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## THE TELL-TALE OF 1963

SOME views about peal ringing were expressed in a front page article last September, but your annual reminder to readers to send in their peal totals for 1963 for inclusion in the tell-tale prompts these further reflections. There are those we know who regularly ring more than the 25 peals in a year, which is the minimum number you suggest for inclusion in the list, but who do not send in details because they do not wish to be included. And yet, of course, the separate peal details have been published throughout the year, so the facts can be ascertained by the use of a little time and trouble by anyone interested. To my mind the list is a useful complement to the recording of peals rung for the various Associations, prepared each year by the Central Council, but perforce not published until many months of the new year have gone.

It is normal, at the year's end, for the staff of a weekly or monthly journal to look back, and take stock, and to summarise for their readers some of the events of the year that has gone. With the limited resources of our paper it is a good thing that some of this work is done by the Records Committee of the Central Council and that this other part, the tell-tale, can be achieved by the voluntary help of those primarily concerned.

As one who has never before made the list, having usually, for these days, modest total of about 15 peals a year, I have always found it interesting to see new names coming into the list, and new conductors, and new ringers of handbell peals. These are the people on whom the Exercise will depend to a great extent in the years to come for leadership in the often difficult task of maintaining bands for service ringing; of providing officers and leaders of our Associations and Guilds; of helping new recruits over the hurdles of their first peals and quarter peals and of setting targets at which those beginners can aim. It will be said of course that our leading peal ringers do not all do all these things at present, but I believe that the exceptions are few. The large majority of the names that will appear in the list in due course will be those of ringers who ring regularly for services and support many of their Association meetings. And teach beginners, though how they manage to find the time for it all I often wonder.

Now for a personal note. My own first, and in all probability last, appearance in the list is due mainly to the efforts of other members of the Exercise. On a summer outing or during the Central Council week-end one visits a new tower. Being impressed by the bells one says

(casual like!) 'I'd like a peal here sometime.' The tower captain just happens to be in earshot and some weeks later a peal attempt has been arranged. And probably some refreshment after it. To all those people and to all the other friends who regularly invited me to stand in their attempts, thus making my 1963 total possible, my grateful thanks.

W. G. W.

## LONGEST PEALS ON TOWER AND HANDBELLS

### TOWER BELLS

- (1). 40,320 Plain Bob Major, Loughborough Bell Foundry, 27-7-1963, in 17 hours, 58½ minutes.
  - (2). 32,704 Plain Bob Major, Loughborough Bell Foundry, 15-7-1961, in 15 hours, 30½ minutes.
  - (3). 22,400 Plain Bob Major, Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, 9-4-1960, in 11 hours, 45 minutes.
  - (4). 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major, Over, Cheshire, 4-11-1950, in 12 hours, 58 minutes.
  - 21,600 60-Spliced Treble Bob Minor, Loughborough Bell Foundry, 28-12-1963, in 9 hours, 44 minutes.
  - (6). 21,363 Stedman Caters, Appleton, Berks, 22-4-1922, in 12 hours, 25 minutes.
  - (7). 18,928 Plain Bob Major, Loughborough Bell Foundry, 4-8-1962, in 9 hours, 13 minutes.
  - (8). 18,144 Plain Bob Major, Benington, Herts, 5-6-1933, in 10 hours, 52 minutes.
  - (9). 18,027 Stedman Caters, Loughborough Parish, 12-4-1909, in 12 hours, 18 minutes.
  - (10). 18,000 25 Minor, Stisted, Essex, 18-11-1957, in 9 hours, 35 minutes.
- Also, a false peal of 18,280 Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram, 1922, in 11 hours, 13 minutes.

### HANDBELLS

- (1). 19,738 Stedman Caters, Guildford, 31-8-1912, in 9 hours, 32 minutes.
- (2). 15,904 Plain Bob Major, Marple, Cheshire, 22-12-1962, in 7 hours, 40 minutes.
- (3). 15,840 Plain Bob Royal, Bournemouth, 17-10-1953, in 8 hours, 2 minutes.
- (4). 15,840 Plain Bob Minor, Putney, London, 20-2-1963, in 6 hours, 12 minutes.
- (5). 15,000 Doubles (25 methods), City of London, 14-11-1962, in 5 hours, 58 minutes.
- (6). 14,031 Stedman Caters, Guildford, 1-6-1912, in 7 hours, 3 minutes.
- (7). 13,664 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Bushey, Herts, 29-2-1948, in 6 hours, 4 minutes.
- (8). 13,440 Plain Bob Major, Pudsey, Yorks, 5-6-1911, in 7 hours, 7 minutes.
- (9). 13,320 Plain Bob Royal, Marple, Cheshire, 14-12-1963, in 7 hours, 2 minutes.
- (10). 13,139 Grandsire Caters, Bournemouth, 31-1-1953, in 6 hours, 34 minutes.



## They Gave up their Practice and made a New Page in Village History

THE traveller along the main road between the Hertfordshire towns of St. Albans and Barnet passes the prominent 15th century tower of St. Giles' Church, South Mymms, in Middlesex. Since the time of Napoleon this has contained six bells and these were rehung with the back three recast at Whitechapel in 1893. A few years later, the ringing gallery was removed and soon after the First World War, the then Vicar silenced the bells, after a slight mishap to one of them. So they remained during his lifetime.

Recently, under a new Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Clare, the tower was restored and, one autumn day in 1962, Roger Durrant, of Cheshunt, in the course of his work on church clock maintenance, asked permission to try the bells. This was readily given and, after hard work with spanners, grease and a set of old ropes, the bells rang out for Harvest Festival. Interest was roused in the village and Ralph Bootman, the organist and ex-ringer, gave a few lessons before leaving for another post. In February, help came from St. Albans when a regular Thursday practice was started on silent bells.

A full team of beginners was immediately formed of all ages, from young Harvey Sillis to Dick Owen, a young 60-odd. Very many hours of steeplekeeping were put in by Jeff Fost (under the guidance of Geoff Dodds), including a memorable trip to Mears—"Do you sell spare parts for bells?"

May came and the home team rang their first rounds on open bells as the 'service touch' at the first ringing meeting in the tower, before most of them took their places in the choir. Later came some minor repair work by Mears, the start of change ringing at the St. Peter's, St. Albans, practices and, by Harvest Festival, Sunday ringing started, one year after the bells were first rung again for a Sunday.

Recently, the Vicar has been seriously ill in hospital, but is now out and about on light duties. One practice night, he came into the belfry and asked very nicely if the ringers would forgo just one practice, at the end of November. Momentary disappointment was seen, but not voiced, so, with a twinkle in his eye: "Good, I'm so glad, because that is the night of the first annual South Mymms ringers' dinner. I hope you can all come."

### THE DINNER

Came the night and, at 7.30 prompt, several cars arrived at the Waggon and Horses, Ridge Hill.

First surprise! How many ringers' dinners begin with several glasses of Bristol Cream Sherry? Ten South Mymms ringers and eleven visitors then took their places, the visitors being the Vicar and Mrs. Clare, the two churchwardens, five of the St. Albans instructors (three of them girls), a trustee (?) and a silversmith (?). A delicious meal followed: oxtail soup, chicken with mountains of good things to go with it, trifle, an excellent French white wine—the glasses were never allowed to become empty—Blue Stilton, biscuits and coffee.

"I give you the Queen!"

"The Queen."

The Vicar then rose.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I expect you are wondering how all this came about and why this lovely silver tankard is here in front of you."

Two months before, the Vicar received a phone call from a London bank. Did he have any bellringers? "Yes." Were the bells rung regularly? "Yes." "Oh, in that case, we can go ahead with the bequest."

In 1924, Joan Bruce Robinson died at the tender age of 10½ years. Her father, Mr. A. Bruce Robinson, purchased a tankard out of her savings and incorporated this in his will, made in 1929. Eighteen years ago, he died



The silver loving cup is in front of the Vicar. The five instructors from St. Albans are on the right.  
[By courtesy of the Barnet Press.]

and his executors (the London bank) began the lengthy job of meeting the terms of his will. Many benefactions came to the church, including funds for the restoration of the tower. The bequest for the ringers came fortunately just after ringing was resumed. The terms include—

(1) There shall be an annual dinner for the South Mymms bellringers, for which a sum of £10 is to be used. It is to be free for the bellringers, but visitors shall pay part.

(2) There shall be two bottles of Bristol Milk provided.

(3) The cup is to be on the table at the dinner and a visitor shall propose the toast 'Prosperity to the Ringers' to be drunk from it.

(4) The cup is to be inscribed with the six bells of South Mymms and a chosen verse by the famous Vicar of Morwenstow, Parson Hawker. (Also added are the words 'The Joan Bruce Robinson Memorial Cup'.)

(5) The bells shall be rung muffled before midnight on New Year's Eve and 'open' afterwards.

So, that explained the 'trustee' and the silversmith.

The Georgian lidded tankard was most beautifully made by Robert Ginnes in 1724, is of solid silver, weighing 44 oz, and has been valued at £750.

The Vicar, as first 'visitor,' proposed 'Prosperity to the Ringers' and the cup was passed round clockwise as a loving cup, in the ancient ritual, where the drinker and the previous one stand back to back and the next person stands facing the cup, ready to receive it. This was once a precaution against stabbing in the back. The cup was filled with a very fine punch, rumoured to be 50 per cent brandy! The evening drew to a close with handbell ringing, excited conversation and examination of the cup, before the company dispersed through the driving rain which was hardly noticed by anyone.

The next Sunday morning, ringing stopped early and the ringers gathered round the grave of little Joan Bruce Robinson in the churchyard, to honour her memory. Now for the last condition in the bequest. All through December muffles were being made and the special technique of half-muffled ringing practised, for, with the passing of the old year and the welcome to the new sounding for the first time since little Joan died, South Mymms will remember her and the verse inscribed on the cup:

'Come to thy God in Time,

Thus saith their pealing chime.

Youth, manhood, old age past,

Come to thy God at last.

G. D.

## PREB. ANDREWS HONOURED

The Exercise will extend its congratulations to Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, of Chittlehampton Vicarage, Umberleigh, North Devon, the president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and secretary of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, who has been appointed a M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

Preb. Andrews' award was made mainly in recognition of his services as chairman of the Barnstaple Youth Employment Committee for several years, but in many other directions he has done notable public service, not least to the Exercise in Devon.

