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## REGISTER OF METHODS.

The suggestion that there should be a 'register' of methods kept by the Central Council is, we admit, an old idea. We ourselves have put it forward on more than one occasion in the past, but nothing has ever been done about it, except to some extent to put it into the same category as a register of compositions, which is now admitted to provide a task that it is practically impossible to carry out effectively. A register of methods, however, is nothing like so formidable a proposition as a register of compositions. The object of the latter, if it were possible to work it, would be to establish authorship, but there are two weighty arguments against it. One is the difficulty in having to decide what is an original composition and—as is revealed in present correspondence in our columns—whether two apparently similar compositions are actually the same or different. The other, and less generally accepted, is the question of whether anyone has the 'right' to a composition, it being asserted by those who throw doubt on this right that the production of peals is only the application of mathematical formulæ.

Be that as it may we still think there is ground to ask the Central Council to establish a register of methods—not so much for the purpose of recognising authorship as to save the confusion which arises from a method being rung under different names. There have been many such instances in the past and there was the recent case of the method, rung years ago as Brighton 'Surprise, rung again under the name of Burton. The point in favour of a register of methods is that a vast amount of the necessary material already exists, both in the published books of the Council and in the large accumulation of unpublished methods in the hands of the Methods Committee. The difficulty in checking a method is hardly to be compared with that of identifying a composition and its many possible variations and transpositions, and if there were some central register to refer to it would save not only duplication but often irritation and bad feeling.

A letter from a correspondent this week emphasises what we mean. In 1928 he published four Surprise Major methods in 'The Ringing World.' One of them, obtained from the Central Council's unpublished collection, has now been rung and designated 'Cornwall,' and the fact that our correspondent has received no credit for his share in the proceedings gives him cause for a letter of complaint. In this instance we do not think that anyone else has claimed what he produced, for in the Council's collection it was only identified by a num-

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ber, but when an author has obtained something of which he is proud we can understand he feels slighted if his name is not associated with it. It is a little courtesy to which he may well think himself entitled. It may be, however, that in this case Mr. Tipler's association with the method was entirely unknown either to the Methods Committee or to the ringers. Such a thing is quite possible. The Council's Collection was the product of mathematics, and although the figures of this method had been previously published, it is quite easy to see that the two sets of figures may never have been brought together for comparison. If a register existed, the author of a method could send it for registration, and, if it was already in existence, he could be so informed. If a band practises a fresh and, to them, unnamed method, they would have a means of ascertaining whether or not it had already been given a title, and whether it had previously been rung. We suggest that a scheme for a register of methods might well be further considered by the Council.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

BERT HORTON ... ..	Treble	*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ...	7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... ..	2	†JOHN S. MASON ... ..	8
HARRY BOSWELL ... ..	3	†BARNABAS G. KEY ... ..	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	KENNETH KNOWLES ... ..	10
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	5	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..	11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	6	HARRY GRIFFITHS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRINS.

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First twelve-bell peal. Rung as a birthday peal to C. Wallater. It was his 300th peal for the society. F. Brotherton's 100th peal. First twelve-bell peal as conductor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... ..	Treble	*WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... ..	7
*REGINALD AMOR ... ..	2	*BERTRAM WORSDELL ... ..	8
*JESSE FRANCIS ... ..	3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... ..	9
*WILLIAM LOUD ... ..	4	*CHARLES RAISON ... ..	10
*CHARLES BUTCHER ... ..	5	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... ..	11
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... ..	6	*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Cinques. First peal of Cinques on the bells, in the county and by the Guild. First peal of Cinques as conductor. All the above are members of the local band, and the peal was rung at the first attempt. It was a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now called peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY ... ..	Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... ..	6
EDWIN BREEZE ... ..	2	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... ..	7
FRANK VARTY ... ..	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... ..	8
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... ..	9
*HERBERT T. ROOKE ... ..	5	EDWARD CAUNCE ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First ten-bell peal. This is the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all the band and in the city of Liverpool.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	FRANK VARTY ... .. 6
Cecil Raddon ... .. 2	STANLEY N. HARRISON ... 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	HAROLD DAVIES ... .. 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 9
E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 5	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung on the second anniversary of the birth of Peter Stedman Raddon, son of the ringer of the second bell.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

MAURICE SMITHER ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
*ERNEST J. AVLIFFE ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
†THOMAS E. DENYER ... .. 3	§HAROLD SMITHERS ... .. 8
RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method and of Royal.  
‡ First peal of Bob Royal. § First peal and first attempt.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. Treble	†JOHN S. MASON ... .. 6
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 2	HAROLD SMITH ... .. 7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 8
†J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... .. 4	§HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 9
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5	ALBERT J. HUBBLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

\* 200th peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First of Stedman Caters.  
§ 150th peal. Quarterly peal for the Guild and a birthday compliment to the 9th ringer.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

SIDNEY E. ROMANS ... .. Treble	HENRY DANIELS ... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 6
Ex-Sgt. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 7
JESSE GILLET ... .. 4	HENRY NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent. Great credit is due to Sergt. Williams, who is in his 85th year and still as keen a ringer as ever.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 5
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 2	Cecil J. Matthews ... .. 6
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent. First peal by the ringer of the treble since January, 1929.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... Treble	REGINALD L. LATHBURY ... 5
FRANK HAYNES ... .. 2	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 7
†JACK PARISH ... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PILSTOW. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

PERCY J. SPICE ... .. Treble	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 5
*WALTER B. DOBBIE ... .. 2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 6
*MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
JOHN W. UNWIN ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

\* First peal in the method. A wedding anniversary peal for treble ringer and a birthday peal to Mrs. Dobbie, mother of 2nd ringer; also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 5
MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 2	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
*FRANK VERNON ... .. 3	*JAMES W. RAITHEY ... 7
†RICHARD A. HARVEY ... .. 4	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major and first attempt. First in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Geoffrey M. Mayer to Miss E. Hilda Smith, which took place at Lincoln on the same day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
*HERBERT W. COLLIER ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDESLEY ... Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 5
*DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PILSTOW. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Wheadon.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Monday, December 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Fright 1, H. Whitehead 2, W. Bidnell 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, H. J. Saunders 5, C. Turner 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

## HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

STANLEY N. HARRISON ... Treble	CECIL RADDOEN ... 5
*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
FRANK VARTY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First Surprise peal. The band would like to thank Mr. J. Moulden for meeting them and making all arrangements.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*DENNIS PARSONS ... Treble	F. A. ADAMS ... 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6
L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 7
FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... 4	ALFRED E. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by A. E. PARSONS.

\* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells since they were recently rehung by John Taylor and Co. This peal is noteworthy in that three generations took part, the ringers of tenor and treble being son and grandson respectively of the ringer of the 4th.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS COLLINS ... Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	HARRY KILBY ... 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

## SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS WINIFRED FOSTER ... Treble	†MISS MARY WHITE ... 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 2	HARRY DAVISON ... 6
†KENNETH SIMPSON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
HARRY WILDE ... 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. L. Thomas, who is leaving Shipley to take up the living of Morton, near Keighley.

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On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt

*EDWARD PRIBASTNER ... Treble	HARRY LEWIS ... 4
GEORGE SPERRING ... 2	JOHN BENYON, JUN. ... 5
*JOHN BEST ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in honour of King George VI.'s accession.

## WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb.

*ROLAND STOCKWELL ... Treble	*CHARLES M. ALLEN ... 4
ALAN JACQUES ... 2	HARRY HAYNES ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. All the ringers except 3rd and 6th are local and this peal was arranged for them. The conductor's 750th peal.

## DILWYN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. H. CHANDLER ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... 4
*TOM PAYNE ... 2	H. CHANDLER ... 5
TREVOR JONES ... 3	THOMAS ECKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

\* First peal and aged 14. He is a member of the young Staunton-on-Arrow band and is to be complimented on the way he rang his first peal.

## FELKIRK, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Albans Delight, Wragby Delight, Collage Exercise, Norbury, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED TIBBLE ... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... 4
GEORGE LORD ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
HAROLD CHANT ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

## HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HERBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	*KENNETH SIMPSON ... 4
*ALLAN RUSHWORTH ... 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 5
*MISS MARY WHITE ... 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since 1903. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James Riley, of Haworth, who has completed 60 years as a ringer.

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BARNSELEY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 changes of each of Felkirk Delight, Barnsley Delight, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Kingston and Kent Treble Bob.

GEORGE LORD ... .. Treble	*THOMAS RAYMOND HADEN	4
LEONARD WILLIAM CARBUTT	2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells since they were returned and rehung in a steel frame and new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. It is believed to be the first peal of Minor rung in this tower for over 50 years.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.  
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*J. H. JONES ... .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4
*E. P. EVANS ... .. 2	*WALTER PRICE ... .. 5
*J. METCALF ... .. 3	FRED HARTMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

FRANK VERNON ... .. Treble	RICHARD A. HARVEY ... .. 4
*PERCY HOLMES ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... .. 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. Rung on the occasion of the ordination of the Rev. E. O. Varah, which took place at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln, on the same day.

SWINDERBY, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being six six-scores of Original and nine each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. (approx.).

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Treble	*RICHARD A. HARVEY ... .. 3
†G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... .. 2	*FRANK VERNON ... .. 4
*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in five methods. First peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. LAWSON ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR HOWES ... .. 4
*ERIC S. GOOCH ... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. FRENCH ... .. 5
HENRY E. WOODHOUSE ... .. 3	EDWARD HOWES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HOWES.

\* First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local company.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Monday, December 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

JOHN A. BROWN ... .. Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 4
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 3	KENNETH W. CHEBSEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung in celebration of the marriage of Cicely, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, of Whickham, to Mr. Wilfred L. Parsons. The wedding was solemnised at Winlaton Parish Church, where the bride is organist and choir mistress.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	LEWIS BUSH ... .. 4
*JOHN RICHARDSON ... .. 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
FRED WIGMORE ... .. 3	CECIL EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

\* First peal in three methods.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG ... .. Treble	GEORGE GUNNELL ... .. 4
HARRY PRICE ... .. 2	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 3	HENRY BISHOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in 1 hree Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's: (1) Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (2) St. Clement's; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Oxford; (5) Single Oxford; (6) Double Court; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C.

*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 5
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in more than four methods. First peal in eight methods on the bells, which are the heaviest peal of six in the country.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents in 35 methods, viz.:

- (1) Chapstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay, Skipton and Dover Delight.
- (2) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone, Knutsford and Ely Delight.
- (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight.
- (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight.
- (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (7) Chapel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 4
*KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT
†THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* 50th peal. † First peal in 35 methods. There were 52 changes of method.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1936, in One Hour and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
At 48, King's Road,

### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

\*FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 1-2 | FRANCIS KIRK ... 3-4

\*HAROLD V. FROST ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

\* First peal of Minor on handbells. First peal of Minor on handbells as conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At 19, Middleboro,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 1-2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6  
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3-4 | WILLIAM CHALK ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Specially arranged at short notice to enable the conductor to ring a peal during 1936 and while still a patient in Searalls Mental Hospital.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Paulinus' Church,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

COLIN A. HOPPER ... 1-2 | DEREK M. SHARP ... 5-6  
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3-4 | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## DEATH OF MR. C. J. PARTRIDGE.

A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to record the death of a well-known Sutton-in-Ashfield ringer, Mr. Cornelius John Partridge, who passed away at the age of 55. He was a man of genial disposition and courteous manner, and a popular figure in the towers of Notts and Derbyshire. Mr. Partridge had resided at Sutton for over 20 years, and when the ring of bells at the Parish Church was augmented to six in 1920 he became a useful change ringer and regular attendant at Sunday services.

His peal record is not available, but he had taken part in a number of peals of Major and Minor in the standard methods. He was a member of the executive committee of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and also of the North Notts Association and the Midland Counties Association.

His fatal illness commenced with influenza, which developed into pneumonia, and, following an operation for the removal of fluid, he passed away in Mansfield Hospital on Monday, December 28th.

The interment took place in the cemetery on Thursday, December 31st. A service was previously held in the Parish Church, and the muffled bells were rung by his friends from Sutton, Mansfield Woodhouse, Tibshelf and South Normanton. In addition to the family mourners, several members of the Parochial Church Council and railwaymen were present, and the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was represented by Mr. W. Allin (vice-president), Mr. T. Clarke, Mr. C. M. Heathcote and Mr. L. Rawson.

The sympathy of his fellow-ringers is extended to the widow and family of two sons and two daughters.

## THE BELLS OF BIRCH.

TO BE REOPENED BY THE BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

While a Parish Church has an intimate appeal to its parishioners and congregation, the belfry and ring of bells has an appeal which extends throughout a very wide area, due to the personal interest which ringers display wherever there is enthusiasm for the art. This is very true as regards the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme. We publish in another column an advertisement in connection with the 'opening of the bells' ceremony, after rehanging, etc., by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The bells of this church, which are well known and thought of in the North of England, have been in use for 72 years, and it is 32 years since they were completely overhauled. This time a full set of self-aligning ball bearings have been fitted, and the trial 'touches' have shown the ringers that the physical effort necessary is greatly reduced and the control of the bells greatly facilitated.

