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THE OLDEST BELL

CAVERSFIELD, near Bicester, has the oldest dated bell in England. The story of this bell is told by Mr. Frederick Sharpe in the first part of 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' which has now left the printers. This will be a monumental work when completed, as this volume of 112 pages only embraces the towers from A to C. Its value is enhanced by the many illustrations and drawings, and the Oxfordshire Record Society, who are publishing the work for the benefit of their members and not the general public, are to be congratulated on securing such a knowledgeable author and practical ringer for the work. At the moment no copies are available for ringers.

The old bell of Caversfield is disused and cracked. It now hangs with its fittings of elm headstock and strap gudgeons in an oak frame on the ground floor of the church, and has been in that state since 1927. An attempt was made in 1874 to save the bell by having it quarter tuned, but this was too late to prevent the development of the crack. Had it been done a century or two earlier this disaster would not have happened.

While the actual date of its casting is not inscribed on the bell, its authenticity is well established. The inscription is in two parts. On the shoulder inscription band appears, in Latin, 'In honour of God and Saint Lawrence,' and above the sound bow appears: 'Hugh Gargate and Sibilla, his wife, had these bells erected.' Now, Hugh Gargate was Lord of the Manor of Caversfield in the first years of the 13th century, having inherited it from the father, Roger. He is mentioned in the Close Rolls for 1216; but in 1219 his wife is described in a deed published in Parochial Antiquities as 'Sybil de Kavarsfeld, widow of Hugh de Gargat.'

Characteristics of the Caversfield bell are as follows: Weight, 1 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.; principal dimensions, diameter 20½ inches, height from lip to crown 20½ inches, from top of crown to top of canons 5½ inches, top of crown to top of argent about 7 inches, and thickness of lips 2 inches. As to the lettering of the inscription, while it is mainly uniform, some letters, such as A, E and M, are Gothic in character. Owing to roughness in the casting other letters are badly formed. The inscription implies

that at least two bells were then given to the church by Hugh Gargate and his wife.

How was such a bell cast? Mr. Frederick Sharpe explains that in ancient times the 'core,' or inner mould, was constructed of stonework, plastered over with clay, shaped by a 'crook' or 'strickle,' to the inner dimensions of the bell and baked dry. On the finished core was built a full-size clay model of the bell, likewise shaped by means of a strickle, but to the outer dimensions, the inside of the model taking its shape from the core. On the model were placed in relief the inscriptions and mouldings as they were to appear on the bell. When dry, the model itself was coped with a sufficient thickness of clay to form the outer mould, or 'cope.' After drying, cope and model were lifted from the core, the model broken out and the cope replaced, leaving a cavity between the two moulds. The 'cap' or canon mould was fixed last, having in its top the hole through which the molten metal was to be poured.

A simple form of reverberatory furnace, often constructed in the churchyard, sufficed to melt the alloy of tin and copper, which, after the tapping of the furnace, was run by gravity to the mouth of the mould. Mr. Sharpe adds that it is often possible to trace fire-reddened stones in the masonry at or near the base of a church tower which may have formed part of a temporary furnace. To-day the moulds are made independently, without the use of a model; specially prepared loam takes the place of clay; inscriptions are impressed into the mould by means of stamps; steel cases are used in which to form the copes; and modern reverberatory furnaces and mechanically operated foundry ladles are employed.

A few bells of similar shape to the 13th century Caversfield bell are found in other counties, but the majority of these lack inscriptions or marks to prove their age. Mr. H. B. Walters noted a bell at Marton-cum-Grafton, Yorkshire, which he considered somewhat later in date than the Caversfield bell. These two bells are the only known examples in England of mediæval bells with inscriptions in Roman lettering. In Oxfordshire uninscribed bells of the same shape as Caversfield's are found at Kelmscott and Shifford.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN SCOTT	Treble	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	8
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN ...	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN ...	10
H. JAMES TURNER ...	5	HARRY PARKES ...	11
ALBERT WALKER ...	6	*FRANK E. HAYNES ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

* 200th peal together. In memoriam Harry Withers.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	Treble	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	2	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	8
H. JAMES TURNER ...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
HENRY H. FEARN ...	4	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	10
TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	5	HARRY PARKES ...	11
JAMES F. HARVEY ...	6	JOHN N. LONDON ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	2	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
JOHN PINFOLD ...	4	HENRY H. FEARN ...	10
ALBERT WALKER ...	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	6	*GEORGE E. FEARN ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* 600th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 Version.