## Important Notice

We regret to announce that Mr. J. E. Jeater, the accountant to 'The Ringing World,' was admitted to Truro Hospital on Christmas Day suffering from internal haemorrhage. The latest news is that he is making satisfactory progress and hopes to be home next week.

In consequence, there is a delay in dealing with correspondence and the dispatch of receipts. New subscribers can enrol at 'The Ringing World' Office, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, and renewal subscriptions and changes of address can also be sent there. If any new subscribers have not yet received their first copy of 1964, will they please write to the Editor.

## 143 SPliced MINOR COMPOSITION

Mr. G. R. Drew sends the following corrections:—

On page 861 (December 27th, 1963):—

Extent No. 4 finishes with 62534 Alford!  
It should have 45362 Cornhill L.  
— 23456 after this.

Another couple of small things:—

Ext. No. 6—No Bob against 23456 Sandel Treble Bob.

Ext. No. 5—? 6 after S lead 45362 Ringstead All.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempell 1, W. Dunn 2, Joan Hanning 3, K. G. Game (cond.) 4, A. T. Shelton 5, S. Smith 6. Ring for Matins, and on the birth of a second son to the Rector, the Rev. G. Williams.



## OBITUARY

### MR. JOHN CRAGG

One of the last remaining foundation members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Mr. John Cragg, of Caythorpe, Lincs, died after a short illness on December 19th in Grantham Hospital, aged 84 years.

A man of fine physique and character, he was a grand ringer in every way. Excellent at the heavy end, seldom was he known to make a mistake. He had a stern but lovable way of demanding the utmost from the band.

John was a member of a ringing family and he led the Caythorpe belfry when they had one of the finest bands in the county. In the early days of the Guild he rang in many peals with the Rev. A. Lew James. His first peal by a local band, in which he rang the seventh, was Grandsire Triples on February 11th, 1903; one of his last was 50 years later on the same bell to the same method.

He was always present for Sunday ringing and whenever visitors came to Caythorpe for peals or outings he ensured that everything was in readiness and gave them a warm welcome. In cricket he will be remembered for his fearless batting and he had several broken bats to remind him of his prowess.

Many villagers and ringers were present at the funeral service on December 23rd to pay their respects to this fine gentleman. Members of the Lincoln Cathedral Company rang a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside standing: P. A. Sharpe 1-2, J. L. Millhouse 3-4, John Freeman 5-6, John Walden 7-8. A memorial peal of Stedman Triples was rung on December 28th. So passes another good and faithful servant. Caythorpe will never seem the same without John Cragg.

J. W. and J. L. M.

### MR. ALLEN ROBINSON

The funeral service took place on December 27th at Mirfield, Yorks, of Mr. Allen Robinson, the last of the older generation of Mirfield ringers. His association with the tower extended to almost 60 years, and during this time he had held the offices of secretary, conductor and tower keeper. He was 81 years of age.

Mr. Robinson joined the Yorkshire Association in 1900 and had visited more than 100 towers in his native county. He had rung two peals for the Yorkshire Association and was a life member. His father, Mr. Benjamin Robinson, rang at Mirfield for over 60 years.

Taking part in the half-muffled ringing at the service were Miss S. Armitage, Messrs. I. Walker, C. Thornton, W. Bawcutt, D. Moffett, P. Broughton and C. Armitage (conductor).

### MR. TOM SAUNDERS

The sudden death while attending an Oddfellows' Club meeting on December 20th of Mr. Tom Saunders, of East Peckham, Kent, will be deeply regretted by members of the Kent County Association and other friends. He recently attained his 80th birthday and was looking forward to his golden wedding in 1964.

Owing to a painful affliction in one of his legs for about 12 years he was prevented from active ringing, but his interest in the affairs of the Exercise was unabated. Indeed, at the time of his death, he had been tower secretary at East Peckham for 53 years, and previous to that was secretary at Hadlow from 1906 to 1919. He was also secretary of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association from 1941 to 1946. He rang about 200 peals, his last being at Hadlow on January 28th, 1950, which brought my total with him to 125. I am sure he will never be forgotten by those who knew him.

He had a most remarkable memory and he loved to sit and talk about the amusing incidents he had had with his ringing friends.

To Mrs. Saunders and the family we tender our very sincere condolences in their bereavement.

The funeral took place at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on December 31st. Many ringers attended and a course of Grandsire was rung by four Tonbridge District members—Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 1-2, T. E. Sone 3-4, W. H. Dobbie 5-6, G. Fry 7-8.

T. E. S.

### CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Expressing his disappointment at the Christmas Day broadcast, Mr. James Hedgecock, 17-year-old conductor at St. Thomas' Church, St. Helens, suggests that the Scots, Welsh, Irish, and people from other areas of the country could do with a few lessons on how to strike bells correctly from the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers.

His letter concludes: 'I sincerely hope that this standard of ringing is not common, and I would appeal to the B.B.C. and I.T.V. to give the true impression of what good, well-struck ringing sounds like at Christmas. There are usually well-struck bells on the Light programme at 8.25 each Sunday morning.'

### ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Elland, on December 7th, and was moderately well attended. After Evensong, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. R. Howarth, the business meeting took place in the Parochial Hall. The Guild's chairman, Mr. P. Birkett, took the chair, and the secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master presented their reports for the past year.

Officials elected for 1964 were: Secretary, Miss W. Mortimer; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Senior; treasurer, Mr. A. W. Bond; committee, Messrs. F. Linfoot and H. Quarby and Miss A. Flather. Members expressed their gratitude to Mr. D. Smith for the work he had done for the Guild during the past three years, while he held the post of secretary.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held in March, the tower to be announced at a later date. Ringing was resumed after the meeting until 9 p.m.

D. S.

### MISS P. A. SAUNDERSON MARRIED

Bell ropes were hung in the porch of All Saints' Church, Sandon, Herts, on December 14th, for the wedding of Miss P. Anne Saunderson, a local ringer, and Mr. Christopher Worboys, of the Ashwell tower. Both bride and bridegroom also ring at Baldock. The bells were rung before and after the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. Catterick.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a full length dress of white brocade (made by herself), and a short veil. Her sister June and Miss Margaret Hatchett were the elder bridesmaids, and two-and-a-half-year-old Maureen Mabbitt also attended. Mr. Rodney Worboys was best man.

A reception was held at Sandon Village Hall and the presents included a canteen of cutlery from fellow bellringers.

### A SILENCE OF TEN YEARS BROKEN IN DEVON

The picturesque village of Oakford, high above the valley of the Exe, some seven miles from Tiverton, has a ring of eight cast by Mears, with a tenor of 12½ cwt. During the past 10 years various attempts have been made to obtain permission to ring the bells and various reasons were given why the bells should not be rung.

In July the Bishop of Exeter put Oakford under the care of the Rev. R. G. Herniman, Rector of the East Devon group of parishes, and he readily gave permission for an inspection. Debris from birds was removed from the tower and an inspection carried out. After a few more visits, and the use of much oil, a party of four ringers from St. Peter's, Tiverton, went on December 14th to tidy up and try the bells singly, and decided to ring them on St. Stephen's Day.

A representative band on December 27th rang the bells for two hours under the guidance of Messrs. F. D. Mack and H. W. Ware. There is still much work to be done, but everyone was delighted with them and it is hoped that the local ringers will now keep them going.

Visiting ringers should apply to either the Rev. R. G. Herniman, of Washfield, Tiverton, or to the Ringing Master of the N.E. Branch of the Devon Guild, who has been appointed steeple-keeper. Ringing by visiting bands will be limited for the time being until everyone is satisfied that ropes and fittings are satisfactory.

W. A. W.

### NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the North Staffs Association was held on December 7th at Stoke Parish Church Hall. The Ven. George Youell, president, was in the chair, and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. G. W. Biddulph; vice-chairman, Mr. A. W. Hall; secretary, Mr. G. C. Beech; treasurer, Mr. A. D. Steele; Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Pickett.

Sixty-two members sat down to a first class meal, kindly supplied free by the Rector of St. Peter's Church, and ably waited on by wives of Stoke ringers and their lady ringers.

The Archdeacon thanked the ringers for their attendance and the work they did; he also paid tribute to the hard work put in by the retiring secretary, Mr. J. G. Burton. Reviewing the year he said the most memorable thing in his mind was the dinner for the 80th anniversary of the Association.

'The Ringing World' was thanked for their very full coverage of this event.

After tea ringing recommenced, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise.

### HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SOCIETY

On December 30th, the Hereford Cathedral School Society rang a peal of Doubles in five methods at Much Dewchurch. This was the outcome of several practices and quarter peals during the past six months. At the annual general meeting, held a few days previously, it was reported that monthly practices had been held regularly at towers in the Hereford District, and an outing had been organised. Thanks were due to Messrs. G. T. Cousins and J. W. Hope, for their help to the Society in making these a success.

M. C. W. Sherwood was elected Master for 1964 in place of J. F. I. Turney, who did not seek re-election, and it is hoped that progress will be maintained during the coming year. The Society, which was started in the 1940's, has among its Past Masters J. C. Eisel and M. P. Moreton.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Standard in Long Length Peals

Dear Sir.—It is strange how people will write about matters of which they know little. I fail to see how the conductor or organiser of the record attempt at Loughborough can, in this context, 'owe' anybody anything, and as I was neither, but simply a grateful participant in the event, I should like to record some of the facts.

The band that rang the normal length peal of Cambridge Royal was not the same as that which had attempted the Yorkshire Royal record; neither (obviously) was the band that rang the peal of London Major the same as that which had taken part in the above-mentioned two events. The ringing in the two peals was far better than in the record attempt.

It is no light matter to undertake a peal attempt which is likely to last about 11 hours. Have your correspondents no nerves? We have—and they showed. That 'stand' was called when it was called was the correct decision; it was, rightly, one man's decision, but agreement was, I think, unanimous.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

Seaton, Workington.

## Multi-Spliced Peals

Dear Sir.—As the only surviving member of the band that rang the first spliced peal of Treble Bob Minor in 35 methods at Norbury, Cheshire, on Tuesday, December 4th, 1923, I tender my heartiest congratulations to the band who, just 40 years later, rang one in 143 methods at Castle Eaton, Wilts. I know full well that if any other members of the Norbury band had been alive to-day they, too, would have added their congratulations.

Forty years ago it was thought that five methods per 720 was the maximum that could be obtained and the 35 method peal was successful only after much hard work. Since then great progress has been made and to-day a similar peal seems to be insignificant.

