are indebted largely to 'The Reading Mercury.' Their article concludes: 'A true village still, Appleton, one of the comparative few remaining in Berkshire; small wonder that the bells sound out so gladly from St. Laurence's tower.'

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of January 22nd, 1915

DEATH OF MISS MARGERY SAMPSON

First Lady Ringer in Scotland

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Miss Margery Fletcher, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sampson, of Edinburgh . . . at the early age of 24 years. . . .

She could claim an exceedingly good peal record for a lady. . . . Her peals ranged from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques, and in July, 1913, she achieved the noteworthy performance of three peals on successive days, Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. . . .

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 4 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 11 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	Treble	ALAN A. POTTS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	8
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	ALAN J. BROWN	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	10
BASIL JONES	5	PETER LAFLIN	11
C. KENNETH LEWIS	6	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The first peal of Surprise Maximus to be rung in the Tittums.

Rung for the engagement of Alan Wainwright to Anne Worth, of Macclesfield.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 40½ cwt.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
*DAVID ARMSTRONG	2	*GORDON K. CHADDOCK	8
*FRED JACKSON	3	*DENNIS HOLLAND	9
*DENNIS CHAPMAN	4	*BARRY HOLLAND	10
*ELIZABETH BATE	5	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	11
JOHN E. TURLEY	6	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Plain Bob Maximus by all the band.

Rung on St. John's Day to mark the 150th anniversary of the casting of the back 10 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*BRENDA FAIRER	Treble	STANLEY RICHARDSON	6
JOHN BAGNALL	2	JAMES E. BURLS	7
JAMES MOSSOP	3	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY	8
GRAHAM MCKAY	4	HAROLD WILSON	9
†ALAN CAPSTICK	5	*JAMES DICKSON	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal and for the Association. Rung to welcome the New Year.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*EDMUND MALIN	Treble	JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	†PETER BERESFORD	7
†JOAN BERESFORD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	8
J. EDWARD CAWSE	4	*DENNIS BERESFORD	9
HAROLD TAYLOR	5	†GEORGE E. OLIVER	Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. ‡ First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' First peal of Royal on the recast bells and of Surprise in the tower.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).

*THOMAS YEOMANS	Treble	SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK	6
†JEAN M. POWELL	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	8
JACK R. WORRALL	4	DAVID J. KING	9
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	5	*ROBERT E. COLES	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* 25th peal together. † First ten-bell peal. The first peal on the bells since their restoration by Mears and Stainbank.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD	Treble	*GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
THOMAS E. SONE	2	ROBERT SWIFT	7
PETER N. BOND	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	8
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	9
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

A 42nd birthday compliment to Mr. A. Patrick Cannon.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
HENRY TOOKE	3	EILEEN BRACEY	7
CHARLES H. MOORE	4	F. NOLAN GOLDEN	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by EILEEN BRACEY.

First peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the 25 years' priesthood of the Rector (the Rev. R. G. Heawood).

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

JACK R. WORRALL	Treble	FREDERICK J. BAILEY	5
*JENNIFER M. STEPHENS	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	6
*KEITH G. JONES	3	A. RYAN PRICE	7
JEAN M. POWELL	4	ROBERT E. COLES	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Major. This peal ends a sequence of 30 unsuccessful peal attempts for Miss Jean M. Powell.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

MRS. E. CHANDLER	Treble	JOHN D. ROCK	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	2	REGINALD T. JONES	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4	LESLIE EVANS	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORTON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, on the bells and for the Guild.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN	Treble	*HENRY KIRK	5
*BRIAN WOODRUFFE	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
*WILLIAM A. SMITH	3	*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ..	7
*MRS. A. RICHARDSON	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JEAN POWELL	Treble	A. RYAN PRICE	5
DAVID KING	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
*GLYN F. JENKINS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY JARRETT	Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
JOHN BOURNE	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
*PHILIP MORGAN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	LESLIE EVANS	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Major.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE	Treble	PATRICIA M. CLARKE	5
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ..	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
DIANA M. MATTHEW	4	CECIL W. PIPE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal and first attempt.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	Treble	RONALD J. SHARP	5
*GEOFFREY MAYES	2	JOHN CHURCH	6
†ARTHUR W. DILLEY	3	PERCY W. TOMPKINS	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ..	Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on 8 bells. First peal on the bells since the restoration.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	Treble	RONALD KENRICK	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	JACK ASHCROFT	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Joyce Coxall, a member of the local band, and Eric Baxendale.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*JANET L. ADAMSON	Treble	JEFFERY C. BIRT	5
†WILLIAM F. BUTLER	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	7
GEORGE GILBERT	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.

* First peal. † 50th peal together. First peal of Union Triples for all the band.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

LAURENCE WALMSLEY	Treble	STANLEY WALMSLEY	5
*HARRY CALDERBANK	2	E. ROGER MARTIN	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	FRANK STEAD	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	JOHN JACKSON	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal of Major.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Charles S. Clarke, who had been a ringer here for 55 years. Also to the memory of the Rev. C. E. Haworth, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Darwen, and former Vicar of this parish.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE FRY	Treble	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
BETTY TESTER	3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	7
EDWARD JENNER	4	JOHN W. MEADE	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5184 MACCLESFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ALAN J. BROWN	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
JOHN WORTH	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. DRIVER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This method is now rung for the first time.

Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hibbert.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*T. MAUREEN LLOYD	Treble	*RICHARD J. CARTER	5
*ANDREW R. CARTER	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
*T. EDWARD HAROLD	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
†CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	4	COLIN P. WALKER	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major 'inside.' Marks the 50th anniversary of the record 17,104 in the same method, conducted by the same composer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANCIS KIRK	Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
ELSIE K. FULTON	2	*PETER J. COLES	6
*MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALICK CUTLER	7
MRS. T. J. LOCK	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal of Surprise.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.

*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	Treble	JOHN F. WOOD	..	5
JAMES W. METCALFE	.. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	..	6
JAMES SKEATS	.. 3	ALAN PENDLEBURY	..	7
JOSEPH THORNLEY	.. 4	RICHARD P. DAVIS	..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* 75th peal.

A farewell peal to the ringer of the 7th, who is joining H.M. Forces, and a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tompkins.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

VICTOR A. PERRY	.. Treble	HAROLD HAYNES	..	5
ERNEST G. ORLAND	.. 2	MICHAEL F. AMOS	..	6
A. JOHN HOBLEY	.. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	..	7
JOHN G. UNDERWOOD	.. 4	WILLIAM YATES	..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by all the band.

Rung to mark the beginning of the cathedral year—the 1,300th anniversary of the planting of the church in the place where Peterborough Cathedral now stands.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST J. MUNDY	.. Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH	..	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	.. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	..	6
*ROBERT WAKE	.. 3	BRIAN J. LUFF	..	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	.. 4	ROGER BALDWIN	..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal in the method. First on tower bells and of Major as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part.

SHEILA BARKER	.. Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE	..	5
*MICHAEL J. DAY	.. 2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	..	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	.. 3	EILEEN BRACEY	..	7
HENRY TOOKE	.. 4	JOHN MOORE	..	Tenor

Conducted by EILEEN BRACEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the engagement between John Moore, of Heston, and Eileen Bracey, of Hetherset.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., Jan. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

DENNIS CHAPMAN	.. Treble	HOWARD SCOTT	..	5
*MRS. NORMAN CHADDOCK	.. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	..	6
ELIZABETH BATE	.. 3	†FREDERICK J. JACKSON	..	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	.. 4	†NORMAN CHADDOCK	..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major. ‡ 200th peal (89th as conductor).

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

ALICE TALBOT	.. Treble	GEORGE STOCKER	..	5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS	.. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK	..	6
STELLA DAVIS	.. 3	GEORGE DAVIS	..	7
MRS. C. PEARCE	.. 4	THOMAS GODDARD	..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

Specially arranged and rung on the 100th birthday of Mrs. G. Davis, mother of the 2nd and 3rd ringers and grandmother of the conductor.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Holt's Original.