We understand that the Birch band of ringers is one of the youngest in the Manchester Diocese, and it speaks volumes for the interest shown in their welfare that the help and advice of the older and experienced members of the art are on all occasions given unstintingly. When the Bishop of Manchester reopens the bells of Birch, any ringers, if they happen to be in the Manchester neighbourhood, will be very welcome.

## FOR BEGINNERS.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BELL CONTROL.

We hope the 'five-card trick' which we endeavoured to explain to beginners last week may have interested those who are just starting change ringing. It was designed to show how changes are formed, and the 'movement' of the bells among each other—that is the varying positions they take in relation to each other in the succession of 'changes.'

To do this in the tower with real bells, the ringer has to learn to 'place' his bell in the required position, by pulling his rope at the exact moment which, allowing for the longer or shorter period of the revolution of the bell, according to its size, will result in its striking at the proper interval after the one immediately in front of it. The beginner, therefore, will realise that to pull just 'somewhere' after the other man is not sufficient, if there is to be good ringing—and good ringing, by which we mean keeping time and rhythm, is the first essential.

The larger the bell, the longer it takes to revolve and consequently the longer it takes for the clapper to strike. If two bells of approximately the same size are pulled off together they will, assuming they are properly hung and in good order, strike simultaneously. You can hear the effect of this if you will pull off together the treble and second in your tower. Having done so—and set them again as quickly as possible, for the sake of the public, if nothing else—pull off the treble and tenor together. Unless the bells belong to a very small peal, you will find there is a very perceptible interval between the striking of the two bells.

In actual ringing this difference in the period of revolution must be allowed for and it is necessary to allow more space in striking over a big bell than over a little bell. Two things are essential to perfecting your striking. First you must have complete control of your bell, and, secondly, you must 'use your ears.'

To begin with, you cannot control your bell unless you hold your rope properly and pull correctly. Keep your hands close together, whether at rope end or on the sally, and grasp both with all four fingers of both hands. Let your hands go well above your head every time, and don't snatch. A steady pull and a long one is the effective way of ringing a bell. Ring with your arms and not with your waist, and if you want a little extra weight occasionally, get it by bending the knees.

Before you begin change ringing, which, to be well struck, needs perfect bell control, get some practice with call changes so that you will learn how much 'space' to give each bell as you pull over it. Use your ears. Listen for the sound of your own bell among the rest. It may not be easy to pick it out at first, but if you will count the bells round as they strike, beginning when they are in 'rounds,' you will soon know which is yours; then make sure that it is striking at the right interval—that is with the same interval as between the other bells. Nothing is more irritating than to have the bells going round with a 'jazz' effect; some 'close,' others 'wide.'

The only point at which there should be a break in the 'periods' between the blows is at the 'hand-stroke' lead. Then there should be the space of an extra bell between the last bell at backstroke and the first at the next handstroke. On six bells you should have twelve even blows, and then a one bell interval. On eight there should be 16 even blows and a one bell interval, and so on.

We do not recommend any beginner to attempt change ringing, much as he may be anxious to do so, until he has obtained complete mastery of his bell in rounds and call changes. It is useless to think he can concentrate on changes until he can, practically without conscious effort, 'put' his bell where he wants to, without 'dropping,' or 'over-pulling' it. Apart from creating bad ringing, the beginner who cannot 'place' his bell where it ought to go has little chance of finding his way among the others in changes. Better take a little longer in mastering the fundamentals than pushing on eventually to become a 'poor striker.' There is no greater compliment that can be paid to a ringer than to have it said of him that he is a 'perfect striker.'

Do not be anxious, then, to run before you can walk. If you first learn to strike your bell properly that essential part of your ringing equipment is never likely to desert you, but you will find it difficult to become a 'good' ringer, if you attempt change ringing before you can completely control your bell. Many 'bad' ringers have been made in that way.

## WALTHAMSTOW RINGING MASTER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Ernest D. Lillywhite, who passed away on December 18th at the age of 61 years. Deceased had been Ringing Master for 30 years at St. Saviour's Church, Walthamstow, and will be sadly missed for the congenial atmosphere he created in the belfry. Although he had rung several peals, he concentrated mostly on teaching ringing to the young recruits.

The funeral took place at Walthamstow Cemetery on December 23rd, the Vicar officiating. The ringers were represented by Mr. G. B. Lucas, the former Ringing Master of St. Saviour's. Wreaths were sent from St. Saviour's and Southwark Cathedral ringers and many other friends. Sympathy goes out to the widow and family in their bereavement.

**HOBART BELLS.****DEAN'S LETTER TO ENGLISH RINGERS.**

The Very Rev. the Dean of Hobart (Dr. A. B. Rivers) has sent the following letter to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, under date November 28th:—

'I am asked by the St. David's Ringers to express their gratification at receiving the kindly congratulations forwarded by you from the English Ringers who visited Hobart. Your presence in Hobart was an inspiration to our boys, which came to them as we were attempting to enrol volunteers. We have a goodly number who have been practising on the Holy Trinity bells, and we hope that they will give a good account of themselves on Sunday week, when the first peal will be rung. With many thanks and kind regards.'

**PEALS IN HOBART.**

Until the installation of the new bells at St. David's Cathedral, Tasmania, of course, had only one ring, that at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart. Four peals have been rung on them; the first two by the Victorian Society (Melbourne):—

December 29th, 1890, Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Harry Adams (a native of Kidderminster).

December 31st, 1890, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Joseph Clarke.

November 3rd, 1934, Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by George Martin.

November 6th, 1934, Bob Major, conducted by Rupert Richardson.

**BELL FOUNDRY BELLS' BUSY AFTERNOON.**

After ringing a peal of London Surprise Major on the bells of the Campanile at the Loughborough Foundry on Saturday, December 19th, the same band started for a peal of New Cambridge, which, however, came to grief after half an hour's ringing. Time being too short to permit another start, the opportunity was taken of doing a bit of spade work by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples so that Geoffrey Harrison, aged 12, could register his first quarter-peal: Geoffrey Harrison 1, Colin Harrison 2, Fred Hill 3, Kenneth Roe 4, J. F. Milner 5, Alec Hutchinson 6, Frederick H. Dexter (conductor) 7, Roger St. John Smith 8.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.**

At Farmborough, Somerset, on December 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. It was rung in honour of the tower secretary's 22nd wedding day: William Rosewell 1, A. Gould 2, F. Flower 3, William Shore 4, H. Parfrey (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. Barter 6.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**YORKTOWN, SURREY.**—At St. Michael's Church on January 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: V. Wilkinson (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Martin 2, F. Marchant 3, H. J. Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, F. Farr 6, F. J. Ewens (conductor) 7, Edwin Hunt 8. First quarter-peal since the rededication of the bells. Rung for evening service and also as a birthday compliment to F. Farr.