When we accomplished our peal Mr. John S. Goldsmith was wholly behind us but to the 'die-hards' spliced ringing was nothing more than a stunt and would lead nowhere, many of the 'great ones' of the day ridiculed it and poured scorn on our efforts. What a difference to-day. 'Spliced' peals are commonplace and I wonder how many who ring them appreciate the efforts of the pioneers.

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Loughborough.

## President Kennedy's Death

Dear Sir.—I am sorry to see that a man whom I respect and admire should take part in the degrading 'we were first to ring for President Kennedy' race.

Does it really matter who rang first to commemorate this tragic event? The fact that some ringers were fortunate enough to be on the spot at the time is of no credit to them. That they immediately put their skill to such use is indeed praiseworthy—but no less credit is due to those who followed as soon as they could, be it next day, next week, even next month. To indulge in argument as to who struck the first note sullies the good intentions of those taking part and reduces the Exercise to the level of an egg-and-spoon race.

I wish no offence to the persons concerned. It is merely my opinion that values are in danger of being badly distorted here. The important point is that the bells were rung—not who got there first.—Yours faithfully,

D. A. BRAY (Mrs.).

Whitchurch, Tavistock.

## Adelaide Town Hall Bells

Dear Sir.—There are two points in Mr. Russ' interesting account ('R.W.' December 6th, 1963) that call for comment.

Firstly, he is not correct in stating that there are only three town halls possessing rings of bells. In addition to the three he mentions, the Town Hall of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, has had a ring of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) since the latter part of the 18th century, although they are now unringable owing to their own poor condition and the precarious state of the tower. A detailed report of these bells appears in the 1947 volume of the 'R.W.'

Secondly, the fact of the third bell being the lightest of the ring is not unique. There are several similar instances of this in the U.K. and to quote but one example from the bells in this locality, Blaydon-on-Tyne has a light ring of six, in which the third is the lightest bell, the weights being: treble (G sharp), 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.; 2nd (F sharp), 3 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.; 3rd (E), 3 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.; 4th (D sharp), 4 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.; 5th (C sharp), 5 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.; tenor (B), 6 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lb.—Yours sincerely,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

## Society of Wessex Scholars

Dear Sir.—As was to be expected, the controversy over the formation of the Society of Wessex Scholars has begun with a vengeance.

On examination, is your correspondent, Mr. David E. House, really qualified to express an opinion? It is unfortunate that the name 'Wessex' was selected as part of the title of the Society, which is intended in no way to be territorial. Nevertheless, Wessex does cover a considerably larger area than that of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Mr. House states that the fruits of bad teaching can be seen in belfries all over the country. If this is so what is his complaint about the formation of the Scholars? The Guilds and Associations have done wonderful work over the years, a fact which no ringer can deny, except perhaps Mr. House, who seems to have overlooked the possibility that the seeds of the fruit of bad teaching and ringing were sown by the members of these Associations. I personally do not believe this to be the case. Many good ringers have been taught by poor teachers which seems to point to the fact that good ringers are born and not made. Conversely, there are many bad ringers who have been taught by excellent teachers.

Without wishing to bring in personalities I must say that I have in writing a statement made by an officer of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild to the effect that the objects of the Guild have been very much neglected. Perhaps this is the reason why so many bells in this area hang silent through lack of ringers and teachers.

Come along now, Mr. House, get your jacket off and tackle a job of work that is well worth doing. I'm quite sure you would be most welcome to help out in the towers where only indifferent Grandire Doubles are rung. Your own Guild, of which I have also been a member for 18 years, would surely benefit from your efforts. Alternatively, come and join the Scholars, who have openings for good teachers.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT, M.A.

Winchester.

## Dragging through a Peal

Dear Sir.—Whilst not wishing to enter into dispute with Mr. House on the aims of the Wessex Scholars' Society, I must challenge his use of the phrase 'Dragged through a peal' when he refers to membership.

I have heard this term used before by the so-called expert ringer. I would remind David that when he rang his first peal at Whitchurch none of the more experienced ringers that day thought of it as dragging him through; indeed we were only too pleased to help him to ring his first peal (as I am to help any first-pealer) and he did not disappoint us, as he rang very well.

I would like to see this term banished from ringing (it is used far too often) and a little more tolerance shown to beginners and ringers attempting their first peal or first in a new method. We all have to learn but I hope we don't have to be dragged through. I am sure the Wessex Society don't intend to drag anybody through; their aims rather are to assist beginners.

Our Guild is short of teachers: the more teaching that can be done by this Society the better. I would point out to Mr. House the objects of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild under Rule 1:—

'Encouragement of ringing for divine service, cultivation of change ringing and the preservation of church bells in an efficient condition.'

If this is being done, what does it matter who does it? And in our Guild's area there are plenty of towers that not only need encouragement but also maintenance of bells.

As the members of this Society are also members of the parent body, I would say, 'Carry on the good work until all bells in the area are rung regularly for at least one service on a Sunday.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODD.

Highclere.

## Congratulations to 143 Spliced Methods Ringers

Dear Sir.—As one just living across the border, I feel I must add congratulations to Tony Peake and company, on their excellent achievement in ringing a peal of Spliced Minor in 143 methods.

I have had the pleasure of meeting all the ringers who took part, with the exception of Mr. Hurcombe. Anthony and Brian have been known to me since the commencement of their ringing careers.

The synopsis referring to Brian Bladon is slightly incorrect, where it purports him as being a Ringing Master in the Salisbury Guild. He is in fact Ringing Master, Swindon Branch, the Bristol and Gloucester Association.—Yours sincerely,

T. A. PALMER.

Hon. Sec., Marlborough Branch,  
Salisbury Guild.

## 'Now All Bob'

Dear Sir.—In addition to the ringing expressions explained by Mr. Frank H. King in your issue of December 20th is the word 'Bob.' Chambers' Dictionary states 'the float of a fishing line, which pops up and down.'

In olden days, perhaps, the treble ringer, when about to lead at back stroke, would say, 'Now all bob,' signifying all dodge. I have heard the same when ringing Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. The current use of 'bob' is worth interpretation.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

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## LETTERS—Continued

*Yorkshire Tail Ends*

Dear Sir.—Mr. Moreton's observations about the difficulty or otherwise of handling Yorkshire ends may be applied to ordinary tail-ends as well. Both types of tail-end are liable to swing about when held more than a few inches from the end, and I think Yorkshire ends are rather safer when they do; I would rather be hit in the eye by a nice soft tail-end than a hard one of rope! Ordinary tail-ends can also twist in the single part below the sally as well as Yorkshire tails.

I, too, have noticed a lot of single bell practice in Yorkshire, but it seems to occur at towers without Yorkshire ends as well as those with. Such practice is not more necessary with these ends than with ordinary tail-ends, the previous experiences of other ringers ringing any particular bell during a meeting should be enough to tell one whether a rope is long or short and adjust accordingly. Indeed, one of the advantages of a Yorkshire tail end is the ease of adjustment. What could be more simple than just tying or untying a knot? I agree with the criticism of the lack of a proper grip at handstroke on new ropes. Many people find it a problem with this type of tail-end. However, I think it is one which can be overcome with experience on these ropes as can the problem of poor grip if one has to get hold above the sally. I find these ropes delightful to ring with after some experience with them and would certainly recommend them to any tower trying them for the first time.—Yours, etc., J. B. PICKUP.

Accrington, Lancs.

*'Abominable Ends'*

Dear Sir.—His statement, by one so greatly appreciated as Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, is beyond my comprehension. I do ask Mr. Moreton if he has never before noticed, at the various meetings he attends, the knots. Have a look at the indifferent ringers who never try their length, which, to me, is far more haphazard than what I have been brought up to.

Mr. Moreton mentions the undignified single-bell practice. But it is far, far better to have the undignified single bell put right instead of a lot of undignified bells in the matter of coursing.

He states that a common result is that hand-stroke is rung with one hand, which in my mind is fallacious. My experience is that 90 per cent. of Yorkshire tailenders let their bell rise to a more upright position at back. In support of this I say, 'Carry on in your own undignified way of single-bell practice, for it leads you to command your own bell, which I am sure gives more contentment to the rest of the band, as the sound of your bell is far more important than undignified haphazardness.'—Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friezeand.

The peal rung at Clifford, Herefordshire, on November 10th, was for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

## LONGEST PEAL OF MINOR

By the Conductor, BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE

ON December 28th, the Bell Foundry Campanile at Loughborough was the scene of another long peal record when 21,600 changes of Spliced Treble Bob Minor in 60 methods were rung in 9 hours 44 minutes.

The peal, which was rung for the Chester Diocesan Guild, is the longest of spliced ringing—the previous longest being 13,440 Spliced Surprise Major rung at Norbury in 1961, also for the Chester Guild. In number of changes the peal is equal fourth with the 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major also rung by the same Guild in 1950. The longer peals are the 22,400, 32,704 and 40,320 Plain Bob Major.

The peal commenced at 9.40 a.m. at a steady pace of 20 minutes per extent, but gradually quickened with the 7-pull dodging in the fourth and fifth extents. The first 'peal' of 5,040 changes came round in 2 hours 18 minutes, slightly faster than anticipated, but it was found that the bells were easier to strike and handle at this speed. During this first part the ringing was a little uneven due to these reasons but by the time the Delight groups of methods were reached, the band had settled down well and it was a real treat to enjoy some excellent six-bell striking.

The halfway-point was passed at 2.30 p.m. and the difficult methods had been rung. From then on it was simply a case of standing there and working through the groups of methods one by one. Around about the 7-hour mark the first signs of mental tiredness were beginning to show and the ringing suffered by becoming slightly uneven and mistakes crept in. A few grumbles from the conductor and extra-loud calls stirred the band and within a surprisingly short time the ringing was back at its previous standard. Experience has shown

that long peals have relatively poorer patches of ringing, but as soon as these are over the ringing can be even better than earlier (e.g. in the extent of Major in July, 1963, the worst ringing was around 27,000, but the best was between 30,000 and 35,000). Thus it was in our peal, with the best ringing coming as the previous record was passed at 18,000 changes.

From here to the end it was not so plain sailing as expected. The ringers of 5 and 6 found that their wrists would not bend and their bells felt like a ton weight and more. This was no doubt due to the excessive amount of dodging that had been done and in view of this fact the 28th and 29th extents were called so as to include as much Oxford T.B. as possible to avoid the triple dodging in the methods of the group (Kingston, etc.). The end of the peal came without further incidents at 7.24 p.m.