MAURICE SELBY	.. Treble	†J. DAVID CLARKE	..	5
CLEMENT GLENN	.. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	..	6
JOAN E. HOODLESS	.. 3	ALLAN SIMPSON	..	7
*PETER GILES	.. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	..	Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal. † First peal on 8 bells and in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	.. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	..	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	.. 2	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	..	6
JAMES DRAYCOTT	.. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE	..	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	.. 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

ALEXANDER S. WATT	.. Treble	DAVID G. GALLOP	..	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	.. 2	JOHN D. ROCK	..	6
RUTH M. K. HOW	.. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON	..	7
DAVID A. EDWARDS	.. 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY	.. Treble	J. DESMOND PAINTER	..	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	.. 2	WILLIAM T. COOK	..	6
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	.. 3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	..	7
BRIAN J. STAFFORD	.. 4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	..	Tenor

Composed by Y. GREEN. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Two 2,160's and one 720.

BRIAN ELSMORE	.. Treble	LESLIE EVANS	..	4
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	.. 2	REGINALD T. JONES	..	5
*MRS. E. CHANDLER	.. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON	..	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF 5040 COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*FREDA TAYSON	.. Treble	PHILIP G. MORGAN	..	4
JOSEPHINE GREEN	.. 2	CHARLES G. JONES	..	5
MOLLIE TILBURY	.. 3	REGINALD T. JONES	..	Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor in the method by all the band. Believed to be the first peal of Minor in the method for the Guild.

GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

REX M. DIXON Treble	MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 4
*ALAN J. TUTTLE 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
PHILIP MEHEW 3	STEPHEN J. IVIN Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal 'inside,' aged 14.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK G. OLIVER Treble	†FRANK PIKE 4
*BERNARD FAIRHEAD 2	†ERIC SPARLING 5
HARRY J. MILLATT 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BETTY A. TESTER Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	†COLIN A. TESTER 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and two of April Day. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.) in E flat.

*TERENCE H. SMITH Treble	GORDON H. LANE 3
*ROGER L. NUTT 2	WALTER G. LANE 4

*D KEITH LANE Tenor

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to D. Keith Lane on his joining the R.A.F.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Cambridge Surprise, and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED INGALL Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS 4
PETER MASON 2	W. ROBERT PARKER 5
AMOS INGALL 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 different six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS Treble	*GEORGE DAVIS 3
JOHN D. ROCK 2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4

*WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal on the bells.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's, with all calls being singles. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble	S. ARTHUR READ 4
WILLIAM H. HURFORD .. 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 5
ERIC NAYLOR 3	WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

In memoriam William Hawkins.



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FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

MARY R. ANDREWS Treble	*BRIAN P. HARGROVE .. 4
BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON .. 2	*IAN H. ORAM .. 5
D. MARY WARD 3	JOHN L. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three each of Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH Treble	WALTER WESTON .. 4
NEVILLE WHITNEY 2	*FREDERICK B. BOYFIELD .. 5
HENRY P. COLLIN 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal.

WAREHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Cambridge and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

MAISIE VANTOM Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 4
RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD .. 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Child-wall, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*STEPHEN J. IVIN Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4
RONALD J. SHARP 2	*DENNIS KNOX 5
*JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. 3	*DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal in seven Plain methods.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

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

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal.

BINSTED, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS Treble	*ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4
EILEEN M. TURNER 2	*E. JOHN WELLS 5
MONICA E. COLLINS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* 50th peal together. Mr. R. W. Morant's 50th peal in 1954. The first peal on these bells since 1914.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID NICHOLLS Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 4
*DAVID VOKES 2	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. 5
T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal of Minor.

DANBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER J. CAME Treble	*PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 4
MARY DOWSETT 2	PETER J. EVES 5
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in seven methods.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

MICHAEL CLEEVE Treble	DAVID STUBBINGS .. 4
JANE THORPE 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
*JILL MARTIN 3	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by EUSTACE W. BULLMAN.

* First peal 'inside' in the method.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. B. James' Composition.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.
WILLIAM GREEN Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4
BERTIE BEE 2	PETER MASON 5
AMOS INGALL 3	LOUIS WILDERS Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILDERS.

Rung for the wedding this day of Miss H. Crompton, a chorister, and Mr. G. Speed, a ringer at this church.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt.
GEOFFREY DODDS Treble	JOYCE DODDS 4
*JEAN M. ABERCROMBIE .. 2	GILLIAN R. LAMONT .. 5
*MERIEL HAWKSLEY 3	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal on tower bells

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 21 cwt.
*GEOF. R. MARCHANT (14) Treble	*DENNIS G. MILLER (17) .. 4
*MICHAEL J. STONE (16) .. 2	CECIL T. CLARKE 5
*CLIVE E. MARCHANT (18) 3	RONALD D. SHORT Tenor

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

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

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	JOHN VERNON 4
*JOHN SMITH 2	ALFRED BALLARD 5
ROGER HAYWARD 3	FRANK K. MEASURES .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in seven methods.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

WILLIAM WENBAN Treble	† JOHN SCHOFIELD 4
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
D. KAY ADKINS 3	HAROLD E. CLAYTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

KENNETH W. GRAHAM .. Treble	ROYSTON WILMORE 4
ARTHUR D. SAYER 2	JULIAN PAWLEY 5
*MRS. A. D. SAYER 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120, 10 different calings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Treble	WILLIAM L. EXTON 4
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS 3	CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hooper.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

KENNETH MEDWAY Treble	RONALD H. GARDENER .. 4
*MARJORIE LEGO 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 5
†JOHN KINGSNORTH 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* 50th peal. † First peal.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four methods: one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob (C.C.C. (Nos. 58, 151, 150, 36, 28)). Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN S. HARRISON Treble	ALAN TAYLOR 4
†ELISABETH GRIME 2	MAURICE BAILEY 5
W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods 'inside.'

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan Bailey, daughter of the tenor ringer and sister of the conductor.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

ROY A. WARD Treble	ROBERT L. PIRON 4
REV. CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD 2	RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 5
DAPHNE J. HARE 3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Rung for the birth of a son (Richard Lovelace) to Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnston, of Highampton, Devon.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Mr. Thomas H. Francis was elected Master
of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths
last Saturday. He succeeds Mr. Frank J.
Hawthorne. A report of the proceedings will
appear in our next issue.

Mrs. E. J. Davis, mother of
Miss Stella Davis, a vice-
president of the Oxford Dio-
cesan Guild, has just celebrated her 100th
birthday. She lives with her daughter at
Bucklebury, Berks. Mrs. Davis is the widow
of Mr. George Davis, a bellringer. She was
organist and choirmistress at St. Mary's, Buck-
lebury, for about 50 years and was also a
teacher, the same profession as her parents.

Employees of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., Luton,
rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at
Maulden, Beds, on January 1st.

Miss Priscilla Oakeshott and Miss Janet God-
frey are the first ladies to have rung in a
quarter peal at Silsoe, Beds.

The Right Rev. Gerald Alexander Ellison,
the Bishop of Willesden, who has been ap-
pointed Bishop of Chester, has rung at least
one peal. The bells of the Chester Diocese, we
are sure, will give him a cordial welcome at his
enthronement.

The band which Mr. James E. Burles gathered
together for the peal at Dalton-in-Furness on
New Year's Day comprised four Cumberlands,
five from Lancashire and one from Westmor-
land. They were honoured at the festive board
afterwards by Mr. Thomas Metcalf, the leader
at Dalton, Miss E. Stuart and Mr. Albert Craw-
ley, as well as the secretary, Mr. Nicholas
Newby.

Familiarity with a notice seems to breed con-
tempt! Although we state in black type
'Notices of meetings must be received on the
Monday preceding publication,' an increasing
number, some regular offenders, regard Tues-
day as the last time. The cost of disorganisa-
tion far outweighs the charge for these notices.
Some we realise are unavoidable but others
could be prevented by running a deposit account
with 'The Ringing World.'

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The first girl bellringer at
Terling, Essex, Miss Jennifer
Bird, has married Mr. J. F.
Copsey, of Romford. After the ceremony at
Terling by the Rev. F. J. McBride, the bride
handed her bouquet of red roses to one of the
three bridesmaids, and in her gown of white
lace and tulle and wearing a pearl tiara, she
went to the belfry to ring a touch.

Miss Eileen Bracey had never called a touch
of Major until she conducted a peal of Plain
Bob at Hethersett on December 18th. We con-
gratulate her on her engagement.

Mr. E. Roger Martin and Mr. John Jackson
have now 'circled' Higher Walton tower. The
occasion was the first peal of Treble Bob con-
ducted by Mr. Frank Stead, which took place
on January 1st.