**NEWBURY, BERKS.**—At St. Nicolas' Church on Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, with different callings and Nos. 4, 6 and 8 bells covering): A. F. Deacon (first quarter-peal) 1, E. A. Palmer (first quarter-peal on 'inside' bell) 2, H. T. E. Curtis (first attempt as conductor) 3, E. A. Crocker 4, E. Crocker 5, F. E. Turner (first quarter-peal) 6, H. W. Curtis 7, R. Butcher (first quarter-peal) 8. All are members of the local band.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—At the Cathedral, for the watchnight service, on December 31st, with clappers half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): C. H. Shepherd 1, Mrs. C. L. Guy 2, C. L. Guy 3, G. T. Rogers (first attempt for a quarter-peal in the method) 4, W. Tate 5, F. W. Stemp 6, L. P. Cook 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise by Sunday service band at the Cathedral.

**STOCKPORT.**—On Thursday, December 31st, at St. Mary's Church, before the watchnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Farmer 1, Rev. F. Bonner 2, W. Holton 3, E. Jackson 4, J. A. Gordon 5, A. Clarke 6, S. Gordon (conductor) 7, A. Cavender 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble, second and tenor.

**LINSLADE.**—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday, December 20th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,344 changes): Miss E. Prudent 1, W. Inslev 2, F. Vickers 3, F. Plummer 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. Jeffs 6, E. Bilson 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of treble and 7th, first 'inside' by 2nd, and first in the method together by a purely local band.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On November 25th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Hovord 1, D. M. Sharp 2, Miss J. M. Thompson 3, F. E. Walker 4, J. Wheadon 5, C. Hopper (first quarter of Bob Major on tower bells) 6, J. E. Bailey (first quarter-peal of Major as conductor) 7, N. Summerhayes 8.

**HARBORNE.**—On Sunday, November 22nd, before evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Blackstaffe 1, A. Price 2, C. Lawrence 3, F. G. Williams 4, S. Grove 5, E. G. Fletcher 6, F. E. Hawkins 7, C. E. Skinner 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 8. All are service ringers at above church.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The honour accorded in death to Harry Pasmore, one of London's most brilliant ringers, of lying on the night before his burial in Westminster Abbey, is one which, by a recent decision of the Dean and Chapter, is extended to all who serve the Abbey in whatever capacity. Mr. Pasmore was a member of the Abbey band. The coffin was placed in the Warriors' Chapel and was covered by the pall that was used for the Unknown Warrior.

Three generations of one family took part in a peal at Staveley, Derbyshire, on New Year's Day. It was conducted from the tenor by Mr. Alfred E. Parsons, whose father, Frederick G. Parsons, rang the 4th, and son, Dennis, rang the treble. It was the latter's first peal. He is only 16 years of age, and great credit is due to him for the way in which he handled his bell.

Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, who three months ago sustained severe injuries in a coal mining accident, has now recovered, and on Sunday rang again for the first time since the occurrence. After leaving hospital he had an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Flint desires to thank all those who have written to him and his family conveying expressions of sympathy and good wishes.

The many friends of Mr. William Keeble will be interested in his own footnote to the handbell peal rung at Colchester on the last day of the year. The peal is the surest proof that Mr. Keeble is well on the road to the recovery of normal health.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. Raymond Philpott, of Portsmouth, and formerly of Guildford, is seriously ill from toxic poisoning. The latest report is that his condition is showing a slight improvement.

The ringer of the treble to the peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Boxing Day, was Francis W. Corney.

The heavy ring of eight at Wellingborough Parish Church is to be tuned and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon.

Congratulations will be extended to the Trowbridge ringers who, on the last day of the old year, rang the first peal of Cinques on their own bells and, incidentally, in the county of Wilts.

Not only is credit due to them for ringing the peal at the first attempt, and the fact that there were eight first peals of Cinques, but also for overcoming an unexpected obstacle.

After ringing had been in progress about 2½ hours the electric light was switched off at the main for several seconds, came on and was switched off again. At the conductor's urgent call they kept going in the hope that the light would come on again, which it did, and the bells were soon righted. It transpired afterwards that some mischievous choirboys were having a game with the main switch.

A handbell peal rung on Wednesday evening of last week at St. Albans is the result of constant practice during the last nine months. Previous to that time ringers of 1-2 and 5-6 had done no handbell ringing, and have now rung a peal 'in hand' of Major and Minor.

A peal rung at Haworth, Yorkshire, was the first on the bells for 33 years. It was rung as a compliment to Mr. James Riley, of Haworth, who has completed 60 years as a ringer. It is believed that, prior to the peal of 1903, only one other peal had been rung on the bells, namely, in the year 1853.

Mr. James George extends his hearty greetings and good wishes for the coming year to all his friends. Unfortunately he is not making the progress he would like after his illness. The effects of the whooping cough, from which he suffered after his fall, are still painful, but he hopes for greater improvement when the weather gets warmer.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Boreham (Kent Treble Bob Major) on Monday, December 21st, was Ernest J. Runter, not Rutter as printed.

## METHODS AND AUTHORS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed a little space in which to point out that the figures of a method appearing in 'The Ringing World,' dated December 18th, 1936, namely, 'Cornwall Surprise,' also appeared in your columns, together with three others, in the issue of September 7th, 1928, and under my name. As this was well in advance of the formation of 'The Methods Supply Stores,' I have every right to believe that the name of the author should have been added in the Central Council's MSS., and not a number, as though it was unfit to be owned by anyone.

In view of the fact that many errors have lately occurred, may I suggest that when a method is rung it should be published with as little delay as possible? This would enable a mistake (if any) to be rectified.

Many methods have never appeared at all. Some have been published more than once. Some have appeared without the name of the author, as was 'Erith.' Others have been wrongly claimed. What a state of affairs! To get full support for 'The Ringing World' all tastes must be catered for. There should be no 'secret society,' and, above all, interest for all. May I ask, just as a special new year's favour, if you would kindly let us have the figures 'Leeds'? There are many others outstanding, but for the time being the above method will satisfy.

Lutterworth.

E. W. TYPLER.



## DEATH OF MR. HARRY R. PASMORE.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY HONOURS.

'We with uncovered head  
Salute the sacred dead,  
Who went and who return not.'

In the early hours of Christmas Day, when the world was as yet unawake, at the Charing Cross Hospital, Harry Pasmore breathed his last, and the ringing world and we, his friends, are sad at his passing in his 56th year.

After a severe operation several years ago he had not enjoyed robust health, but at the same time he

was able to continue his duties at the G.P.O. and also partake of his great hobby, both on tower and handbells, although in a very minor degree, but in early November he was advised to take a long rest from duty and finally entered the hospital on November 27th.