Tenor 30½ in D.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND ...	Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER...	6
DAVID E. PARSONS ...	2	FRANK E. DARBY ...	7
JILL BRITAIN ...	3	TONY PRICE ...	8
ROYDON DAVIES ...	4	JOHN H. HUNT ...	9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ...	Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT ...	6
JOYCE A. ENGLAND ...	2	DAVID E. PARSONS ...	7
JILL BRITAIN ...	3	JOHN CHILCOTT ...	8
JOHN PHILLIPS ...	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ...	9
HERBERT LANGDON ...	5	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

A birthday compliment to Joyce A. England.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSEY ...	Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	5
FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	2	EDNA M. SILLS ...	6
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ...	7
JOHN L. MORRIS ...	4	REGINALD L. SILLS ...	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
First in the method as conductor.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ...	5
ERNEST J. KING ...	2	†SIDNEY A. PAICE ...	6
*AUDREY M. TROTT ...	3	LEONARD STILWELL ...	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	4	†CECIL DENVER ...	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal. † First peal for 20 years.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

G. DULCIE ROBINSON ...	Treble	FRANK TAYLOR ...	5
WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ...	6
JOHN E. ALLEN ...	3	JOHN G. AMES ...	7
GEORGE R. DAWSON ...	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

In memoriam Ferris Cleveland Royce, hon. member of the Elloes Deaneries Branch.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 640 London, 320 each of New Gloucester, Bristol, Wodsworth, Eastcote, Rutland, Wembley, Lindum, Norfolk, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 160 each of Watford, Uxbridge, Pudsey, Langley, Hitchin and Superlative, with 139 changes of method. No. 4 Arrangement.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	Treble	ALAN R. PINK ...	5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ...	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	6
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS...	7
MARIE R. CROSS ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. FITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 18 methods by all the band.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN ...	Treble	GEORGE CASE ...	5
*NESTA GARDINER ...	2	LESLIE BARRY ...	6
WILLIAM RITCHINGS ...	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ...	7
CHARLES JEFFRIES ...	4	CHARLES LARNER ...	Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. Mr. John J. Jefferies has now completed 50 years as a ringer.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER <i>Treble</i>	KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 5
*CYRIL H. KINCH ... 2	ERIC NOBLES ... 6
EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 3	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 7
GEORGE F. BURTON ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
*First peal of Treble Bob.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

C. W. H. POWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN MALLETT ... 5
*J. LEONARD GLYDE ... 2	*JOSEPH T. BARRETT ... 6
ROGER KEELEY ... 3	†ARTHUR J. SCOTT ... 7
HENRY G. KEELEY ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
*First peal of Major. †First peal on eight bells.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
*First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT ... 6
JOHN WHEADON ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JAMES W. EDEN ... 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

A compliment to John Wheadon, aged 78.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carters' Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 2	GEORGE W. PIPE ... 6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 3	FRANK WILLIS-BETTS ... 7
CECIL W. PIPE ... 4	WILLIAM LAST ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

*100th peal. A birthday compliment to William Last.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5800 CHANGES;
G.C.C. 40. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

*DOUGLAS ROOKE ... <i>Treble</i>	FRED FLINT ... 5
HAROLD DENMAN ... 2	HERBERT ROOKE ... 6
HARRY BARNES ... 3	*FRANK BRADLEY ... 7
*DONALD CHADWICK ... 4	FREDK. J. JACKSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by FREDK. J. JACKSON.
*First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Longest peal by all except third. Longest by the Guild. First peal of Major by the North Notts Branch.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM G. COOK ... <i>Treble</i>	†WILLIAM PACKER ... 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 6
*DAVID BEVERIDGE ... 3	JACK DAFTERS ... 7
†RALPH BIRD ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
*First peal in the method 'inside.' †100th peal. †First peal in the method. To celebrate the engagement of Mr. William Packer to Miss B. E. Lee.