Before ringing the peal at Binsted, Hants,
the band spent two hours greasing the bells,
tightening up nuts and adjusting ropes, etc.
This made a big difference to the 'go' of the
bells, as they have only been rung on a few
occasions since the war.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. John
Henry Myhill, of Chelmsford, who is one of the
only two surviving members of the band formed
at All Saints' Church, Springfield, in 1920.
There was a golden wedding quarter of Plain
Bob Minor in his honour.

When the ringers of the peal of Union
Triples at Farnham Royal, Bucks, on New
Year's Day descended the belfry they were met
by the verger with the following remarks:
'Thank you for that lovely music. How nice to
hear some really good ringing. And what lovely
music it was! What was it?' 'Isn't that suf-
ficient justification for ringing a peal of Union
Triples?' asks the conductor.

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PEAL RINGING IN HEREFORDSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IF we leave out Rutland on account of its small size and few rings of bells (only 22), Hereford ranks with Northampton as having the smallest number of rings of eight and ten compared with its total number. There are only two tens and eleven eights out of a grand total of 91, i.e., just over 14 per cent. Northamptonshire's two tens and 26 eights out of 198 give it likewise a percentage of just over 14. Another very noticeable fact about the peals is that more than a third of the 6-bell towers recorded their first peal in the years 1908 and 1909—21 out of the 61, in fact; whilst if we include the years from 1907 to 1914, the total is nearly two-thirds—38 out of the 61. It looks as if somebody was out to 'capture' a whole host of 'firsts on the bells'! It certainly shows that ringing was very flourishing in the county at that time—probably more so than at any other time up to the last ten years. Recently, only seven out of the 59 6-bell towers where peals have been rung have not appeared in the lists since the war. The two 6-bell towers which are still virgin territory are Much Cowarne and Frome Bishop, by the way.

And now for details. Bridstow is easily the leader as far as numbers of peals are concerned. It was a 6-bell tower when the first peal was rung in 1909, and very popular, too, for 33 peals were rung there before the bells were augmented in 1923 (there was a gap between 1914 and 1919). It became just as popular with eight bells and 62 peals were rung from 1924 to 1938. There have been 11 since the war, making a grand total of 106—the only 'centenarian' in the county. There are only three other towers which have passed the 50 mark—all with eight bells. Clifford has a total of 64 peals: six were rung between 1897 and 1909, 49 from 1919 to 1939, and there have been nine in the past ten years. At the moment, therefore, the tower is not appearing quite as often in the peal lists as it did between the wars. Ross has 54, commencing in 1882. Actually there was an earlier peal here on February 11th, 1851, which is probably the first peal rung in the county. Between 1882 and 1914, 19 peals were rung; between 1920 and 1938, 28; and since the war, seven (the last in 1951). The third tower, Colwall, has just reached the 50 mark. Here, again, the tower was an early visitor to the peal list, for the name appeared first in 1884. Twenty-three were rung up to 1911; 18 from 1919 to 1937, eight from 1945 to 1950, and one in 1953. So there appears to be a waning of interest here at the moment as far as peal ringing is concerned.

THE TWO TEN-BELL TOWERS

The two 10-bell towers are Hereford Cathedral and Leominster. The former has only recorded 12 peals, spread out fairly evenly over the years from 1898. There have been two since the war. The latter has 25 peals, commencing in 1894. Since nine of these have been rung since 1946, the average is rather higher at the moment than at any previous time. There were three before the first war and 13 between the wars.

The remaining 8-bell towers are all between 31 and 15. Since they are so few, they can be individually mentioned. Practically all are enjoying as much peal ringing at the moment as at any time in their history. Burghill has 31 (the first in 1895—11 since the war); Eardisland (very recently augmented) has 30 (24 on the original six between 1908 and 1949, and six on the eight the last two years—there have been 18 in all since 1943); Hereford, All Saints', has 26 (first in 1914, 10 since 1946); Holm Lacy has 27 (first in 1895, six since the war); Ledbury has 17 (commencing 1897 with a gap from 1932 to 1950, but three since then); Lugwardine has 26 (six on the original six bells from 1904 to 1922, nine on the eight from 1927 to 1939, and there have been 11 since 1945); finally Presteign has 15 (two in 1908 to begin with, and seven since the war).

As may be expected in this largely 6-bell county, some of the 6-bell towers have records as good as their more fortunate(!) brethren. None have reached the 50 mark, but Mathon is very close, having had 48 peals. There was a gap after the first peal in 1896 until 1909, but ringing has been very consistent since then, with a higher average before the first war than since (15 in five years as compared with one a year since). Actually, this tower is well ahead of all the others, for Lyonshall comes next with 28, 15 in the years 1925 to 1939 and 13 since 1943. Four other towers are in the 20s—Marden (23), mostly in the years 1920 to 1939 (only two since the war, both in 1949); Kimbolton (24), spread evenly since 1922 (although the first peal was in 1909); Almeley (22), 12 since the war; and Holmer (21), most in the 1930's and only one, in 1948, since the war. The majority of the 6-bell towers have peal totals between 10 and 20—28 of the remaining 52 towers. As I have already said, only seven have not appeared in the lists since the war, and of these six recorded their last peals between 1936 and 1939. The seventh, King's Capel, has been silent since 1929.

As for the 5-bell towers, 14 out of the 18 have had peals rung on them, which means that only six out of the 91 towers in the county are peal-less. These four are Hereford, St. Peter, Kentchurch, Linton and Winforton. One of the 5-bell towers has recorded 17 peals, which is a very respectable total for such towers and amongst the highest in the land (see the article on Essex). This tower is Whitney, and all were rung between 1927 and 1940, but there have been none since the war. Norton Canon has eight—the first in 1912 (which was the first peal to be rung in any of the 5-bell towers in the county) and the remainder between 1924 and 1940. Actually, only five peals have been rung since the war on the bells of this group of towers, three of them this year.

So much for Herefordshire.

NOTICE

Postal Subscription Rates

Owing to trade objections, it will unfortunately not be possible to maintain the postal subscription rates for 'The Ringing World' at the present figure.

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THEBERTON, SUFFOLK, WANT TO HEAR THEIR BELLS AGAIN

The small village of Theberton, Suffolk, want to hear their bells again, and the first step was taken on New Year's Eve, when the Bell Fund was inaugurated by a social and dance. The Leiston ringers attended and rang touches on handbells.

Theberton has five bells. A new frame and fittings are required and also a treble bell to make a six. The cost will be £900.

Outside help would be much appreciated and donations, large or small, may be sent to 'The Theberton Bell Fund,' c/o A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Harold J. Poole heads the list of peal ringers for 1954 with 125 peals. Mr. G. E. Fearn is second with 122. List next week.

With the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Sheffield on December 27th, Mr. Norman Chadcock has conducted peals of Plain Bob in Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. Peals in this family were accomplished by this peal by Messrs. Wilfred L. Robinson, John E. Turley, Dennis Holland, Barry Holland, the Rev. G. G. Graham and Herbert O. Chaddock.

'Happy birthday and Happy New Year.'—This dual congratulation came to Mary Garland, of Woodchester, Glos. Mary was 13 years old when shortly before midnight she was one of the band that rang out 1954. She was 14 when, a few minutes after midnight, the bells came round. Woodchester have a number of young ringers, and parents and friends were among the interested spectators.

Recordings were taken of the ringing at Stroud, Glos., at the annual meeting of the Stroud District, and also interviews with several ringers. It was not the B.B.C. but a local recording enthusiast, Mr. Watkins, of Paganhill.

Friends of his met at Macclesfield on December 20th intending to honour the 60th birthday of Mr. E. Jenkins, of Oldham, with a peal of Stedman Caters. Unfortunately the company met three short. Three of the local band were enlisted and 'a happy birthday' was announced by a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

When Mr. E. K. Walton, a master at Oundle School and a ringer at the Parish Church attends Oundle Branch meetings he is invariably accompanied by 'Sister'—a real huskie who is a great friend of all ringers. Members of the Guild are expecting to hear something more about 'Sister' and her companions when Mr. Walton's book, 'Two Years in the Antarctic,' is published on February 1st by the Lutterworth Press. Mr. Walton's father is Vicar of Bromley and preached to the Kent County Association at their meeting last Easter Monday.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow has retired as hon. secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, a post he has held for ten years. His reports and letters will be much missed in this office.