Friends visited him, and Dr. Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, was with him just before the end.

At the special request of the Dean of Westminster Abbey, his mortal remains were taken to rest one night in the majesty and beauty of our national Valhalla, a tribute of love and affection by Dr. Perkins (who is in charge of the belfry), which will ever be remembered by his family and friends.

The funeral was at 4 o'clock on Thursday, the last day of 1936, at Wandsworth, and the services, both in the church and at the graveside, were conducted by Dr. J. Perkins.

Canon of Westminster Abbey. Officials of the Ancient Society of College Youths present: Master Lewis, Secretary Cockerill, Treasurer Hughes, Trustees Challis Winney and Bob Newton, and the following members paid their last respects to their friend: Messrs. Young, Fein, Gray, Rumley, Butler, Green, Horton, G. Debenham, Oxborrow, MacDonald, Miles and also Miss Cockerill, Miss Deer, Miss Gray and Mrs. H. Langdon. The Royal Cumberland Youths were represented by Mrs. C. Matthews.

A course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by W. Roughton, C. F. Winney, H. Langdon and A. B. Peck.

### A BRILLIANT CONDUCTOR.

During his membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths—about 40 years—Harry Pasmore was prominent throughout, being a brilliant conductor on tower bells or handbells. He was a member of the bands at both St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, acting as secretary to the former, where he had a reputation for strict impartiality as regards fines. Not all the wiles of his friends could ever lure him to remit one which was justly due.

It is by no means an exaggeration to say that 'Harry' had a great gift for ringing; in fact, he was quite exceptional and attracted notice from his very earliest days.

Apparently he found ringing, both on the tower and handbells, so easy he could never quite understand others having the slightest difficulty in acquiring various methods.

When the Rochester Row band were at their best they rang on two occasions three peals of Surprise Major in one day, in three different counties, Harry being one of the band both days. He conducted the first peal of Cambridge Maximus rung in London and the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major called from an 'inside' bell.

But it was on handbells that he was seen at his best, and he can have had few superiors. Possibly his greatest performance was to conduct from 34 the first peal of Surprise Major, viz., Superlative, ever rung double-handed. Besides conducting peals of Stedman Cinques from each pair of bells, he conducted on handbells peals of Stedman and Grandsire, Triples, Caters and Cinques and Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Royal and Maximus.

He was a member of the band that rang Carter's 'Odd Bob' one-part peal of Stedman Triples double-handed non-conducted. Another notable peal in which he took part was the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques, rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

The actual total of his peals is not available, but without a doubt it would be a difficult matter to find another record to compare with his for merit and quality. The number could have been much greater were it not for the fact that only the best was acceptable to him.

Of very truth a great ringer, a greater conductor and a warm-hearted companion and friend. We shall miss him more than words can express.

(Communicated.)



THE LATE MR. HARRY PASMORE.

## CORONATION DAY BROADCAST.

SUGGESTION TO MAKE BELLS FEATURE IN PROGRAMMES.

An effort is being made to get the bells of old England put into a leading place in the broadcast programmes on Coronation Day. The B.B.C. already recognise the characteristic English nature of church bells well rung. They recognise it in the interval signal, which introduces Bow Bells; in the Sunday programmes of church services; and last Sunday they used church bells as the characteristic feature of English life, when it came to Great Britain's turn in the exchange of greetings among 24 European nations. The bells of a church in Northern Ireland and the bells of Westminster were the B.B.C. contribution to the programme.

The proposal that bells from well-known belfries should be heard over the air from time to time throughout Coronation Day, as a preface to each of the many items which will make up the programme, would add to the 'national' character of the B.B.C.'s output, and we hope it will materialise. The suggestion is sponsored by the Rev. Walter Pitchford, the well-known Midland broadcaster, whose talks on 'Bell Chimes,' 'Cathedrals,' etc., have been so widely appreciated. Backing of the proposal by members of the public might be an added inducement to the B.B.C. to carry out the scheme.

## BROADCASTING FROM CROYDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The first service broadcast of the year deserves favourable comment. Listening this morning to the Croydon bells was a great pleasure—a fine peal, excellently struck; it should stimulate others to do as well when opportunity arises. There have recently been too many indifferent service broadcasts. We expect the best music, etc., over the air; why not the best ringing? Congratulations to Croydon.

C. T. COLES.

Walthamstow.

## WONDERFUL RECORDING.

B.B.C. AND ST. MARY REDCLIFFE BELLS.

An electrical recording of the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, was made on December 20th. The engineers visited the tower and had a look at the bells, the tenor being raised singly for close observation. The bells were then raised, and the van with the recording instruments moved into a favourable position on Redcliffe Hill. After the ringing had concluded the record was 'run over' for sound, and proved 'O.K.' the sound of the bells being plainly heard by some of the ringers who looked out of the belfry window some 80ft. up.

The record will form part of a talk on 'Bells of the West,' some of which have already been recorded, and others are to follow.

When the conductor was told about what was to be done, he had to put on his thinking cap, to consider what would be best. He decided on 'Original' Cinques. This met with opposition from many. One said, 'Here we have a good Stedman Cinques band, and we are going to ring this stuff.' However, the conductor had his way, and afterwards everyone agreed it was best. One ringer put it very well when he said, 'It showed the beauty of the bells and not the skill of the ringers, and that is what was wanted.'

## AMERICAN APPRECIATION OF BROADCAST BELLS.

MALDON LINK WITH WASHINGTON.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mansfield, the ringers of All Saints', Maldon, were again entertained to supper on New Year's Eve, 14 ringers accepting the invitation.

It is a time-honoured custom at All Saints' to ring during the evening and again at midnight on the last day of the year.

After supper some of the letters were read which the Rector of Purleigh had received from American people expressing their appreciation of the broadcast of a service, including 120 changes of Minor on the bells, rung by six ringers from All Saints', Maldon.

This broadcast on July 5th was in connection with the tercentenary of four of the bells which were put into the tower in the year 1636, during the time that the Rev. Lawrence Washington was Rector, he being the great-great-grandfather of George Washington, the first president of the United States.

When the Rev. Lawrence Washington left Purleigh he came to live at Maldon, and was buried in All Saints' churchyard on February 27th, 1652, and in the year 1928 the American people gave a beautiful stained glass window to his memory. This is fixed in the south aisle of All Saints' Church.

Among the letters received some were from New York, Montreal, Florida, California, Victoria, etc., and in every case the broadcast was said to have been very clear. It made some of the writers feel that they were in Purleigh Church listening to the service.

## STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having had the honour of naming 'Staffordshire Surprise Major' through the kindness of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, I wish to congratulate the members of the Stafford Society who were recently successful in ringing the first peal of this beautiful method in its home county.