Afterwards, several members remarked that the peal had been a much tougher proposition than expected and it seems that this is due to the fact that it was a peal of Treble Bob and the continual dodging allowed no rest. However, all were satisfied with it and were thankful that after years of waiting the record is at least 'out of the way,' for the time being, at least.

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The ringers would very much like to thank Paul Taylor for allowing them again the use of the Foundry bells for the attempt, and also to thank all those who sent and gave their best wishes for the peal.

'Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.'

(I Corinth, xv, 57.)

## LAUNTON HANDBELL RINGERS

The Launton Handbell Ringers included in their Christmas programme a recital of Christmas music at Church House, Witney, in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Fund. They were directed by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who gave a brief description of the bells and music.

The recital was divided into six sections devoted to popular traditional carols, mediæval, those for the provinces, foreign, modern and Christmas hymns. Seventy-six bells were in use.

Other pre-Christmas recitals given by the Launton Ringers were two in London (one at Cecil Sharp House, to the English Folk Dance and Song Society), three in Oxford and seven others.

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The second annual dinner and social of the Bingham District was at the Jubilee Hall, Whetton, on December 20th. There were 73 ringers and friends present, and an excellent meal was served. The entertainment, given by younger members of the District, proved very enjoyable. All Districts were represented, and everyone had a good evening out, thanks to David Clarke, Mick Exton, and Whetton, Bingham and Holme Pierrepont ringers making the evening so successful. R. B.

## DEDICATION

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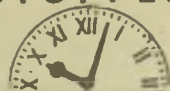
Whilst ringing was in progress on a Sunday evening in March, 1962, at St. James', West Teignmouth, a bearing of the tenor bell snapped, which resulted in the bell falling into its pit on one side.

Subsequently the Parochial Church Council launched an appeal for £5,000 to restore the bells and tower, and in July, 1963, the bells were dismantled and removed to the Loughborough Foundry for retuning, etc. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have now quarter turned and retuned the bells, and have rehung them in an iron frame with completely new fittings, so that they now are a real joy to ring.

After the evening service on December 22nd last, they were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton, after which Stedman Triples and call changes were rung by members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers assisted by the local ringers. A. L. B.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples; K. Jackson (first away from tenor) 1. A. Jeffs 2, A. Kershaw 3, P. Williams 4, H. B. Whitney (first of Triples as cond.) 5, R. Cadamy 6, R. R. Churchill 7, R. Atkins 8. First quarter for 8. First 'inside' 2 and 3. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. T. N. Gunner.

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## TWO FIVE-PART TABLES

By JOHN SEGAR

About fifty years ago I read an article by an expert of that time about the proof of peals in five regular parts. He said if no falsehood had been detected after examining three parts the peal would be true. He did not know that all five parts can be proved by using a five-part table. Here is a peal and its proof, and also a false touch.

23456	W	M	H	W	M	H	23456	W	M	H	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—	T	5	6	43652	—	—	—	1	4	4
36245	—	—	—	2	2	2	26435	—	—	—	9	6	4
43265	—	—	—	7	7	7	42635	—	—	—	4	4	5
26435	—	—	—	6	6	4	62534	—	—	—	5	3	3
32465	—	—	—	9	9	9	45623	—	—	—	5	3	1
63425	—	—	—	E	E	E							
42635	—	—	—	4	4	5							
34625	—	—	—	X	X	X							
62345	—	—	—	3	3	1							

The peal is true, no figure occurs twice in any of the three columns. The touch is false in all columns.

Some peals have these part ends 34562, 45623, 56234, 62345, 23456. It does not matter which is first, the others will follow provided the first is not rounds. This means the peal and the touch can be proved by table 'A' below.

TABLE 'A'

TABLE A					W	M	H	
34562	45623	56234	62345	23456	1	T	4	2
534	645	256	362	423	2	7	7	3
453	564	625	236	342	3	5	T	1
43652	54263	65324	26435	32546	4	9	8	5
643	254	365	426	532	5	X	3	6
364	425	536	642	253	6	2	E	4
65432	26543	32654	43265	54326	7	6	X	8
465	526	632	243	354	8	1	1	9
546	652	263	324	435	9	E	6	7
56342	62453	23564	34625	45236	X	3	2	E
356	462	523	634	245	E	4	9	T
635	246	352	463	524	T	8	5	X

This table makes it easy to find any one of the sixty courses. In seconds place methods a bob at Wrong causes us to leave course 23456 and enter course 52436, which is in line T. The scale for a bob at Middle is 43652 so we leave 23456 line 1 and enter 43652 in line 4. The scale for a bob Home is 42356. Thirty-six transpositions will be required to complete the columns or forty-eight if we add a Before column.

I turn now to the second table, a much larger one because it has 360 course heads with the seventh in all positions. When used for Surprise Major there are a large number of transpositions for bobs and a still larger number for the false course heads. Cambridge Surprise has fifty-six F.C.H.s against each of the 360 courses in the table. It is because there is a way of reducing the work to one twelfth

of what might be expected that this article is being written. The table printed above will be used for the explanation of this time saver.

**Reduction No. 1.** Write out again the twelve courses headed by 23456 with really big figures so that after cutting up with the scissors the vertical strips are not too flimsy.

52436

There will be five perpendicular strips with twelve figures on each. Arrange them so that the top row reads 52436. This is the scale for a bob at Wrong. Across the strips you can read the twelve answers and errors are impossible.

Find the numbers in the table and enter in column W. Arrange the strips so that the top row reads 43652 and complete column M. Arrange the strips so that the top row reads 42356 and complete column H.

**Reduction No. 2.** From the twelve rows in the table make six peals: 1 and 7, 2 and 8, 3 and 9, 4 and X, 5 and E, 6 and T. Any pair will do as example, but I give two.

	W	M	H		W	M	H
Row 2	7	7	3	Row 4	9	8	5
	8	1	1		X	3	E

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It will be seen that the difference of six is constant between all pairs of rows and in all calling positions. Half length strips could have been used for the top half of the table. Then by adding or subtracting six the lower half could have been filled in without searching for the course and its number. For the small table one set of half length strips is required, but for the hundreds of transpositions necessary for Surprise Major with the tenors parted two sets are required. Readers who need help in preparing the 360 course table are invited to apply to me. (See advert.)

All possible part ends for five part peals will be found below.

A	B	C	D	E	F
34562	34625	35264	35642	36245	36524
45623	46532	56342	54263	65324	64235
56234	65243	64523	46235	54632	45362
62345	52364	42635	62534	42563	52643
23456	23456	23456	23456	23456	23456

Write the five members of a group in row 1 of your new table. The twelve courses headed by 23456 must be copied on this and all other tables. Copy also the W and H columns leaving the M column to be worked out later. Fill in columns 1 to 4 guided by column 5. You are now ready to prove any peals of this type.

Some readers may know that table 'A' can be used to prove all peals of this type regardless of the part-end, making tables 'B' to 'F' unnecessary. This is a complication outside the purpose of this article, which is to show how to reduce the work to one twelfth when composing peals of Surprise Major with the tenors parted, such as my 22,080 of Bristol and other record lengths.

### MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Yorkshire Royal at Llandaff Cathedral was the first peal of Surprise Royal by a South Wales band and is an indication of the progress now being made in this area.

The many ringing friends of Miss Evelyn Steel will be sorry to learn that she is in the Russell Ward of Bedford County Hospital, after falling down and breaking her thigh. She is making satisfactory progress and can get about the ward with the aid of a special frame.

We are asked to make a correction to the report of the multi-Minor peals. Brian Bladon did not conduct the first peals of London and Bristol for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association but the first six peals by members of the Swindon Branch of that Association.

The Dulwich Handbell Ringers this Christmas collected the magnificent sum of £320 for the Greater London Fund for the Blind. The leader, Mr. Arthur H. Coombs, informs us that the Society has collected over £3,000 in the past 17 years, but this year's was the biggest ever collection. The Society were out for 18 consecutive nights before Christmas, ringing in over 100 Dulwich streets.

Probably the forerunner of a School Campanological Society was the ringing of the bells of St. Nicholas', Bradfield, Yorks, before the Bradfield Secondary Modern School's carol service by a member of the teaching staff, an old scholar, a parent and two scholars. It is hoped that next year the school will provide its own team of six. At neighbouring Ecolesfield, for the second year running, the bells of St. Mary's Church were rung for the junior and senior grammar school carol services by past and present scholars.

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### 'MARCH' OF PROGRESS

A milestone in steady progress of ringing at March St. Wendreda's was achieved on December 29th, when the final quarter peal on the bells for 1963 was rung.

For three months, local ringers have practised hard to 'break through' the intricacies of Cambridge Surprise. Bearing in mind the maxim 'Nothing without endeavour,' a team was finally rewarded in the ringing of a well struck quarter, which included an extent of Cambridge.

It was the first extent in the method in the tower by a team of local ringers since January 1st, 1824, when March men rang a 720, a 360 and a 240.

Five ringers in the recent quarter peal had not rung an extent of Cambridge before.

The first quarter peal on record at St. Wendreda's materialised in 1819, and was followed by extents in various methods. No other quarters were rung until 1949, and from that year 30 in Treble Bob and plain methods have been rung on March bells by March ringers. These include 23 'first' quarters. No less than 16 young people have rung their first quarter peal since 1960. Two full peals—one in recent years—have been rung on the bells by local ringers (13 in all having been rung at the tower).

A recent inauguration is monthly practices. Regular practices take place on Mondays and, of course, all are welcome to ring. Outings are considered to play a vital part in maintaining interest, and the local ringers have rung bells at about 100 churches.

The new year will see one or two members attending college, etc., but a core of 15 will remain, this number including several boys and girls who are busy ringing rounds, call changes and disentangling the early stages of method ringing.

T. A. B.



## QUARTER PEALS

**HELMDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): J. G. Sheldrake 1, Miss C. A. Bennett 2, W. J. Chester 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, B. Saunders 6.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Challenor 1, R. Blackshaw 2, J. Dowse 3, J. Heaps 4, R. Larkin (first as cond.) 5, M. W. Harrison 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Dowse 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Heaps 5. For Evensong.

**KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Cox 1, A. Cox (first quarter) 2, S. Royal 3, C. Royal (cond.) 4, P. Bourne 5, J. Royal 6. First in method 1 and 5. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. Reading 1, S. Royal (cond.) 2, J. Royal (first in three methods) 3, C. Royal 4, P. Bourne 5, A. Webb 6. First of mixed Doubles 1 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Hands, churchwarden.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Cowan 1, P. Harper 2, Diana Kench 3, Marion Petts 4, C. Alban 5, K. Waples (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 5. For St. Andrew's Day.

**KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss J. A. Downing 1, G. F. Roome 2, R. W. Smith 3, D. E. Towers 4, A. A. Paul (cond.) 5, G. C. Paul 6.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. W. Evans (first on treble) 1, A. M. Macve (first 'inside' in method) 2, Freda Cannon 3, Barbara J. Leigh 4, G. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 5, Katharine M. Guy 6, T. Lewis (first in method) 7, M. Ferrier 8.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, G. Prescott 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Legg 1, J. Lambert 2, J. Legg 3, Yvonne Criddle (aged 13) 4, J. Coombs 5, R. Barks 6. First quarter in three methods 2 and 4. For carol service.

**MILDENHALL, WILTS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,224 London Surprise Minor: A. R. Peake (cond.) 1, R. Drewitt 2, V. Griffin 3, B. Bladon 4, M. J. Stanley 5, G. W. Land 6. First in method 2, 5 and 6. To herald Christmas Festival.

**MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): Miss P. Holford (first quarter) 1, T. Pritchard 2, H. Tranter (cond.) 3, H. Hyde 4, F. W. Jones 5, H. Tranter (first quarter) 6, T. S. Wilkes 7, A. J. Molinoli (first quarter) 8.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,272 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B.): F. S. Parsons 1, R. Lee 2, A. Turnbull 3, D. Feek 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For morning prayer. The first extent of Cambridge by a March team since 1824. First of Cambridge by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**MARTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Welch 1, S. A. Turner 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, J. Cornelius 4, F. J. White 5, A. W. Dyer 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, A. C. Bown 8. First of Stedman Triples 3, 5 and 8.

**NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMB.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Wright (first quarter) 1, N. I. Wright 2, N. Errington 3, N. H. Hewitt 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, K. W. Cheeseman 6. Rung for the service of nine lessons and carols.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): G. F. Roome 1, R. W. Smith 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, D. E. Towers 4, A. A. Paul 5, G. C. Paul (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mrs. D. E. Parker.

**NORWICH.**—At the Church of St. John de Sepulchre on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Goodman 1, C. Bird 2, C. Curson 3, Mrs. D. Cubitt 4, M. Cubitt 5, R. Duesbury (cond.) 6, P. Adcock 7, D. Cubitt 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. W. Millett, on being appointed a Minor Canon of Norwich Cathedral.

**ODCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On Boxing Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Wyatt 1, V. J. Farthing 2, G. Gaylard 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, R. Fox (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first recorded quarter peal on the bells.

**PADBURY, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, J. Linnell 2, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 3, C. E. Truman 4, C. Gough 5, A. Thatcher 6. For Evensong.

**PERSHORE, WORCS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): M. Bristow (first quarter) 1, A. Grinnell 2, A. Collet 3, I. Lloyd 4, A. Berry (cond.) 5, E. Bick 6.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. DeCombe 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, K. Tipper 4, D. White 5, J. Queen 6, A. Queen (cond.) 7, Commd. Jackson 8. For the first Communion of Christmas.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joanna J. Wigg (first on a 'working' bell) 1, Mary E. Elmes (first 'inside') 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, G. W. Elmes 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, M. J. Young 6. On Holy Innocents' Day.

**RAWMARSH, YORKS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Burling 1, G. Hiner 2, A. King 3, A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, G. W. Pilkington (first as cond.) 6. A compliment to F. Pickering on his retirement from the position of tower keeper.

**REDBOURN, HERTS.**—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hobbs 1, Miss M. Simpson 2, G. A. Reading (cond.) 3, Miss G. Martin 4, K. J. Walpole (first quarter of Grandsire) 5, H. Walker 6. For Confirmation.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Coman (first quarter) 1, Gwen Fellows 2, Eileen Coman (first 'inside') 3, Angela Rudd 4, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For carol service.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDXX.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Cranham 1, D. Brock 2, Felicity Pocock 3, P. Brand 4, D. Struckett 5, D. Boniface 6, M. Tyers 7, A. Tyers (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Collinson 1, Jean Lavender 2, Alice Foster 3, T. Sone 4, E. Radd 5, F. Darby (cond.) 6, C. Foster 7, S. Kimber 8.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (eight methods): Elizabeth Cherry 1, A. King (first quarter as cond.) 2, D. E. Archer 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, D. Hunton (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to M. R. Meadows, captain.

**WIMBORNE, DORSET.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Dec. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Wilson 1, Ann M. Cox 2, J. Hartless 3, P. N. Tubbs 4, L. Cobb 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

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For many years a ringer at Hinton-on-the-Green, Mr. F. Barnes, celebrated with his wife their golden wedding. In honour of the event a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Hinton, in which his daughter and son-in-law participated.

Known to his ringing colleagues as 'the One Armed Bandit,' I. P. Unsworth has now rung a quarter peal with two hands.

At the age of 81 Mr. J. Smith Eastland has rung his first peal of Triples at Worksop. This was his second peal; his first was rung in 1913.

For the fourth year, but not in succession, Mr. G. E. Symonds and family have rung tunes on two octaves of handbells at the Christmas carol service in the Church of St. Mary-over-Stoke, Ipswich.

Two quarters have now been scored by the Holy Trinity Society, Wandsworth, which is progressing well in the field of change ringing. Any visitors will be welcome to ring on this fine Taylor octave (1923) on the practice nights—Tuesday, 6.30-8 p.m.

When a certain young lady at St. Giles', Newcastle, Staffs, made a mistake in some Stedman Doubles on a practice night she was jokingly given 50 lines—'I must learn to make a Stedman Single.' To everyone's surprise they were done—in English, French, German and Latin. She can make the Single now, too!

On December 28th, at St. Peter's, St. Albans, Mrs. K. M. Darvill rang a peal at her first attempt, 24 years after starting ringing. She was to have attempted one in 1940, but because of the wartime ban on ringing this attempt could not take place. Also in the peal were her husband and two sons, one of whom was the conductor.

The quarter peal at Merriott, Somerset, should have had three ringers taking part who celebrated their birthday on December 22nd, but an hour before ringing Alan C. Best met with a minor road accident and was unable to reach the tower. The conductor would like to thank Mr. H. E. Turner for standing in at short notice.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

It was significant that as the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon. came into rounds, the lights in the public house opposite the Cathedral came on. This was Bill Hibbert's first attempt for a peal on the bells, where, in 1895, his 'dear old dad' called the first Association peal on the original eight.

Mr. P. R. Harris, of Ipswich, would like to thank all those who were so hospitable during his stay at C.T.S. Stone, especially Mr. B. G. Key and Mr. R. Balls.

Mr. Howard Howell, of Penn, Wolverhampton, scored his 600th peal when participating in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Willenhall, Staffs, on December 21st.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe's manuscript on Guernsey bells is now with the printers and will be published in the New Year. He has visited all the 18 churches there and has photographs and rubbings of most of the bells.

Wroxham (Norfolk) ringers have handed over £66 to the Parochial Church Council towards the cost of quarter-turning and adding near bearings to the bells. Money has been raised by handbell ringing, the sale of Christmas cards and the proceeds from a model railway.

Another generation of the famous ringing family of Pye made his appearance in our peal columns in the issue of December 20th. Fourteen-year-old William E. E. Pye, son of Mr. E. W. Pye, rang the fourth bell to a peal of Plain Bob Major at Grundisburgh. His achievement is all the more meritorious as he was handicapped earlier by polio, which left him with a partly crippled leg.

The House Magazine of I.C.T. for December contains an article written by Miss Jean Sanderson entitled 'Ring Out, Ye Bells.' Jean justifies her position as a 'Ringing World' correspondent by an easy-to-read introduction to ringing, which she describes as 'an absorbing and very rewarding occupation.' Norton Church, where she is ringing instructor, and two other pictures give a personal interest to the article. Her post with I.C.T. (Engineering), Stevenage, is librarian.

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**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS  
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
At the Bell Tower,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	JOHN BRAIN .. .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 8
EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 9
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 4	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 10
†ERIC T. LEE .. .. 5	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 11
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

\* 100th peal, and now completes method from Doubles to Cinques.  
† First on 12 bells. ‡ First of Stedman Cinques. 100th peal to be rung in the tower, the first having been rung by the College Youths on December 27th, 1889.

**WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD  
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 8
REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 3	PHILIP J. EVANS .. .. 9
*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 10
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 5	HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. 11
E. MARION KEY .. .. 6	*WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal on 12.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Frances Brotherton, daughter of the seventh ringer.

**LINCOLN.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of the

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES**

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

JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 7
JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 8
NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 10
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. .. 5	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 11
PETER A. SHARP .. .. 6	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

**NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.****THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,

**A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM HIBBERT .. Treble	KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 7
DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. 2	*NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 8
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 3	ROGER G. HAVARD .. .. 9
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 10
*MAGNUS M. PETERSON .. 5	*TREVOR T. LEWIS .. .. 11
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 6	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

\* First peal on 12.

**WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 35½ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
IRIS LEMARE .. .. 2	FRED PRICE .. .. 8
RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 3	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 9
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4	JOHN E. KIRBY .. .. 10
PETER WOODWARD .. .. 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 11
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6	R. GORDON KIRBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.  
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

**TEN BELL PEALS****DERBY.****THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

JOHN F. MURFIN .. Treble	DAVID W. PARKIN .. .. 6
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. 2	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 7
GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. 8
DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 4	PETER MARRIOT .. .. 9
WM. ARNOLD MORELEY .. 5	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

**LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.****THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. Treble	*DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	JOHN OWEN .. .. 7
ELIZABETH BROWN .. 3	ROGER G. HAVARD .. 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 9
MAGNUS PETERSON .. 5	DAVID J. KING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

\* 300th peal. First of Yorkshire Royal by all except the sixth and the conductor. First of Yorkshire on the bells, and first of Surprise Royal by a S. Wales band.

**GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

JOHN WALDEN .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 8
JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 9
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5	PETER A. SHARP .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PVE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung to the memory of Ann Randles, mother of the ringer of the seventh, who was interred December 24th at Gresford, North Wales.

**BECCLES, SUFFOLK.****THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

*JANE V. COOPER .. Treble	*MICHAEL PARKER .. .. 6
EDWIN R. GOATE .. .. 2	*TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. 7
PATRICIA ROGERS .. .. 3	*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 8
OLIVE L. ROGERS .. .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 9
CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS 5	RALPH W. BICKERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

\* First peal in the method.  
Rung to welcome the Rev. Malcolm D. Sutton, whose induction as Rector took place earlier in the month.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.****THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 23 cwt.

HAROLD V. FROST .. Treble	†JONATHAN D. CHAMBERLAIN 6
HADLEY HUNTER .. .. 2	STEPHEN P. DARVILL .. 7
*KATHLEEN M. DARVILL .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 8
†ANN C. CARDEN .. .. 4	REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 9
KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 5	ROBERT E. HARDY .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by KENNETH J. DARVILL.

\* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First 'inside' on ten bells.

First in the method as conductor.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS****HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

VIVIEN BARNES .. Treble	RALPH HARRIS .. .. 5
MRS. P. HARRIS .. .. 2	PATRICK HARRIS .. .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. NEWMAN.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor's grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnes) on celebrating their golden wedding.

**DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt.

MIDDLETON'S .. Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 5
PERCIVAL H. HULL .. 2	DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	ERIC J. HITCHENS .. .. 7
RAYMOND E. J. BAKER .. 4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.



# HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. Treble	CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. .. 6
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 7
FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

Rung in memory of Arnold Hill, of Workop, in his favourite method and in one of his favourite towers.

# NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## At the Church of St. Mary. A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD W. C. PAPWORTH Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	PETER J. COLES .. .. 6
ROBERT F. GRISDALE .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
H. GEORGE HART .. .. 4	ERIC EDMONSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

\* First peal.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Barry A. Tunstall as Vicar of North Myrms.

# LEICESTER. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Fri., Dec. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes, At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Johnson's variation.	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 5
DAVID STAPLES .. .. Treble	DAVID G. FARRAR .. .. 6
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 7
DAVID WILFORD .. .. 3	SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. Tenor
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4	

Conducted by SANDRA E. CHESTERTON.

First peal as conductor in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. James Poynor.

# THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Fri., Dec. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes, At the LATIMER Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES Tenor 10 cwt.

CHRISTINE J. HART .. .. Treble	RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 5
ROGER I. KENDRICK .. .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 6
*DAN S. PONT .. .. 3	DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 7
MICHAEL WHITE .. .. 4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by T. MORRIS.

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal on eight tower bells.

# ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5088 ADDERBURY SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

*CHARLOTTE BENNETT .. .. Treble	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 6
GEORGE E. GREEN .. .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 7
ROBERT A. REEVES .. .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

\* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band. First in the method on the bells.

# BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes, At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. .. 5
ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. 2	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. 6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. .. 3	DEREK J. JONES .. .. 7
HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 4	ROGER D. BAILEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER D. BAILEY.

# BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 5
*ANNE E. BAILESON .. .. Treble	COLIN W. REED .. .. 6
BERYL N. REED .. .. 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN .. .. 7
ELIZABETH A. TUTTY .. .. 3	HAROLD STEVENSON .. .. Tenor
*MARGARET E. CHILTON .. .. 4	

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

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

# CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes, At the Church of St. Nicholas.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

C. THOMAS OSENTON .. Treble	R. WALTER HINDE .. .. 5
*K. MARGARET GUY .. .. 2	A. MAURICE MACVE .. .. 6
†J. DOUGLAS FAIRCLOTH .. 3	M. LEWIS HOWE .. .. 7
C. SYDNEY JARRETT .. .. 4	B. FRANK GROVES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by B. FRANK GROVES.

\* First peal of T.B. Major. † First in the method.

# DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes, At the Church of St. George.

## A PEAL OF 5056 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 6
JEANNE A. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by the Association, and by all the band.

# OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Treble	*C. ROGER TANDY .. .. 5
JOHN LLOYD .. .. 2	RAYMOND SMITH .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	JOHN C. EISEL .. .. 7
YVONNE EDWARDS .. .. 4	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Arranged by BERNARD C. ASHFORD. Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the ringing of the 1,000th peal for the above Association, which was performed at this church on December 6th, 1913. Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Stourbridge, is the only survivor of the original band, it being his first peal. The method was also Plain Bob Major.

# WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, At the Church of St. Laurence.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HELEN HOWES .. .. Treble	ROGER HEYWORTH .. .. 5
BARBARA BULLER .. .. 2	ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE .. 6
STEPHEN FRANKLIN .. .. 3	P. GERALD McILHON .. .. 7
*ANGELA M. AYRES .. .. 4	FRANK ABSOLAM .. .. Tenor

Composed by V. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ANGELA AYRES.

\* First peal of Major. First as conductor.

# WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

## On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours, At the Church of St. Giles.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).	CYRIL GRIFFITHS .. .. 5
E. MARION KEY .. .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 6
PAMELA KEY .. .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 7
ANTHONY HOWELL .. .. 3	JACK CRANMER .. .. Tenor
HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 4	

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

A compliment to Mrs. L. Reed, J.P., O.B.E., one time chairman of the Willenhall Urban District Council. The band would also like to associate the peal with the 81st birthday of Mr. C. Wallater, viceroy captain of this tower.

# WORKSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

## On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, At the PRIORY Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).	*JOHN COATES .. .. 5
*DAVID A. WHEATON .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 6
MARY C. POYNER .. .. 2	†HARRY POYNER .. .. 7
HARRY SMART .. .. 3	*J. SMITH EASTLAND .. .. Tenor
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4	

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal of Triples. † 300th peal. First peal on the bells since recasting. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Canon Foster.

# BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Tenor 14½ cwt.

DENNIS COOPER .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. .. 5
*JACQUELINE STEWART .. 2	MICHAEL COOPER .. .. 6
D. GRAHAM DAVISON .. 3	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. .. 7
*ROBERT CHAMBERS .. .. 4	ALAN KELLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by ALAN KELLER.

Rung for the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. Slaney.

\* First peal. First as conductor.



## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PERCY J. SPICE .. .. Treble	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 5
MANWELL F. OAKSHETT .. .. 2	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. .. 6
D. PAUL SMITH .. .. 3	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 7
MARIA E. KIRBY .. .. 4	JOHN W. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal in the method.

Congratulations to the ringer of the fourth upon her engagement to Peter T. Hurcombe, of Gloucester.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KETTLETHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Treble	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. .. 5
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 6
JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 3	PETER A. SHARP .. .. 7
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in this method (H. and M. Collection, No. 0462).

## LYDD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN R. BALDOCK .. .. Treble	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. 5
*ANN HARRIS .. .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. .. 6
*CHRISTINE M. FULLER .. .. 3	THOS. M. BARLOW .. .. 7
JOSEPHINE D. HARDY .. .. 4	IAN V. J. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by IAN V. J. SMITH.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First of Major as conductor.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

## STAFFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Treble	*FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. .. 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 3	*ROY K. MOWFORTH .. .. 7
*IAN FRIEND .. .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

\* First peal in the method.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*DAVID C. J. PADFIELD .. Treble	PETER BRIDLE .. .. 5
MALCOLM M. POWELL .. .. 2	DON C. EXELL .. .. 6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 7
ALAN TUBB .. .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal of Major.

## BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Cartier's Odd-Bob (One-Part).	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
JACK S. DEAR .. .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	F. JACK ROBINSON .. .. Tenor
JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 4	

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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## BOBBING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being Morris' 240 and 40 extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

BRIAN R. TRILL .. .. Treble	LEONARD CROUCH .. .. 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 5
DAVID S. OSENTON .. .. 3	LESLIE R. DOBBIE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON.

## MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being ten extents of Stedman, eight each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, four of St. Martin's, ten of Grandsire and Morris' 240.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. Treble	*DAVID S. OSENTON .. .. 4
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
BRIAN R. TRILL .. .. 3	LESLIE R. DOBBIE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

\* First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Christopher T. Osenton.

## ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being 360 each of April Day, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps Pleasure, 960 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 14 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*CHRISTOPHER RICKETTS .. Treble	†PAUL M. EVANS .. .. 4
*DAVID ROBINSON .. .. 2	ELLIS N. THOMAS .. .. 5
†GARETH H. JONES .. .. 3	†HOLO D. DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ELLIS N. THOMAS.

\* First peal. † First in seven methods. First as conductor. First peal by the Cowbridge Grammar School band.

## BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*JOHN A. COOPER .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. HULME .. .. 3
*MICHAEL DOWNHAM .. .. 2	*LESLIE A. DUNMORE .. .. 4

MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.

\* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

## STISED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 22 methods: (1) Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, Hexham, Berwick; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle; (3) London, Wells, Cuneacre; (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Hull, Primrose; (5) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning; (6 and 7) Cambridge and Ipswich.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JENNIFER M. DYE .. .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*ROBERT J. LINDSELL .. .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.

\* Most methods to a peal.

## BUCKDEN, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*DAVID J. PRESCOTT .. .. Treble	*GEORGE E. BONHAM .. .. 3
AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. .. 2	MARTIN MAJOR .. .. 4
PETER WOOLLIVEN .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by PETER WOOLLIVEN.

\* First peal. This was only the second peal on the bells; the first was rung in 1935.

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**GEDLING, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being six extents Morris' 240, 30 extents 120.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. Treble	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
GEORGE A. DAWSON .. .. 2	JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. .. 5
DUDLEY SURMAN .. .. 3	*JACK DAWSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. PRATCHETT.

\* First peal. First on the bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to John T. Burnup, a Sunday service ringer.

**KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

*CLIFF NEWBY (13) .. .. Treble	ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. .. 2	THOMAS F. METCALFE .. 5
*REV. CHARLES E. WHITAKER .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

\* First peal attempt.

Rung on the 24th anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. C. E. Whitaker, Vicar of St. Cuthbert's.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
*On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*D. KAY MOORE .. .. Treble	†RICHARD G. PAXTON .. 4
*P. GEORGE GOLDER .. .. 2	MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 5
*MARILYN C. SMITH .. .. 3	†EDWARD W. COLLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ Completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. First in the method as conductor.