It was intended to ring a peal at Madeley, Staffs. on December 27th, for the wedding of Mr. F. W. Grocott and Miss J. Kinkman. The late arrival of one of the band necessitated ringing being limited to a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The company was F. E. Wilshaw (conductor) 1, June M. Henshaw 2, C. H. Page 3, A. Lambert 4, E. H. Edge 5, O. M. Slaney 6. First of Surprise Minor for 4 and 6.

Mrs. Chaddock made her first attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Rotherham Parish Church on New Year's Eve, when due to a fault on the 7th clapper balance weight, after 1½ hours' ringing, 'Stand' was regretfully called. Though Mrs. Chaddock has not rung many peals, she has been a pillar of strength to Mr. Norman Chadcock, particularly in the encouragement and training of young ringers in the Rotherham area.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

New Badge of Office for Master

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 1st at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presiding.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting the chairman referred to the passing of George Garrison, an original member of the Erdington Parish Church band. He was an excellent ringer and a painstaking striker. A high-class joiner by trade, the table in Erdington belfry would remain for many years as an example of his work. The members stood in silence as a last token of respect.

The president and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. The whole of the existing officers were also re-elected, as follows:—Master, Mr. Albert Walker; Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. and Mr. Ernest T. Alloway; auditors, Mr. Henry H. Fearn and Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway; Central Council representatives, Mr. Frank E. Haynes and Mr. George E. Fearn; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes was chosen to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner and Bicentenary Celebration, which will be held on March 5th. The secretary reported that the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have promised to attend.

The following new members were elected:—Messrs. Paul J. Rigby, William J. V. Conduct, Leonard W. Conduct and William Shelton (all of Erdington) and Brian Downie (Aston).

Formal notice of motion was given that new rules would be presented for consideration at the next meeting, and it was decided to distribute draft copies of the proposed rules to the towers in the Diocese.

The next meeting will take place at Aston Parish Church on April 2nd.

The new Master's badge of office was shown and greatly admired. The design, which is the work of Miss Muriel Reay, depicts St. Martin's Church, and also incorporates the Arms of the Diocese.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations towards meeting the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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Quarter peals.—Hereford 4s., Clerkenwell 2s. 6d., Whitstable 2s. 6d., Clifton, Notts, 1s. 6d., Otley 3s., Sherburn-in-Elmet 1s. 6d., Blunsdon 3s., Stoke Poges 2s., Walthamstow 4s., Publow 2s., Twerton-on-Avon 3s., Mitcham 3s., Westminster Abbey 2s., Wimbledon 2s. 6d., Thorley 2s., Trull 1s. 6d., Mountsorrel 2s. 6d.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

New Secretary for South and West District

Over 40 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the South and West District held at Uxbridge on January 8th. The Rev. Harold Dunning, Vicar of St. Margaret's, conducted the Guild service.

The Vicar took the chair at the annual business meeting, supported by Miss Townsend, churchwarden, and Mr. Liversidge, organist. For the first time since the Guild annual meeting the general secretary of the Guild, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, was able to attend a meeting, and he and Mrs. Turner were most welcome. Mr. Turner was discharged from hospital recently and was warmly congratulated on his recovery.

The accounts were accepted and showed a balance of over £18 going to the Central Fund. The secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, reported a fall in the number of peals and quarter peals rung in this District compared with the previous year. The methods rung in peals ranged from London Surprise Royal to Spliced Doubles in 45 methods. Only one first peal (by G. Thrush, of Cranford) was recorded. The leading conductor was R. F. B. Speed, who conducted five peals. Ten meetings had been held. Twenty-one ringing and three honorary members had joined the Association in 1954. The report concluded with thanks to the incumbents who had extended to the Association the hospitality of their towers, to the local bands and to the ladies who had brightened the meetings and made them so much more enjoyable by providing and serving tea.

Several offices changed hands. The newcomers were: F. C. Price, Deputy Ringing Master; J. D. Rock, hon. secretary (address: 346,

Staines Road, Bedford); F. A. Finch, assistant secretary; and J. B. Sansom and Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, Central Committee.

The retiring officers—R. F. B. Speed, F. W. Goodfellow, D. R. Judd and T. Collins—were thanked for their past services. Mr. Goodfellow, who had served as hon. secretary for ten years altogether, said one of the things he had enjoyed most during his term of office was the friendliness of ringers. It was a precious thing, this friendliness, and they must cherish it and guard it carefully and do nothing to spoil or damage it. He thought one way they could advance the feeling of brotherhood in ringing circles was for Associations and Guilds to meet together occasionally. He himself had arranged many joint meetings, several of which were now firmly established as annual events.

A brief but lively discussion on recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' commenced by Mr. Tony Price's reference to the Central Council's ban on Minor, Bob Triples and Doubles. He and Mr. E. C. S. Turner supported Mr. Blagrove. There seemed to be a desire in certain quarters to ban anything! Mr. C. C. Mayne referred to the glorious peal of Triples rang at Exeter Cathedral but banned because ringers exchanged ropes.

Thanks were accorded to all who had helped to make the meeting a happy and successful one, and a welcome extended to the visitors. The Vicar replied to the thanks, and Mr. W. Hibbert, general secretary of the Oxford Guild, for the visitors. The latter drew attention to the 100th birthday of one of their honorary members, Mrs. Davis.

Some very good ringing (at times!) took place at St. Margaret's in the afternoon, and after tea the ten at St. John's, Hillingdon, were put to good use.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

To-morrow's District Meeting at Melton Mowbray

A special effort is being made by the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild to attract the interest of local clergy and churchpeople in the affairs of the Guild.

The incumbents of all the churches in the district with bells have been circularised and invited to attend the meeting themselves and to bring with them if possible their churchwardens, members of their parochial church councils, and any others interested.

It is hoped that the service in Melton's lovely parish church at 4 p.m. will be an occasion of great praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God. The Vicar of Melton, Canon C. M. S. Clarke, has shown great interest in the arrangements and has invited all visiting clergy to robe for the service.

The Melton District ringers would very much appreciate the support of as many ringers as possible, both in and outside the district.

5,184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

Composer's 12-part No. 14 in the method; 110 singles.

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A=S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S8, S12

Eleven times repeated, omitting the single at 4 in all but the seventh part. Reduced to 5,072 by omitting the singles at 1 in the second and third courses of any one part.

[If the bobs are called at 12 in the first and at 6 in the second and third courses instead of the last four singles, the composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 in the minimum number of courses.]

BIDDENDEN YOUTHS

On New Year's Eve the resuscitated Ancient Society of Biddenden Youths held their annual dinner and meeting. After a short ring members and guests (29 in all) met at the Chequers for a very fine dinner prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Wren.

The main points of interest in the after-dinner speeches were: A very hearty welcome by the Youths to their new president and Rector (the Rev. A. B. Richardson); the necessity of simplicity and sincerity in church work and worship; the New Year message of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, hon. secretary K.C.A.C.R., who unfortunately was unable to attend; the support and interest of the layman in bellringing affairs and a warning to ringers not to become absorbed only in bellringing but to keep an open mind in relationship with the church.

The following officers were elected:—Ringing Master, Mr. S. G. Waters; Vice-Ringing Master, Mr. H. Deacon; hon. secretary, Mr. H. G. Payne.

At 11.15 p.m. the company returned to the belfry, where the New Year was rung in by Harry Baker and ringers in traditional style.

BRISTOL DIOCESE AND ELECTRONIC BELLS

The following announcement appears in the 'Bristol Diocesan Gazette':—

Electric Bells: Within the last three years faculties have been granted for the introduction of electronic bells into churches in this diocese, and one for the retention of electronic bells illegally introduced many years ago. Lest it should be thought that this indicates that a favourable view is taken of such applications, the Chancellor desires it to be stated that there were exceptional circumstances in each case which are unlikely to recur, and that further faculties to introduce electronic bells are unlikely to be granted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHY NOT A REUNION?