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.****BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday. Owing to the Saturday market in the Bull Ring ringing at St. Martin's Church was restricted to one hour. During this time the bells were kept going and several methods were rung.

The business meeting took place in the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, at which the Vice-president, Councillor A. Paddon Smith, presided in the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A. An apology for non-attendance was read from Vice-President J. George.

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected as follows: Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.; Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, M.A.; trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and Councillor A. P. Smith; auditors, Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet and reported an increased balance in hand of £5, which he thought was very satisfactory. The auditors having given their report, the accounts were unanimously adopted.

The tower election of Mr. T. W. Lewis, of Worcester, as a life member was duly ratified.

An invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston Parish Church on Saturday, April 3rd, was unanimously accepted. It was also agreed to hold the bi-quarterly meeting at Shirley Parish Church.

**HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.**

The secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution passed at the previous quarterly meeting he had booked the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for Saturday, February 27th.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Davies, seconded by Mr. F. Price, it was unanimously decided to invite the Vicar of Aston (the Rev. H. McGowan, M.A.) to preside on this occasion. Several members complained of the inconvenience caused by ringers applying for tickets as late as the dinner day, and suggested that a time limit should be fixed. After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary.

Under 'any other business' the Ringing Master called attention to the Tuesday night practice at St. Martin's. He complained that for several months these had been rather poorly attended, and asked for better support this year.

Mr. Albert Walker said it would be a pity to stop the practices. The bells had been rung regularly on Tuesday nights since 1755, and it was recognised by the people who held open-air meetings in the Bull Ring that they could not be held on Tuesdays, as that was 'the bellringers' night.' He promised to give the Ringing Master all the support he could and urged others to do likewise.

This concluded the business and the remainder of the evening was given up to social intercourse. Several good touches were brought round and tunes rung on the handbells, whilst others were not so successful. With Mr. Albert Walker at the piano, Mr. Harry Withers in good form and voice, and Mr. Paddon Smith and others in reminiscent mood, many interesting incidents which had taken place in that house '10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years ago' were recalled. This ended another very pleasant evening.

**BOXING DAY RINGING TOUR.****CYCLING THROUGH BEDFORDSHIRE.**

Meeting at Silsoe Church on Boxing Day morning, a number of Bedfordshire ringers were joined by Mr. W. Stote, of Coventry, and a start made by ringing the five bells at this pretty little church, a handy ring with tenor somewhere in the region of 8 cwt. The next tower was Upper Gravesham, which was duly discovered after a long ride through a private park, and past the front of a magnificent mansion, which, fortunately, was unoccupied. The Church of St. Giles contains a ring of five, with an 11 cwt. tenor; bells 1, 2 and 4 were cast by Miles Graye. On to Shillington by fog-bound lanes and by-ways plentifully supplied with mud. Shillington Church is a fine structure, with a tower of brick which replaced the old steeple when it crashed down in 1704. The 'splice' is not a happy one, but the tower contains a fine ring of five bells with tenor 1 ton (approx.), rung from the ground floor. After a good pull here the local inn provided the company with welcome refreshment. The bells were described by the numerous inmates as the best in the county, but the visitors decided that Christmas was the best time of all to be in harmony with all men and so disputed it not.

Soon after, they passed over the boundary to visit Pirton, which is in Hertfordshire, and enjoyed a ring on another five, with tenor 11 cwt., restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1839. These go very well and the ringers stayed for some time, making themselves a nuisance at the local shop and Post Office in search of postcards in spite of these being closed. But the people were very kind and the ringers got what they wanted. Next came Meppershall, with a central tower. Here the ringers have to stand in the choir stalls to ring. The seats are hinged and are moved back to allow room. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, the party were entertained to tea, after which the towers of Campton and Maulden

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**FOUR YORKSHIRE RINGS RESTORED.****BELLS REOPENED AT WATH, KIRBY MOORSIDE, NEW MILL AND MELTHAM.**

Within six weeks no fewer than four restored rings of six bells have been reopened in Yorkshire, and in all four cases the work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The light ring at Wath, near Ripon, tuned and rehung with new fittings in a new metal frame, was reopened on Saturday, November 21st, while on the following Thursday the Bishop of Whitby rededicated the six bells at Kirby Moorside, near York.

This restoration has been made possible through the generosity of Capt. Holt, of Ravenswick, Kirby Moorside, and the bells have been recast and hung with new fittings in the old frame, which has been strengthened.

Owing to the fog and the remoteness of the village only a few ringers were present, including Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the founders, and visitors from Headingley, Pickering and Scarborough, but all were agreed that Kirby Moorside now possesses a ring of bells which is both a delight to handle and to hear, the only regret being that the octave had not been completed—an omission which it is hoped may be remedied before long.

On Monday in Christmas week the Lord Bishop of Wakefield dedicated the restored bells at New Mill, near Huddersfield.

These bells, cast by Taylors in 1864, have a 12 cwt. tenor, and a marked improvement has resulted by cleaning and tuning, while iron headstocks and ball bearings and all other modern fittings contributed to the easy 'go' of the bells.

Ringers were present from Friezland, Kirkburton, Holmfirth, Shelley, Almondbury and Huddersfield, and after the opening course of Oxford Treble Bob by the local company, all were given an opportunity to try the bells, good use of which was made until a late hour.

Meltham, near Huddersfield, has had a ring of six bells since 1836, when Messrs. Taylor, then of Oxford, installed a ring with a 13 cwt. tenor, and until these bells celebrated their centenary nothing in the way of repairs had been carried out. A few months ago, however, the old oak frame was found to be decayed, and, on the advice of the founders, the bells have been rehung with new fittings in an 'H' type cast iron frame, on steel girders. Four treble bells, fixed stationary with a carillon machine capable of playing 14 tunes on all ten bells, was installed by Messrs. Gillett in 1879. These four bells have now been recast, and the carillon is being reconditioned by Messrs. Potts, of Leeds.

The Bishop of Wakefield rededicated the bells on New Year's Eve, in the presence of a large congregation, which included ringers from Kirkburton, Almondbury, Huddersfield, etc. At the dedication three well-struck leads of Oxford were rung by the local company.

Great pleasure was expressed by residents at hearing the sound of the bells once more, after an absence of over three months, and the parishioners now look forward to hearing the almost forgotten tunes of the carillon, which has not been in use since the first year of the war.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****A TOWER FOR SURPRISE METHODS PRACTICES.**

A meeting was held at Longton on Saturday, January 2nd. Thirty-five members and friends were present from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Cheddle, Draycott, Kingsley, Longton, Leek, Norton, Newcastle, Uttoxeter and Stoke-on-Trent.