Rung after the Holy Communion service for St. Thomas' Day.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

15 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. Treble	RONALD BALLAM .. .. 4
*MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 2	†ERIC T. LEE .. .. 5
††HECTOR G. BIRD .. .. 3	*SYDNEY G. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* 25th peal together. † First of Doubles. ‡ Have now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. Treble	*DAVID A. BURT .. .. 4
REV. CHRIS. MARSHALL .. 2	DAVID TARGETT .. .. 5
*DAVID ADNETT .. .. 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. CHIVERS.

\* First peal of Surprise.

**OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. Treble	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 4
MELVYN A. ROSE .. .. 2	JOHN POITS .. .. 5
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

The conductor's 250th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

**EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID J. PRESCOTT .. .. Treble	*GEORGE E. BONHAM .. 4
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 5
TERRY R. HATCHETT .. .. 3	PETER WOOLLVEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER WOOLLVEN.

\* First peal of Minor.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Dec. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*ROBERT RAYFIELD .. .. Treble	MARGARET GODFREY .. .. 4
PETER J. MILTON .. .. 2	†CHRISTOPHER H. MACVE .. 5
†ERIC G. H. GODFREY .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal. ‡ First in seven methods 'inside.' First in seven methods by the Sunday service band.

Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to Canon and Mrs. F. W. Greenaway upon their retirement to Folkestone after 19 years' service in the parish.

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

*On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

W. JOHN CLAYTON .. .. Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 4
*MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. 2	JOHN W. HOPE .. .. 5
COLIN A. LEWIS .. .. 3	ROBERT A. HATCHER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. HATCHER.

\* 75th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

**LINTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

JOHN J. WEBB .. .. Treble	JOHN F. I. TURNEY .. .. 4
REGINALD POSTON .. .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 5
*PETER D. SELL .. .. 3	GEORGE T. COUSINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

\* First peal on a working bell. First on the bells.

**PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 14 extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MICHAEL J. BRISTOW .. Treble	ARTHUR JOPP .. .. 4
*IAN LLOYD .. .. 2	ARTHUR BERRY .. .. 5
*ANN E. COLLET .. .. 3	*EDWIN W. BICK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BERRY.

\* First peal attempt. First as conductor.

Rung with the same methods to commemorate the first peal on the bells which was rung 50 years ago.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 9 Hours and 44 Minutes.*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 21600 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being 30 extents in 60 methods: (1) 432 London and 288 Wells Surprise, (2) 360 Lincoln and 360 Coldstream S., (3) 432 Rossendale and 288 Stamford S., (4) 432 Lightfoot and 288 Wearmouth S., (5) 360 Westminster and 360 Allendale S., (6) 432 York and 288 Durham S., (7) 360 Beverley and 360 Surfleet S., (8) 480 Cambridge and 240 Ipswich S., (9) 480 Wath and 240 Carisbrooke Delight, (10) 480 Pontefract and 240 Donotter Del., (11) 288 Oswald and 432 Barham Del., (12) 240 Dover and 480 Balmoral Del., (13) 480 Chepstow and 240 Skipton Del., (14) 480 Balmoral and 240 Fotheringay Del., (15) 240 Ely and 480 Wilmslow Del., (16) 480 Rostherne and 240 Knutsford Del., (17) 480 Wilmslow and 240 Bagedone Del., (18) 192 St. Werburgh, 168 Vale Royal, 168 Combermere, 72 Crowland and 120 Abbeyville Del., (19) 480 St. Werburgh and 240 Vale Royal Del., (20) 96 Wragby, 96 St. Albans, 144 Neasden, 144 Charlwood and 240 Baintree Del., (21) 480 Wragby and 240 St. Albans Del., (22) 192 Willesden, 192 Old Oxford, 48 College Bob IV, 48 Newdigate and 240 Marple Del., (23) 360 Willesden and 360 Old Oxford Del., (24) 120 Norbury, 120 College Exercise, 96 Duke of Norfolk, 144 Ockley and 240 Morning Star T.B., (25) 360 Norbury and 360 College Exercise T.B., (26) 360 Duke of Norfolk and 360 Ockley T.B., (27) 168 Kingston, 96 London Scholars' Pl., 144 Sandal, 72 Capel and 240 Oxford T.B., (28) 120 Kingston, 120 London Scholars' Pl. and 480 Oxford T.B., (29) 120 Sandal, 120 Capel and 480 Oxford T.B., (30) 288 Oxford and 432 Kent T.B., 193 changes of method: 261 Bobs. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN C. EISEL .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

The greatest number of changes rung to a peal of Spliced and to a peal of Minor.



# FARBOROUGH, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in A.

JULIAN E. NEWMAN .. Treble	ALAN F. LEE .. .. . 4
*ALAN C. PERRY .. .. . 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. .. 5
†KIT RUSSELL .. .. . 3	HAROLD L. PARFREY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal. † First of Minor.

# RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS AND ST. FELIX.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising seven extents of Grandsire, five of St. Simon's Bob and six each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Martin's, Bob and Winchendon Place Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

THOMAS J. BROCK .. .. Treble	TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. 3
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. .. 2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. .. 4

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

# WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

PAUL CODDINGTON .. .. Treble	W. STANLEY SMITH .. .. 4
G. ANGUS DIXON .. .. . 2	W. ROBERT PARKER .. .. 5
CHARLES V. CADE .. .. . 3	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

A Christmastide peal.

# HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 26, 1963, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

## A PEAL OF 5120 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. . 1-2	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7-8

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* 100th peal on handbells. First in the method for the Guild, and on handbells.

## LEICESTER.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Dec. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Being 2,800 changes of Yorkshire and 2,240 of Cambridge; with 27 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. . 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7-8

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 9-10

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal to be rung on handbells.

# LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours,

IN THE SCHOOL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 22 in C.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. . 1-2	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 5-6
*JULIA A. FELLOWS .. .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE .. .. . 7-8
MICHAEL D. FROST .. .. . 9-10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

A birthday compliment to Miss Marion Penney.

# QUARTER PEALS

**CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Dubarry 1, S. Lilly 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, M. Damerell 4, E. G. Swift 5, C. J. Shepherd 6. Jointly conducted by 5 and 6. A silver wedding compliment to Ted and Doris Briden.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Bura 1, J. H. Payton (cond.) 2, J. E. Clark 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. F. Payne 5, R. W. Meadows 6. For midnight service.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.**—At St. Andrew's on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heath 1, Mrs. C. Purnell 2, D. Gaisford 3, F. Box 4, H. Fell 5, R. J. Purnell (50th quarter as cond.) 6, C. Jones 7, D. Comley 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Malmesbury.

**COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Union and Stedman): J. Brinson 1, J. Loxton 2, A. J. Peters 3, H. Spencer 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, J. Phillips 6. For children's gift service.

**ELSTOW, BEDS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 720 Mixed St. Clement's and Plain Bob and 540 Single Oxford Bob Minor: G. Seth 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, M. Marriott 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. First in three methods by all the band. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Pettitt 1, Miss S. Law 2, G. Seth 3, R. F. Law 4, R. French (cond.) 5. First of Grandsire Doubles 1, 2 and 4.

**EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Rosalind Gibson (first quarter) 1, D. Herschell (cond.) 2, W. Parrott 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, J. Munton 6.

**FROME, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Massey 1, W. H. Mills 2, Frances M. Massey 3, B. A. Payne 4, P. Bray 5, G. W. Massey 6, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. For Confirmation service.

**GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. D. Brown 1, P. G. Dixon (first 'inside') 2, G. T. Cousins 3, R. Poston 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5, P. W. Walsom 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rita Dudley (first on 8) 1, A. Jeffs 2, Mary Farr (first Grandsire 'inside') 3, K. Jackson 4, H. B. Whitney (cond.) 5, Valerie Willard 6, P. Williams 7, R. Woodruff 8.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (in three methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherton 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,300 Doubles (in three methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For midnight service. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (in six methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. Malcomson 6. For Matins.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. Turner 1, D. R. Best 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, P. Hugget 4, S. A. Turner 5, 1. Best 6. Birthday compliments to 2 and 3 and Alan C. Best.

# LATE NOTICES

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District. — Annual meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, January 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70 Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. 3925

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, January 18th. Ringing arrangements:—Godmanchester (8) 3-4 p.m., Huntingdon All Saints' (6) 3.45-4.30. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's (8) after tea. 3929

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, January 18th. St. Peter's, St. Albans. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cathedral bells evening. S.M.: Yorkshire. Names, please, to Mrs. R. Darvill, 28, Jennings Road, St. Albans.—Mary A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 3927

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Kibworth, Saturday, January 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m., St. Wilfred Hall. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3926

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Prittlewell (10), Saturday, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Stoman, 26, Ennismore Gardens, Southend-on-Sea. 3924

## HALF PEAL

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 3rd, 2,520 Doubles (seven methods): J. Lampard 1, Marjorie Legg 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, R. Barks 6.

**BANWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Rice (first quarter) 1, W. S. Rice (first 'inside' Triples) 2, J. Creber 3, J. Burroughs 4, J. Cawood 5, J. Walton 6, P. Ham (first as cond.) 7, S. Body 8.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. Preston 1, D. S. Pent 2, R. A. Clarke 3, D. F. Moore 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. C. S. Scott 6. Rung for the Humphrey Perkins School Carol Service by the School Society.

**CARDIGAN.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sian Evans 1, S. Thomas (first 'inside') 2, A. F. Walters (first as cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, R. Pateman 5, P. Griffiths 6. For Christmas.

## UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

Dinner Day, January 25th, 1964.

Arrangements are as follows:

Emmanuel, Clifton. 9.30-10.30 a.m.

St. Mary Magdalene, Stoke Bishop. 10-11 a.m.

St. Stephen's, City. 10.30-11.30 a.m.

St. James', Central, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Cathedral. 2-3 p.m.

St. John-on-the-Wall. 3-4 p.m.

St. Mary Redcliffe. 3-4.30 p.m.

Christ Church, City. 4-5 p.m.

St. Michael's, City. 5.15-6.15 p.m.

General meeting (St. Michael's Scout Hut) 5 p.m.

Service 6.15 p.m.

Dinner 7.15 for 7.45 p.m.