Dear Sir,—How interesting was the peal with eight old friends of the late W. Pye, but how much more so if Albert Coles could fix a reunion of the old peals band—Grimwood, Nudds, Hewitt and others and invite the Editor. What a page we should get of 'off the record' tales! The late Mr. Goldsmith often said if he could have had a day or two with the Rev. F. E. Robinson how interesting he could have made his book.—Yours sincerely,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

MR. FRED G. MAY

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read the letter from your South African correspondent regarding Mr. Fred G. May. A few years ago, when browsing in the well-known second-hand bookshops in the Steep Hill at Lincoln, I bought an excellent copy of 'The Clavis' reprint, clearly inscribed on the flyleaf, 'F. G. May.' I at once connected it with Bristol, and many times have wondered how the book came to be in Lincoln. There is a cutting from the old 'Bell News' inside, a poem, by A. P. H. (I presume Sir Arthur Heywood), entitled 'In Memoriam, Henry Johnson,' and dated Jan. 7th, 1890. I wonder if Mr. May is one of those who remember Henry Johnson in the flesh? If Mr. May would like to have his book I should be delighted to restore it to him if he would get in touch with me.

On New Year's Eve in Gloucester I was privileged to have half an hour's chat with Mr. Sydney Romans, first Master of St. Michael's Juniors, who told me of the early days of the brothers James. Perhaps he too has met and rung with Mr. May.—Yours sincerely,

K. S. B. CROFT.

70, Sydney Road, Southampton.

A PEAL FOR BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—After reading the article on 'Knowing What is Going On' from 'The Ringing World,' November 19th, 1954, from the brilliant pen of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. C. K. Lewis and myself discussed the question of the very rigid mould of form and limited musical plan of Surprise Royal and Maximus, the outcome of which Mr. C. K. Lewis produced the following, which was duly rung at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on December 27th, 1954.

If E. C. S. will get his Birmingham friends to try out the same I am sure he will agree that the musical field for Royal and Maximus has not yet been fully developed.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WORTH.

Macclesfield.

5,280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
By C. K. LEWIS

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SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Darby 1. D. Knights 2. D. Murfet 3. L. Lightfoot 4. C. Gimbett 5. S. Shipp (cond.) 6. For Communion service, and as a 21st birthday complement to the 3rd ringer.

IDENTICAL

Dear Sir,—I should like to thank your correspondents, Messrs. Pink and Tipler, for their remarks concerning the methods recently published as Netherton and Moorside Surprise Major. They are indeed identical with the methods previously published as Oxfordshire and Quinton Surprise Major respectively.

I make no apology for this oversight. To keep track of all these methods one requires either a prodigious memory or else an equally prodigious filing system, neither of which, unfortunately, I possess.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

THANK YOU, DURBAN

Dear Sir,—I should like to express through your journal my thanks for the kindness of the Durban (S.A.) ringers in ensuring that I had a ring on both their rings during my recent visit to that country. As you will doubtless be aware, Durban has two rings of bells, the ten bells at St. Mary's and an eight-bell ring at St. Paul's, both of which go very well and which, if I remember rightly, are supplied by Taylor's.

I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Chambers for the trouble he went to in meeting me and taking me to both these towers. Mr. Chambers is extremely enthusiastic and is building up a band of young ringers who, with a little more practice, should do well, and it is to be hoped we'll see some quarter peals rung by them appearing in 'The Ringing World.' I am sure that Mr. Chambers will be more than pleased to welcome any ringers who are visiting Durban from this country.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. COTTERILL, M.I.E.E.

West Bromwich.

REGULAR AND IRREGULAR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Felstead seems to have taken up a lot of paper in replying to Mr. Blagrove and myself. The part of his letter which interested me most was his reason for changing his opinion about irregular methods, 'easier composition, easier conducting, symmetry, music, etc.'

Personally, I do not think that these are reasons. I think that they are just excuses. Mr. Felstead and a small number of other people believe that they are right in thinking that methods with Plain Bob lead ends are superior to those without them, and so, when asked why they are superior, they fall back on the old excuses.

I will quote only one example. Taking Bob Minor, if we have fifths made at the half lead instead of fifths we get Double Bob Minor, a regular, musical method. If, however, we make thirds instead of fifths we get Wakefield College Bob, an irregular method. A 720 of this can be easily obtained, and is just as musical as a 720 of Bob Minor. The plain course is quite symmetrical, and, in any case, should asymmetry be classed as a great fault?

Mr. Felstead states that members of the committee must abide by the Rules and Decisions, but what happens if an occasion arises where they want a rule changed. It is just brought up as a recommendation from the committee that such and such a rule should be changed, and it is carried.

I'm afraid that the views of the Methods Committee are the views of a minority, and I advise ringers for their ultimate own good that they should advise their Central Council representatives accordingly.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Clewer, Windsor.

OPPOSITION TO METHODS COMMITTEE ASKED TO COMBINE

Dear Sir,—I must congratulate Mr. Blagrove on his excellent, well-reasoned reply to Mr. Felstead's defence of his change of attitude over the last ten years. Mr. Blagrove earnestly appeals to ringers to get their Council delegates to vote against the Methods Committee's motion that peals containing methods not in their Collection be excluded from the analysis, or whatever similar form the motion may take. I heartily endorse this appeal, but it is not easy to persuade representatives who are the die-hards of orthodoxy to vote according to their consciences, or the known wishes of the great majority of the ringers they represent. Another difficulty is that most Associations only hold a general meeting once a year, and if that happens to fall after Whit-sun this year, it is impossible to get one's representatives 'briefed' before the Council meets without calling a special meeting.

I urge all ringers who resent the present restrictive practices of the Council, in conformity with the dictates of the Methods Committee, to take the practical step of requesting an extraordinary meeting of their Association, so that these questions can be given proper consideration and their delegates instructed how to vote, instead of passively saying 'Yes,' as has happened with Major, Minor, Triples, etc., in the past, or voting according to their own personal views. If some of the ringers who consistently criticise the Methods Committee would pull together in this way and turn up in sufficient strength to get their wishes carried out, then all this animosity would cease, as they would have no grievance. What a grand example of democracy it would be if, say, the Winchester Guild instructed Mr. Felstead (as their representative) to vote against the Doubles Collection he had helped to prepare!

I have re-read Mr. Felstead's reply to Mr. Butler and I can see no sound reason whatever for his acceptance of the 'Council's' views. His sole argument seems to be that Plain Bob lead heads make for 'easier composition, easier conducting, symmetry of the method, music, etc.' (whatever etc. means!).

(i).—Easier composition. Why does he stand up for easier composition at a time when composers are competing with each other to produce peals under the most difficult conditions? With so many methods 'worked out' surely something which will allow opportunities to composers of the future should be encouraged.

(ii).—Easier conducting.—Conductors are of varying abilities, and some revel in tackling extremely difficult compositions. There is plenty for the average conductor. Why not permit the wizards to continue to advance their artistry if they wish?

(iii).—Symmetry of the method. Is there any sound reason why a method must be symmetrical? Mr. Felstead doesn't suggest one.

(iv).—Music. As far as Triples is concerned all 5,040 rows have to appear, so it cannot apply here. In Major there are numerous methods regarded as legitimate whose music is abominable, whereas irregular methods can often produce much better music. He cannot generalise truthfully on this issue, either.

No, sir, I consider Mr. Felstead's attempted vindication wholly unconvincing. I wonder whether he has honestly changed his opinions, or merely meekly accepted certain orthodox rules!—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandire): B. Harfield (first away from a covering bell) 1. Agnes F. Millam 2. Edna M. Everest 3. Valerie Mephram 4. H. W. Brown (cond.) 5. M. Truran (first quarter) 6. First in three methods by all. For the Christmas festival.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Miss Joan Hills, who is now living in Grays, Essex, after sojourning in Australia, informs us that the first quarter peal of Stedman Triples in New South Wales has been rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. The band consisted of John Sheehy 1, Lawrence Curran 2, Joan Gray 3, John Cummins 4, Edmund Fowell 5, Phillip Gray (conductor) 6, Thomas Goodyer 7, Charles Dennehy 8. This was the first of Stedman Triples for all except Mr. and Mrs. Gray and was rung while they were up from Melbourne to see the Test Match.

There have been two notable deaths recently in New South Wales. One was Jack McNamara, a very old member of St. Mary's of about the time of 'Grandfather MacDonald.' Jack died at the home run by the Little Sisters of the Poor, at Randwick, having been almost blind for some time. He did manage to take the treble for a few rounds on the day the Queen landed in Sydney and to the best of Miss Hills' knowledge that was the last time he put hand to rope. The other death was Jim Arkell, captain of St. Paul's, West Maitland. The Arkells had been connected with Maitland tower for many years, and Jim had a son and daughter who were ringers. Jim died in Sydney after having been seriously ill for six months. May they both rest in peace.