After tea, held in the Dorothy Cafe, the Rector of Longton (the Rev. Samuels) extended a welcome to all present, and expressed pleasure at meeting Mr. J. H. Swinfield once more.

The Rector also stated he was pleased to have a band of ringers who were interested in ringing and regularly attended the services.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers was proposed by Mr. R. G. Lewis, of Uttoxeter, and seconded by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton.

Three peal certificates were presented, viz., to William Bloor, Edward Cheadle and William Wade, jun., all of Longton. The presentation was made by Mr. William Wade, sen., former leader of Longton tower, who will complete his 50th year as a ringer next Easter.

The following new members were elected: E. Atkinson, of Newcastle, and W. Carter, H. Carter, T. Reeves and N. Holland, of Longton.

The chairman of the committee announced that he had got permission to use Tunstall bells on Wednesday nights for practising Surprise methods. The hon. secretary appeals to all ringers who have reached this stage of ringing to write to Mr. T. Hurd, Bethel House, Regent Street, Burslem, for further particulars.

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were visited. Mr. A. Linfield met the company at the last place, where touches of Cambridge Minor and Spliced Oxford and Kent were rung. Mr. Linfield later provided refreshments to a tired but contented party before they broke up to go their different ways.

The company wish to say 'Thank you' to the incumbents of the various towers visited, and to Messrs. Jeffries, Lawrence, Hilliard and Linfield for help and hospitality.

## ANOTHER PEAL AT QUEEN CAMEL.

### MISFORTUNES ON THE ROAD—SUCCESS IN THE TOWER.

Saturday, January 2nd, 1937, will not easily be forgotten by those who had the pleasure and privilege of ringing a peal on the finest and heaviest peal of six bells in the country. Apart from the actual performance itself, the incidents and misfortunes occasioned in getting to the village of Queen Camel and how they were surmounted are not uninteresting. The attempt came about thus: After three of the band had rung a peal at Hoar Cross, Staffordshire (tenor 30 cwt.), last September, the idea of attempting an eight-method peal at Queen Camel was suggested.



QUEEN CAMEL CHURCH, SOMERSET.

The tower contains the heaviest ring of six in the country.

The first step was a visit to the tower one Sunday in December by Messrs. R. G. Cross and A. P. Cannon, who travelled by motor-bike from Basingstoke. They were made very welcome by Mr. F. J. Reeves, the local captain, and permission for a peal was readily given. A date was suggested and the band got together. Saturday arrived at the end of a hectic week of last minute telegrams, postcards and telephone calls, mostly by A. P. C.!

The Rev. C. E. Wigg kindly took two of the band in his car, and Mr. Gordon Cross took Messrs. Cannon and Richards. A start was made from Reading at 10.30 for a journey of 95 miles or so. The two cars kept together as far as Andover. Just after that Mr. Wigg passed Gordon's car and was soon out of sight. Then our trouble began! Just outside Amesbury our car, which incidentally Gordon had hired for the day, refused to go another inch! Serious and expensive engine trouble had arisen, and the only thing to do was to 'phone' a garage and request a 'tow.' After a wait of some 30 minutes, the breakdown car arrived and the 'casualty' was towed into Amesbury. Time: 12.35 p.m. An inspection of the car revealed that it would take a week to repair the damage. There were no trains and no buses, and at 1 p.m. we were still 35 miles from our destination, at which we were due at 2 p.m.

The only thing to do was to hire a taxi at 6d. a mile. The taxi's return fare to be paid as well! The cost was 35s. The taxi was excellent and we arrived at Queen Camel at 2.25 p.m. Mr. Reeves met us at the church and the others of the band were waiting up in the tower.

A wedding was in progress, and when this was over the bells were pulled up and ropes adjusted, the 5th and tenor ropes having been taken up, before starting, on the wheel. Owing to the writer exerting too much strength on the 4th, when pulling it up, he broke the stay, and this again delayed us 30 minutes or so while Mr. Reeves kindly mended it with screws very efficiently.

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## METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS.

### FALLACY IN MR. G. BAKER'S REASONING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' dated November 27th last there appeared a letter from Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, asking the Methods Committee for a mathematical proof whether or not two given compositions were the same. The committee failed to rise to the bait, and four weeks later another letter from Mr. Baker attempts to explain why these two compositions are different. It would seem, therefore, that he did not really require the information, but merely wished to contradict the statement he expected the committee to make.

We, the undersigned, being two members of the Methods Committee, would like to give our own personal opinions on the subject and to point out to Mr. Baker the fallacy in his reasoning. Firstly, we wish to state as a fact that of the two compositions, one is the reverse of the other.

(1) and (2) below are the two compositions referred to, whilst (3) is (2) adapted for a method with an H lead end. It will be seen that in H and J methods the bobbing positions occur in the same order, but the course-end appears between O and F in the former and between I and O in the latter.

(1) H Method i.e. 5738264 (8ths)	(2) J Method i.e. 7856342 (8ths)	(3) H Method i.e. 5738264 (8ths)
23456 F I O	23456 O F I	23456 F I O
35426 — — —	63254 — — —	32654 — — —
23564 — — —	25346 — — —	53246 — — —
32465 — — —	34256 — — —	42356 — — —
63254 — — —	25463 — — —	25463 — — —
35264 — — —	35264 — — —	35264 — — —

Now, a comparison of the bob intervals shows that (3) is the reverse of (1), and nothing Mr. Baker may say can dispute it; and, since (2) and (3) are the same it follows that (2) also is the reverse of (1).

In conclusion, we would point out to Mr. Baker that in comparing two compositions for methods with 8th's place made at the lead end, it is best to take as the course-end the natural course-end after the 'Out' position in each course.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.  
STEPHEN H. WOOD.

## THE SEVENTY-METHOD MINOR PEAL.

The 'correction' made in our last issue to the 720 in 12 Alliance-Little methods was 'incorrect.' The fourth lead end should be 63524 (instead of 62534) and the bob should be retained.

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It was not until 3.55 p.m. that the peal was commenced. Incidentally the weights of these fine bells are not uninteresting:—

Treble: 8 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.  
2nd: 10 cwt. 9 lb.  
3rd: 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.  
4th: 20 cwt. 11 lb.  
5th: 26 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.  
Tenor: 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

None of the band had rung at the tower before, except Messrs. Cross and Cannon, who had only rung Doubles with the local company. The striking throughout the peal was most creditable and there was scarcely a mistake. Double Oxford coming No. 4 was rather hard work, and the writer was glad when that method was finished, with three-pull dodging and spapping four times in each course.