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RILEY.—To Bill and Elaine (née Richardson), at the Robson Maternity Home, on December 22nd, 1963, a son, Simon William. 3904

### ENGAGEMENT

THOMAS—RUSSELL.—The engagement is announced between Michael J. Thomas, of Southampton, and Margaret A. Russell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell, of Dell Road, Southampton. 3906

### RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Tomlinson and daughter, of 97, Avenue Road, Southgate, N.14, wish to thank all ringing friends for their kind messages of sympathy in the loss of Norman Arthur Tomlinson on December 16th, 1963. 3896

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FOSKETT.—The address of Mr. S. Foksett (late of 38, Miller Road, Bedford) is now 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham. 3917

MUIRHEAD.—From January 30th the address of Hilary Muirhead will be Department of Chemistry, Harvard University, 12, Oxford Street, Cambridge, 38, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 3867

### PERSONAL

'But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.' (Galatians v. 15.)

Would R. Hodister, Staffs, please send his address to A. Osbaldiston, Kinder, Pinkham Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Worcs. 3880

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PRACTICE at Shalford, Surrey, on Thursday, January 16th. Methods: Double Norwich. Bristol. Lincolnshire. London. Ealing. 3887

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### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting. Chewton Mendip on Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. H. Baber, Barrow Farm, Chewton Mendip. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3825

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting at Biggleswade (8), Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—M. Major, Dis. Sec. 3827

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's (12), Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. 3796

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Meeting at Lillington, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, All Saints', Leamington, from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 9th to I. C. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa (26785). 3859

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Staveley on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Smith, 73, Railway Cottages, Staveley. —Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 3844

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, January 11th. Bells: St. Bene's (6), 3-4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 4.30 and after tea. Service at St. Andrew's at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3851

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. Reed, 48, Mount Drive, Wisbech.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3863

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Turner, Starling Lee Cottage, Feeringbury, Kelvedon. 3788

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Harlow (8) on Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. Roydon 2247. 3852

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at Barking, January 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. W. Beard, 159, Clements Road, East Ham, E.6. 3803

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea to Mrs. Z. Jesney, 93, Abbeville Road, Chertsey. 3792

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 3877

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Biddenden, Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8, 23 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Wood, 20, The Meadows, Biddenden. Good attendance, together with subscriptions for year, specially requested.—C. T. H. 3798

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Gateshead, Saturday January 11th, 2.30 p.m. start. Names for tea to Miss M. Thow, 32, Raby Street, Gateshead 8, Co. Durham. 3920

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Harmston, Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Glasgow. Names for tea to S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 3855

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nominations meeting, Saturday, January 11th, Southwark Cathedral bells 4.15 p.m. Evensong 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Foster Hall, Chapter House.—M. Powell, Kelvin 2390.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting, Saturday, January 11th, at Wood Green. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business and evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kintbury, Saturday, January 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Radbourne, Church Street, Kintbury, Newbury. 3868

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Burton Latimer, January 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to G. E. Watson, 9, Cranford Road. All welcome.—M. A. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting at Bingham, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, 'St. Owen's', Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Dis. Sec. 3866

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, January 11th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Paul, 27, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford. 3820

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Goring (6) on Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service 5. 5.30 p.m. bells available. Please make own arrangements for tea.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 3923

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitechurch (8), January 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. E. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitechurch. Bells available after tea. 3833

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, January 11th. Bells 3 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Cathedral House, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Lloyd, Provost's Secretary, Cathedral Office, St. Thomas' Street, Portsmouth, please.—L. Duguid. 3826

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A special meeting to discuss the revision of rules will be held at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, January 18th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 3808



**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Portbury (6). Saturday, January 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3907

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 18th, Wells St. Cuthbert's. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 14th.—P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 3872

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Bishop's Lydeard (8). January 18th. Bells 7 p.m.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3911

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, January 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 15th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 3892

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Wirral Branch.—Eastham, January 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying, by Thursday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtun, Birkenhead. 3915

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Quarterly meeting at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296 by January 16th at latest.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 3895

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Western District.—Meeting at Blackhill, Saturday, January 18th. Bells (8) of St. Mary's (R.C.) 2-4 p.m. Bells (8) of St. Aidan's 3.15 and after tea. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Consett. 3878

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, January 18th, Sutton Benger. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Vicarage for those whose names are received by Thursday, January 16th.—H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 3891

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Forest of Dean Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, January 18th, at Blaisdon. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—Mrs. J. Tyler, Furnace Lane, Newent. 3901

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Chalford, January 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names by January 15th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 3900

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 18th. Ringing at Holy Trinity 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after business meeting at St. Nicolas'. Names for tea without fail by Wednesday, 16th, to Mr. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford. 3888

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual meeting at Braughing, January 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Standon in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. P. J. Glazebrook, Dis. Sec., 11, Friars Road, Braughing, Ware, Herts. 3902

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 18th, at Hertford. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. and after meeting at All Saints'. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Kemp, 13, Nelson Street, Hertford.—T. J. Southam. 3879

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Staplehurst, January 18th (note the date). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Tomlin, 'Lime Trees', Staplehurst.—T. A. Cross, Dis. Sec. 3811

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, January 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Mr. R. D. Chapman, 41, Bettescombe Road, Rainham, Gillingham, by the previous Monday (January 13th).—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3838

**LADIES' GUILD**—North-Western District.—The annual meeting is to be held in Manchester on Saturday, January 18th (jointly with the Manchester Branch of the LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION). Town Hall bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Committee Room No. 3, 3.30 p.m. Dedication of Derek Ogden Memorial Library in Cathedral belfry 5. Tea 5.30. Cathedral bells from 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. Barraclough, 11A, Wilington Road, Eccles. 3921

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting in Manchester on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available: Town Hall 2.30-4.30. Cathedral from 6 p.m. Dedication of Derek Ogden Memorial Library in Cathedral belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Cathedral Refectory at 5.30 p.m. Names to Miss M. Walshaw, 40, New Tree Lane, Poynton, Cheshire. Phone Poynton 4288, by Wednesday, January 15th. Business meeting after tea. 3836

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 18th. Bells afternoon until 5.45, followed by service and tea 6.30 p.m. (for those who notify me by previous Tuesday). The film 'Ringers Required' will be shown after the business meeting.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3786

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—S.W. District.—Annual meeting on January 18th at Heston. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss F. Pocock, 22, Bulstrode Avenue, Hounslow.—F. T. Blagrove. 3883

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, January 18th, at St. John-de-Sepulchre. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Chantry Rooms. Ringing at St. Giles' in the evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Golden, 26, Brabazon Sec. 3817

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on January 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Surprise.—B. C. Castle. 3903

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, January 18th at Warmington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th instant to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington. 3876

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham, Saturday, January 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Sec., Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 3890

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, January 18th, Mildenhall. Names for tea to Mr. G. Brown, Audley House, High Street, Marlborough, Wilts. 3897

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. in All Saints' Church House, followed by meeting. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Fordington St. George's (6) also available. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 15th, to R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec., 1, Came View Road, Dorchester, Dorset. (Tel. 158.) 3850

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLANDS**—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 18th. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', 3.30-5. Tea. St. Martin-in-the-Fields crypt, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting at Fellowship Hall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, afterwards. Names for tea. Annual dinner, February 1st, Church House, Westminster. Tickets (1 guinea) available.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18. 3884

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS**—Annual meeting, January 18th, 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, 6 p.m. at St. Peter's. Business meeting at St. Mary's, approx. 4.30 p.m. Please attend.—Sec. 3916

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**—Newark District.—Annual District meeting at Newark on Saturday, January 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 3881

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY**—Meeting at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, January 18th. Bells (10) available 3-4.25 and 6-8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, no later than January 15th to C. M. Smith, 'Roisselle', Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3874

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Reigate, January 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at St. Mark's Hall, Alma Road. Names for tea to me at 40, Woodside Way, Redhill, before January 16th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 3812

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Southover (10), January 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Grandsire Caters. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3918

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Southampton District.—Annual meeting at Romsey, January 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by January 15th to Mr. J. Page, 'Fairacres', Woodley Lane, Romsey.—Michael J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 3905

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Netherton, Saturday, January 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names by Thursday, January 15th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3861

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Next general meeting will be held at Hull on January 18th. Bells available: Kirk Ella (6), 1-2.30 p.m.; Cottingham (8), 2-3; Holy Trinity, Hull (12), 3-9 p.m. General Committee meet in the Choir School Hall (south side of church) 3.15 p.m. Choral Evensong in the Choir at 4 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Hull. Tea at 5 p.m. at Kardomah Restaurant, Friargate, followed by general meeting in the Choir School Hall. Names for tea to Mr. D. V. Stipetic, c/o Holy Trinity Church, Kingston-upon-Hull, not later than January 15th.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 3852

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting at Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, January 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 25th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business in belfry afterwards. Names for tea by 23rd to Mr. Basil Hulatt, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3873

**DEVON GUILD**—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 20th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at the Queen of Hearts. Notifications for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 3865

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Stephen's, Canterbury, Saturday, January 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea. Parish Hall at 2s. 6d. per person. Names, together with cash, by January 22nd to Miss E. Dixon, c/o Christ Church College, Canterbury, Kent. 3789

**LADIES' GUILD**—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Swansea, January 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names, please, to Mrs. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea.—J. S. King. 3899

(More Notices on pages 29 & 32)



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, January 25th. St. Thomas', Salisbury. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Cathedral Hotel. 4.45 p.m. Bells: St. Thomas' after meeting; St. Paul's, 2.30-3.45 and evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, 21st, please, to Miss Eloie, Branch Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3845

**SOUTH DEVON ASSOCIATION**—Annual meeting in Upton Church Hall, Torquay, Saturday, January 25th. Tea and bells available afterwards. Numbers for tea to B. E. Bartlett, 17, Ash Hill Road, Torquay.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, January 25th, Thames Ditton. Bells 3-4 p.m. Service at Kingston-upon-Thames 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Lewis, 28, Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey, by January 22nd. Kingston bells after meeting.—N. Steere, Assn. Sec. 3869

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Central District.—A.G.M. at Eye on January 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m., at which the support of all members is requested. Names for tea by Wednesday, 22nd, to Mr. L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 3913

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual general meeting at Scunthorpe on Saturday, February 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe.—C. A. H. 3922

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Will members please note that this year's Provincial Meeting will be held in Cardiff on Saturday, June 6th, the programme to include business meeting, luncheon and ringing at Newport, Llandaff and Cardiff.

Full details will be published later.  
—John Chilcott. 3810

#### LATE NEWS

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