Christchurch St. Lawrence, Sydney, must be rather unique in that four out of their five members are ladies. The fifth is tower captain—Justin Buckley! Mr. A. R. ('Bob') Botting, of All Saints', Parramatta, has retired from active ringing now, but Harry Short of that tower is gradually returning to good health and taking his place in ringing circles once more.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very encouraging start to the year's activities was made at Dore Parish Church, Sheffield on New Year's Day, when one of the most pleasant of recent meetings was held.

Although this musical ring of eight had not been rung for some time previously, the bells handled very easily, thanks to some special attention by the Society's president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, on the previous Saturday and Wednesday.

Some 30 ringers attended and a good variety of Plain and Surprise Major methods was rung, also Minor, Triples rounds and Treble Bob Major, the Ringing Master, Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, officiating in his usual courteous and efficient manner.

Cups of tea were prepared and served in the comfortable Church Hall by Mrs. N. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock. At the very short business meeting a special welcome was extended to friends from Derby, and to Mr. G. W. Massey, from Frome, Somerset. It was announced that the next meeting would be at Sheffield (St. Marie's in the afternoon and Cathedral at night) on February 5th.

ST. MARTIN'S, DORKING

Every New Year's Eve the St. Martin's, Dorking, bellringers are entertained to supper by the Church Council. The catering arrangements are always in the capable hands of Miss B. Dowling, assisted by other lady ringers, and this year's feast was enjoyed by a company of 17 ringers and relations, and including a churchwarden, Mr. F. S. Pickford.

The Vicar, the Rev. K. D. Evans, thanked the ringers for their very regular Sunday ringing and confirmed that the rehanging of the bells will commence soon, following the granting of the faculty.

Mr. Albert Harman was again elected captain, Miss E. Clear secretary, and Mrs. Clark treasurer. Good progress has been made with method ringing during the year and several quarter peals rung by a local company. It is hoped that after the bells are rehung some more recruits will be attracted to the art.

A. P. C.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Twenty-One Years a Secretary

For the 21st year in succession Mr. S. T. Price was elected secretary and treasurer of the Stroud Branch on December 18th at Stroud, and in acknowledging his re-election, he mentioned that during that period he had missed only one local ringers' meeting—when he was in hospital in 1946.

The past year has been a memorable one for him as a few months ago he was married. The members' friendship and appreciation was expressed by Mr. Leslie Barry, the Master of the Association, when he presented Mr. Price with a fountain pen, and a purse for his wife.

About 50 ringers attended during the day and there was ringing at the Stroud tower both in the afternoon and evening. Clergy who officiated at a ringers' service were the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Maltin), the curate (the Rev. E. Hoskin) and the Rev. P. A. Hippisley-Smith.

After tea in the Church Institute the Master presided over the annual meeting at which satisfactory reports were presented.

The secretary stated that during the year there had been nine meetings in the Branch with an average attendance of 18. Membership had kept at a steady level. He spoke of the progress of the Eastington band, who were ringing a more advanced method.

Members stood in silence in memory of the late Mrs. A. Sheppard, of Chalford, and during the meeting mention was made of three ringers who have died during the year—Messrs. R. Sharpe, G. E. Risbey and W. Banyard.

Mr. T. Borcham, of Cheltenham, gave a report on the Central Council meeting at New-castle and there was a short discussion on several points.

Branch officers elected were: Miss D. Sheppard, chairman; Mr. S. T. Price, secretary; Mr. F. Ponting, management committee; Mr. S. T. Price, Ringing Master; with tower representatives en bloc.

It was agreed to hold the next three meetings at Painswick, Haresfield and Stonehouse.

Mr. F. Ponting thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. T. Pritchard for local arrangements, and the ladies who had served tea.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Members attending the Guild's annual meeting at Halifax Parish Church on January 1st were the guests of the Archdeacon, the Ven. E. Treacy, at the House of the Good Shepherd. A hearty vote of thanks to him was proposed by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. P. Birkett, and to the Sister-in-Charge for the excellent tea provided.

Acknowledging the vote, the Archdeacon said he was very pleased to entertain the Guild. 'The ringers,' he added, 'are the faithful few in a busy world, doing their work in the call to worship.'

The Archdeacon presided at the business meeting, during which the secretary reviewed the year. Six successful meetings had been held and also a summer trip. The general standard of ringing continued to improve, expenditure had increased and income was lower but a good working balance remained in hand. The Guild had lost a good friend by the departure of the chairman; they wished him well in his new surroundings. Unfortunately their parent tower had made little headway in securing a team to man the bells.

The officers were re-elected. A collection taken for the Fabric Fund, in return for the hospitality, amounted to £1 15s.

Methods rung during the day included Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. A good lower in peal on the back eight concluded the meeting.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Aylesbeare Branch Score Three Peals in a Day

Arrangements were originally suggested for four peals on Boxing Day but this was immediately floored by the two conductors, who intimated that holiday for most meant work for them, and to get three peals necessitated starting work before 5 a.m., so three it was.

The company collected at East Budleigh and together with excessive rations for the day left for Aylesbeare at 8.45 a.m., where freshness was most necessary for the 21 Doubles methods arranged. After a very short break, on they went to Cadeleigh for Minor, where a 'first as conductor' was scored by the 'tenor specialist.' The last 15 minutes were difficult because the ropes were almost invisible by darkness approaching, but fortunately the ringers' white shirts saved the situation. After consuming food by the light of torches the journey to Calverleigh was undertaken, where another 'first' for all was successful.

TWO DEVON OUTINGS

A number of ringers, drawn mainly from Teignmouth, Devon, held a successful half-day excursion on Boxing Day. Leaving soon after lunch, the first call was at Powderham, where the ringing was much enjoyed on the handy light six. Two other six-bell towers were later visited, Kenn and Kenton, some difficulty being experienced at the latter tower in finding the key. The weather was all that could be desired and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed.

On New Year's Day another very pleasant afternoon was spent at Dean Prior, where the ringing was confined to Plain Bob Doubles, and where the less experienced ringers did very creditably. From here a move was made to the adjoining parish of Nattery and its ring of five bells and long draught. The ringing here was limited to half an hour, this concluding with a good six-score of Grandsire Doubles. After an excellent tea at Buckfastleigh a pleasant hour was later spent with handbells. Mr. E. M. Atkins and Mrs. D. E. Hood were responsible for the Boxing Day arrangements whilst Mr. A. L. Bennett (who acted as host) was responsible for the New Year's Day programme. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Sevenoaks Had Larger Meeting Than Anticipated

The Tonbridge District started the year well with a good meeting at Sevenoaks on January 1st, thanks to the co-operation of the White-chapel Foundry, who repaired the clapper which broke on Christmas Day and returned it in good time for the meeting.

Ringing continued in various methods from 3 p.m. until 4.30 p.m., when the Rector, the Rev. E. M. T. McLellan, conducted the service, basing his brief address on the words 'In sincerity and in truth.'

As 32 people had notified for tea, the local secretary catered for 50 and was not too happy when 62 turned up, but as most of the defaulters were not members of the District the matter was not dwelt upon at the meeting which followed tea.

Sevenoaks is faced with the task of raising £24,000 for repairs to the Parish Church and the provision of a new roof. A collection was taken at tea and that, together with the 1s. charged for tea, enabled the ringers to hand the sum of £5 to the Rector as a donation to the Repair Fund.

After tea ringing was resumed and catered for all tastes until 8.30 p.m., when a broken rope brought the meeting to a rather abrupt conclusion.

QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Davis 1, Miss K. Toozie 2, Miss B. Russell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, H. J. Merritt 6.

BENSON, OXON.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cherrell 1, F. Godden 2, P. Wilson (first 'inside') 3, J. Godman 4, S. R. Tuckwell 5, R. Wells 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, W. Fulker 8.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Poile (first quarter) 1, W. H. Prior 2, P. Jarvis 3, W. C. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1954.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: B. Sheppard 1, J. Vincent 2, W. Trueman 3, J. Manners 4, A. Peake 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6. First in method by all and by a local band. A 21st birthday compliment to B. Bladon.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. L. Roobottom 1, W. J. Leach 2, G. Harrison 3, P. Foster 4, D. T. Gardiner 5, A. G. Foster 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, E. J. White 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major in 6 methods (London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire): J. E. Rootes 1, S. H. Hoare 2, C. W. Woolley 3, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 4, R. Rowley (first of Spliced Surprise) 5, A. Cutler 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, G. W. Seaman 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Dec. 23rd, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Worrall (cond.) 1, T. Yeomans 2, Jennifer M. Stephens 3, Jean M. Powell 4, F. J. Bailey 5, A. R. Price 6, W. E. Thompson 7, R. E. Coles 8. Rung in honour of the 77th birthday of Seymour R. Parker, local tower captain, after an unsuccessful attempt at Double Norwich.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.I.—At St. James' Church, on Jan. 2nd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Friswell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, E. Pryor 3, W. Jarvis 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, R. Newman 6, W. Prockson 7, H. Barnard 8.

CLIFTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Colton 1, Miss M. Hill 2, Miss J. E. Hoodless 3, G. Payne 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, S. Adams 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Rickaby (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 2, Miss M. Reed 3, D. R. Airey 4, Dr. J. Moor 5, T. Hill 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, M. Stewart (first on 8 bells) 8.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, F. A. Staveley 2, J. McCuskey 3, E. Short 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, H. Ashton 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. E. Critchley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Holmes. Also to mark the passing of 1954.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hobson (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 3, J. Lindsey 4, J. H. Musson 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Susan Harrop 2, J. Michael Harrop 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, T. D. Leask 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. First quarter by all the band in the method.

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincs.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Drury 1, C. Kennington 2, G. I. Rusty 3, J. B. Budd (cond.) 4, F. Kennington 5, W. Mumby 6, S. Bromfield 7, H. Hadwick 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Frank Kennington.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Hunt 1, S. Buckland 2, Mrs. Roberts 3, Mrs. Levett 4, R. G. Roberts 5, C. A. Levett (cond.) 6, W. Levett 7. Longest length by 1, 2 and 3.

HEREFORD.—On Jan. 5th, at the Cathedral Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Davis (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Jarrett 2, A. W. Davis 3, P. Morgan 4, A. T. Wingate 5, R. T. Jones 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, W. Gittins (first quarter) 8.

HESTON, MIDDXX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Stokes 1, W. Webb 2, D. Howell 3, C. Newnes 4, Miss A. Garnett 5, J. Sansom (cond.) 6, E. Gladman 7, J. Ricketts 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 25th, 720 Netherseale and 552 Norwich: L. Fidler 1, P. W. Croft 2, E. W. Winters 3, C. M. Orme 4, D. P. Jones 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung on the back 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Holmes 1, Roselyn Crewe 2, E. C. Crewe 3, R. W. Hinde 4, R. G. Corby 5, B. Harris (cond.) 6. Rung for the christening of Ruth Harris, daughter of the conductor, on this day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Wright 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, R. Brown 5, Dr. C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung, with the congratulations of the band, for the engagement of A. J. Salisbury and Miss V. Mallor.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. S. Peacock 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, S. Gilbert (first in method as cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 6.

KIRTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Bamber 1, Miss R. Brown 2, A. Young 3, F. Bishop 4, P. Reynolds 5, J. R. Young 6, D. Flatters 7, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the Rev. A. F. Collyer, late Vicar. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Flintham 1, Miss R. Brown 2, F. Bishop 3, A. Young 4, J. R. Young 5, P. Reynolds 6, D. Flatters 7, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 8. Birthday compliment to grandchildren of 5 and 8.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. St. Bartholomew, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob): W. Fulkner 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Dec. 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Townsend (first of Major) 1, F. A. Sedgwick (first of Surprise) 2, P. Beresford 3, J. E. Cawser 4, Miss J. Beresford 5, J. B. Webb 6, D. Beresford 7, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. Hughes 1, B. Jones 2, F. Wilshaw 3, June M. Henshaw 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, John Worth 7, H. Farrer 8, A. A. Potts 9, J. W. Whittaker 10. A 60th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Jenkins, of Oldham.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wallis 1, A. L. Ford 2, F. R. Evans 3, W. Izzard 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, C. D. Mann 6, G. Olney 7. All the band are employed at Vauxhall Motors Ltd., Luton.

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Mills 1, J. R. Niblett 2, J. W. Kinchin 3, R. F. Kibbiewhite 4, F. G. Kinchin 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6, S. Loynes 7, F. Powell 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and 840 Grandsire): J. Uden 1, W. E. Eveleigh 2, H. Allen 3, M. Harbott 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. Small 6. First in 5 methods by all.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Blaize, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune and Grandsire): H. Hardwidge (first away from tenor) 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Quint 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, Mrs. D. Strong (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Carol Service.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Stewart 1, A. Cooper 2, C. Mountain 3, J. Mountain 4, Miss B. Pickles 5, L. Cooper (cond.) 6. Covered by M. Duxbury and P. Whitaker. Rung as a compliment to Miss B. Pickles on attaining 21 years.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitmore 1, P. G. Leaker 2, F. C. Moyford (cond.) 3, J. M. Stallard 4, A. A. Hillier 5, L. Bates 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. William Whiting, an old ringer of Publow, aged 81 years.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Yelling (first quarter) 1, R. Thatcher 2, D. Yelling (first quarter) 3, D. Hoare (cond.) 4, F. Carter 5, A. Jones 6.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Place Bob Doubles: J. King 1, A. Osborne 2, I. J. Dickin (cond.) 3, K. D. Perkins 4, A. C. Cozens 5.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—At All Saints', Hamer, on Dec. 19th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lord 1, Margaret Buckley 2, A. Hilton 3, K. Abbott 4, I. W. Taylor 5, J. Taylor 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. R. Worrall, M.A.).

RUGBY, WARW.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Rev. P. H. Goodrich (first quarter) 1, G. A. Peck 2, C. Underwood 3, E. G. Orland (cond.) 4, S. Osborne 5. Rung for the Blessing of the Crib Service.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Jennifer Stratford 1, Christine Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, R. Hall 4, M. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. Coleman, wife of the sexton.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood 1, C. P. Parker 2, Miss M. E. Moody 3, Wm. B. Cartwright 4, A. Cox 5, J. Eastwood 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire): Miss P. Rinder (lead), D. Barker 1, D. Ruckledge 2, E. M. Bradley 4, Miss D. M. Hawley 4, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, J. Potts 6. Rung for the Epiphany.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): C. D. Mann 1, D. R. Brazier 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, T. P. Harris 4, A. C. Sinfeld 5, S. J. Ivin 6. For the wedding of Mr. A. G. Shillingford and Miss Ruth Baldwin, a former ringer. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. D. Mann 1, D. R. Brazier 2, T. P. Harris 3, R. J. Sharp 4, A. C. Sinfeld 5, S. J. Ivin (first in method as cond.) 6. A first birthday compliment to David Brazier, son of the 2nd ringer. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Priscilla Oakeshott 1, T. P. Harris 2, G. F. Olney 3, D. R. Brazier 4, J. F. Olney (first as cond.) 5, Janet Godfrey 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Thompson 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Miss J. Findlater 4, D. Wight 5, P. Maskrey 6, J. B. Ford 7, Miss A. Dannel 8. First of Stedman by 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foreman 1, Miss B. Warboys 2, C. Warboys 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, R. Hayden 6. A compliment to the ringer of the treble on having completed 40 years as a chorister.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Churchill 1, Sylvia Vine 2, R. Baker (first as cond.) 3, B. Vine 4, G. Salter 5, R. Perry 6. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doris Vine 1, Beryl Churchill 2, B. Vine 3, J. Brewer 4, R. Baker (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, J. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, R. S. N. Brown 6. A farewell to Cedric J. A. Brown, of Corston, on joining the Royal Air Force.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hewitt (first quarter) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, J. R. Ketteringham (first of Triples as cond.) 5, E. E. Holman 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, F. C. Taylor 8. Rung for Evensong.

WESTMINSTER, W.C.—At the Abbey, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Langdon 1, W. S. Langdon 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, H. N. Pirstow (cond.) 4, A. B. Peck 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Walker 1, R. Stafford 2, B. Stafford 3, M. Stewart (first quarter) 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, J. Rye 6. To commemorate the naming of the new Church of St. Andrew.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Devenish 1, H. Cox 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. Rung for the 12th birthday of Edmond Jacobs, youngest ringer at St. Mary's.

THE BELLS OF CHERTSEY, SURREY

The western tower with its faced rubble and undressed flints is patched with red brick, but probably contains some of its original material. Ringing is done from the ground floor, which is open to the church and quite near the font.