To single out any ringer as being especially competent would be most unfair. Everybody pulled their weight, and the conducting was most efficient. But special mention must be made of the member of the fair sex who rang the 2nd. She kindly took the place of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, laid up with flu, right at the last moment. She rang her bell faultlessly, with no mistakes and seemingly no effort. It is a splendid thing to say for the 'go' of the bell that she did not complain of any fatigue, and could easily have rung another 720. Not once did she 'clip' any of the bells, and never once did the bell 'drop.'

The bells came round at 7.28 p.m. and everyone was delighted. A pleasant hour in the Mildmay Arms was spent with the company of Mr. Reeves, and at 9 o'clock Messrs. Wigg, Golden and Richards and Miss Cross departed for home, arriving at Reading at 1.45 a.m. on Sunday. On the way they ran out of petrol which delayed them half an hour.

The only thing for Gordon and the writer to do was to stay the night at the Mildmay Arms and then catch the 10.54 a.m. train on Sunday back to Reading at an additional cost of 17s. So for a few weeks they will be 'on short commons'! But it was well worth all the trouble and expense.

Before closing, the band wish to thank Mr. F. J. Reeves for his unflinching help and courtesy to them, for giving them permission and meeting them at the tower and getting everything ready. The writer would also like to thank all the band for their valuable assistance in helping him to achieve his greatest six-bell ambition at the age of 23. Incidentally all the band were 'under 29,' their average age being just 25 years.

A. P. C.



## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. These bells go to any method.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 1937, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking. S. Nicolas' bells available 3.30 to 5.30.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea arranged at 1s. per head for all who inform Mr. J. Jollyes, The Cottage, School Lane, Broughton. Reports now ready.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (9d. each) at 5.30, at the Station Restaurant. A good meeting is earnestly desired, as Canon Hone, our hon. president, is leaving the district shortly. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Devizes, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5. St. Mary's and St. James' bells also available. For tea, please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual district meeting at Southampton on January 9th. Bells: St. Mary's from 2.30 and again after tea; Holy Rood, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's, after tea. Service St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea in Chantry Hall at 5.15 p.m. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 9th. The bells of St. Alkmund's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will commence at 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—George Freebrey, Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 9th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Appointment of hon. secretary takes place at this meeting, through the retirement of Mr. L. G. Tanner, who has held the position for ten years, but feels he cannot, through pressure of his business, undertake additional duties.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at Apsley End. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members are asked to attend this meeting.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission, at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells afternoon and after tea and meeting. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Bonnet's 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. H. Cole, 58, West Fen Road, Ely, Cambs, number for tea. Look up Major methods and come. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. A fine peal of bells to ring on and a welcome for every ringer. Tower secretaries are asked to bring subscriptions and names for 1937.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Old Chesterton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Please make the first meeting for 1937 a successful one.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute. Service 5 p.m. Wigan Branch specially invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m. All visitors welcome. Come and let us have a good start for 1937.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea and business at 4.45. Service at 6 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Metheringham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Central Cafe. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be at Ordsall (6) on January 9th. All who can handle a bell welcome. Roll up and make the first meeting in the new year a good one. Please send a card for tea to R. Fowler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 16th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Canon Coleridge. Meat tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket. Members of branch 1s., all others 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea tickets to be applied for by January 11th to W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Owing to the difficulty of arranging tea, it is most essential that names should be sent to Mr. J. H. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent, by Wednesday, January 13th. No postcard, no tea. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—Joseph Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, January 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Westminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m., and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8) after tea and meeting. — C. M. Meyer, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.15. Those hoping to be present for tea should notify me at least three days previously.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside Circular Drive, Chester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The fifth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 16th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, available from association officers and tower secretaries until January 10th. Ringing at Norwood Green and Heston in afternoon. District annual general meeting at Isleworth on February 6th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head; apply for same to undersigned not later than Wednesday previous. Ringing for one hour after, following business meeting. A good meeting requested.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 12th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Mole Brace, Shrewsbury.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. All welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Uppingham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Please notify for tea early to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells of Holy Sepulchre will be available from 2.30 p.m. The service will be held in this church. The address will be given by the Rev. Rowson. Election of officers. Names for tea to me please by Jan. 12th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Wisbech branch will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 until 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Friendship Hotel, price 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous. A hearty welcome given to all ringers.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

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**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, Jan. 16. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names, please, for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 13th, to J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells), on Jan. 16th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens) at 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. All those who intend to be present must send their names in to me by the 13th inst. This rule must be observed in order to help with the arrangements for tea.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting in Parish Rooms. An IMPORTANT meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at which all committee men are earnestly asked to be present.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Hinckley, by Wednesday previous.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Raunds (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me not later than Thursday, Jan. 14th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting and social afterwards.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Benwell (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Make it **your** business to attend and help us make a good start for 1937.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS'** Sixteenth Annual Dinner at the Cadena Café, Wine St., Bristol 1, on Saturday, Jan. 16th, 6 p.m. Bells of various churches available from 2 p.m. Afternoon trip to Bitton, Glos., for visitors (please apply) at 3 p.m. (free of cost by motor coach). Tea and bun at St. Thomas' Church Room, 3.45 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Dinner tickets, 4s. 6d., from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol 2.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. All members and friends will be welcome.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**WATFORD, Jan. 16th (Herts Association).**—Bells available from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea in the Old Free School 5.30. Train and coach service to High Street from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, City 4270.

**COSGROVE, NEAR BLETCHLEY.**—On Sunday, Jan. 17th, at 3 o'clock, the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the new treble of six installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Castle Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Full particulars will be advertised next week.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—The branch meets at Saxlingham Nethergate, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Method for practice: Double Coslany Court.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 6d., at 5.30 p.m. Names please to Thomas B. Worsley, 32, Castle Street, Bolton. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5.15 p.m.) at Darracott's Restaurant, West Street; business afterwards. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, 20th. Everybody welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch—St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme. Re-opening of the Birch 'Ring of Bells' (8), after reconstruction of the mechanism by Taylors, of Loughborough. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester has kindly consented to perform the ceremony and conduct a short service in the church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. All ringers and friends cordially welcome. A postcard from those desiring tea, 1s. each, will be appreciated, before Jan. 20th.—Rev. A. E. Horner, L.Th., Hon. C.F., The Rectory, Birch-in-Rusholme.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Important: Please send me numbers for tea not later than Friday, 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. The bells of Charminster, Fordington and Upwey available from 3 p.m. Kindly advise early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 26th Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Further particulars next week.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

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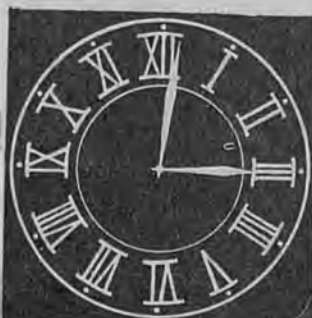
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