Brief details of the bells are:—

- Treble. G. Mears. 1859.
- 2. G. Mears. 1859.
- 3. R. Phelps. 1730.
- 4. Lester & Pack. 1756.
- 5. The 'Abbey' bells. 14th century.
- 6. W. Eldridge. 1712.
- 7. Robert Mot. 1588.
- Tenor. W. Eldridge. 1670. Recast 1859. (20.0.14).

In 1552 it was recorded 'V belles in the steeple,' but four of these have probably been recast. The 'Abbey' bell (5th) was fully dealt with in No. 2,174 of this journal. The 7th is known as the 'Armada' bell and is a fine product from the first Whitechapel founder, Robert Mot. The 6th was recast at the Eldridge foundry, not far from the church, in the last few years of its existence. When the bells were made up to eight in 1859 the tenor was found to be cracked, and it was recast by the generosity of Baroness Angela Burdett Coutts, who named it 'Shoshannim.'

Baroness Burdett Coutts was a great lover of church bells and, besides bearing the cost of recasting the tenor, she also helped with the new trebles the same year.

Chertsey is known as the 'Curfew' town of Surrey, not only because of the story 'Curfew shall not ring to-night,' but on account of the fact that curfew is still observed here between Michaelmas and Lady Day. Some years ago, a former resident, Mr. William Kenpson, gave £100, the interest on which is to meet the cost of having the bell rung for all time.

In 1898 a chime carillon was given to the church, and this plays four times a day after the clock has ceased striking the hour.

The average age of the back six is 283 years, and the whole octave 236 years.

WM. SHEPHERD.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. V. Ballam 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. P. Rickwood 3, K. G. Brown 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. William Leach, a Church worker over twenty years.

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BIRTH

DAVEY.—On Jan. 14th, 1955, at the British Military Hospital, Hoster, Germany, to Mary (née Bennett), wife of Corpl. J. Davey, a son (John Henry), brother for Vicky. 5727

ENGAGEMENTS

BAILEY—WALSH.—The engagement is announced between Charles Edward, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey, Whitchurch, Cardiff, and Freda, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Walsh, Heath, Cardiff. 5716

CHAPMAN—MORRIS.—The engagement is announced between Patrick, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Chapman, 8, Ash Road, Kettering, and Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Morris, 32, Sebright Road, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Worcs. 5706

DEATH

BAILEY.—On January 11th, 1955, at St. Helen's Hospital, Ipswich, Norman R. Bailey, aged 67. Deeply mourned by his wife and family and a very large circle of ringing friends. 5771

RETURN THANKS

Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins expresses his sincere thanks to the many friends who have written to him in his recent bereavement. He regrets that it is impossible to thank each one individually. 5704

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 5694

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Queen's Head 5.15 p.m. 5624

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual general meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5659

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Halstead, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. 5629

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Jan. 22nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall 5.15, with business to follow. 5642

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5676

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 22nd, St. George's, Camberwell, 2.45. Service 4. Tea and business, Church Hall 4.45. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 7.30 to 9. Monday, February 7th, practice, 7.15, St. Mary, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, February 12th. A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, etc., 3.15. Service 5. Tea and business Chapter House. 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 5700

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m., in Church Hall. Ringing 6 p.m.—W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5681

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—Hayne, Sec. 5663

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, January 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafe. 5768

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, New Alresford, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Bell Hotel. 5684

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 29th. Bells 3. Service and tea following. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5714

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—All who wish to try Bedfordshire's heaviest six will be welcome at St. James' Church, Blunham, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, from 6 p.m. Special method: St. James' Youths' Exercise. 5717

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport St. Mary, Jan. 29th, Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please send names for tea, before Jan. 25th, to Mr. A. S. Gordon, 46, Commercial Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 5718

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Derby, Jan. 29th, 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th, to Mr. Wm. Parsons, 14, Bedford Street, Derby.—M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 5695

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Doncaster (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by 26th, to D. A. Chapman, 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 5710

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at 3 p.m.—George S. Deas, Hon. Sec. 5721

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 29th, Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry at 6. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5726

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, Jan. 29th, Bells (8) 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 26th, to H. J. Millatt, 46, Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester. 5679

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose, Saturday, Jan. 29th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service (Holy Communion) 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 25th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. Annual social and dance, Feb. 12th. Tickets 5s. 5718

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), Jan. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by Jan. 26th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 5708

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 29th. St. Mary's and Stoke bells available 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' available after tea. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 26th, to hon. secretary. Tea at St. Nicolas' Hall.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5720

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham-breaux, Saturday, Jan. 29th, Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 26th, to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickham-breaux, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck. 5686

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) in Church Hall. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Jan. 24th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5690

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Jan. 29th, Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss G. Friswell, 43, Casimir Road, Clapton, E.5. 5691

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Castle Inn 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 26th, please, to Miss Jeanette M. Simpson, 9, Woodgon Road, Anstey, Leicester. All ringers and friends welcome. 5672

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LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, by Jan. 24th, to Mrs. Jenkins, 27, Park Square, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 5666

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Pudsey, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Friday, the 28th, to Mr. G. Benfield, Lane End House, Pudsey.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 5703

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thame on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me by Jan. 26th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame. Tel. Thame 193. 5713

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. John's, Peterborough. St. Mary's bells 2.30-3.30 p.m. and during evening if required. Service St. John's 4 p.m. (Address by Rev. F. Stallard, Rural Dean.) Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea essential, by Jan. 25th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5665

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (8), on Sat., Jan. 29th. Names for tea, Tuesday, 25th, to E. E. Gibson, Estant, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Oakham, Rutland. 5672

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester on Jan. 29th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 5685

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, CLEWER, WINDSOR.—Annual dinner and social, Jan. 29th, 7.30 p.m., at Thames Hotel, Windsor. Tickets can be obtained, at 11s. 6d. each, from W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough, before Jan. 25th. 5682

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Wellington, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Parish Hall. Names, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Pritchard, 51, Hadley Park Road, Hadley. Wrockwardine also in evening if required. 5539

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Mildenhall, Jan. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cafes nearby. Supporting District members will be appreciated.—Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 5698

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—70th birthday celebration, Jan. 29th. Cars available to take ringers to Aldrington, Hurstpierpoint and Keymer towers from St. Peter's Church, Brighton, at 1.45 p.m.—R. W. R. Percy, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5719

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Ringing arrangements: 10-11 a.m., St. John's (6); 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m., St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8); 1.45-2.45 p.m., St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12); 3-4 p.m., St. James' (10); 5-6 p.m., St. Michael's (6). Service 6 p.m., Dinner University Refectory, 7.15 p.m. for 7.30. 5709

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Branch annual meeting at All Saints', Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in All Saints' Room. Names, by Tuesday, Jan. 25th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5712

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Rededication service, Ardleigh, Saturday, Feb.

5th, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Colchester. Tea provided. Bells (8) after.—J. Gould, Dis. Sec. 5702

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea, soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, Challenge Cottage, Bromyard. 5673

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. M. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 5722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Grantham (10), Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (followed by business meeting) 5.30 p.m. at Talbot Cafe. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 1st, to J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 5705

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.15. Service 4.15: preacher, Rt. Rev. Dr. W. B. Belcher, Assistant Bishop of Norwich. Tea in Denny's New Tea Room (opposite the Mere) 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd. Suffolk ringers specially invited.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 5707

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual lunch will be held in Oxford on Feb. 5th. Will old members interested please contact Miss P. J. Holborn, 130, Hady Hill, Chesterfield. Details can also be given about the Easter tour. 5761

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 5711

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. Lygo, Kelvin-side, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent.—C. W. Towers. 5769

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Winchester. Bells: Cathedral (12) available for 2 hours after evensong, 6.15-8.15 approx.: St. Maurice's (6), 1.30-2.30 and 8.30-9. Business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 3, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 5728

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A social evening will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Hazel Grove, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 7 to 10.30. Dancing, games, Norbury handbell ringers, etc. Licensed bar. All welcome. Tickets, price 3s. 6d. (including refreshments), from C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, before Feb. 7th.—C. K. Lewis. 5725

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next committee meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Parish Church bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church School, Avenham Lane, 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent before Tuesday, Feb. 8th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston.—F. Dunkerley, Sec. 5770

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