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

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*N. DAVID LANE ... <i>Treble</i>	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5
MURIEL REAY ... 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
IAN W. G. FULFORD ... 3	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER.

*First peal on tower bells. First peal as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

TOM GRIFFITHS ... <i>Treble</i>	RALPH HARRIS ... 5
MARGARET ROWLANDS ... 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	PATRICK HARRIS ... 7
FREDK. G. NURDEN ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PATRICK HARRIS.

First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. F. J. Johnson, who was interred at the above church the same day.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. DEBENHAM <i>Treble</i>	ROY WEBB ... 5
HORACE E. WERRETT ... 2	*EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 6
JACK S. DEAR ... 3	EDWIN G. BUCK ... 7
*GEORGE CHERRY ... 4	FRANK W. CROFT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.
*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the Oxford Variation by all the band except by the treble and tenor men. A birthday compliment to George Cherry.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

*ALBERT RELFE ... <i>Treble</i>	F. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
*LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 4	*FRANK H. HICKS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
*25th peal together. In honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kitchenside (January 12th). Fastest peal of Major on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ALEXANDER J. WEBSTER <i>Treble</i>	†FRANK VARTY ... 5
*JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	†ERIC J. GILBERT ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
*First touch of Bristol. †First peal of Bristol. †100th peal. A welcome to Rev. E. A. Lee, who was inducted on December 16th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
ANTHONY E. COX 2	DAVID COX 6
JOHN D. KAPE 3	WALTER LEE 7
ARTHUR NEWTON 4	A. REGINALD BLABY ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb.

JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... Treble	IVAN KAY 5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 2	VERNON SYKES 6
DEREK OGDEN 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOK ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by P. H. TOCOK.

First in the method on the back eight. Farewell to the Rev. G. Abbot (curate) and a welcome to his successor.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt.

*JUNE HENSHAW ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	ALAN A. POTTS 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOHN WORTH 7
PETER LAFLIN 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

STAPLEHURST, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 21½ cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MANER ... 5
EDNA M. SILLS 2	PETER C. WRIGHT 6
LUTHER J. HONESS ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT 7
JOHN T. MEDHURST ... 4	ALBERT HONESS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERNBURGH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY W. HOWARD ... Treble	HAROLD WORRELL 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY PARKER 7
DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK ... 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

A birthday compliment to C. Raddon.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BENISTON ... Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL 5
RICHARD MANTON 2	HAROLD MARCON 6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 3	*HORACE MYATT 7
JAMES BOWLEY 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 6th.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN F. ATKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5
*EVELYN FLETCHER ... 2	JOHN N. LINDON 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
JOHN E. EATON 4	THEODORE RUSSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Withers.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MONICA DAVIS ... Treble	*FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 5
LESLIE EVANS 2	*REGINALD T. JONES ... 6
†AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 3	GEORGE DAVIS 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor. A farewell peal to the Vicar, Preb. A. Wynne-Thomas, on his retirement.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK S. CHENEY ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
ELIZABETH FAULKNAIR ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to Herrick B. Bowley.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

GEORGE W. MOODY ... Treble	*HARRY HALL 5
*RONALD CHAFER 2	ARTHUR CROWDER 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	GEORGE DOBBS 7
JACK BRAY 4	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal on eight bells. In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALAN JACQUES ... Treble	STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	BRIAN AUSTIN 6
JILL POOLE 3	*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 4	NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. MCCRUM.

* 150th peal. First peal as conductor.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD ... Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 7
CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kitchenside.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

VERNON SYKES	Treble	DAVID VINCENT	5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	2	*IVAN KAY	6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
ALAN J. BROWN	4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCCK...Tenor	

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
* 100th peal.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS E. DAVIS... ..	Treble	*LEONARD H. BOWLER... ..	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE... ..	7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* 100th peal. This is the first peal in the method by all the band and by the Association.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF REVERSE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

BRIAN HARRIS	Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	R. GORDON CORBY	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*JOHN SAVAGE	Treble	*JAMES EDGAR	5
*WILLIAM PRATT	2	*NAT. SAVAGE	6
*JOHN PALMER	3	*JAMES LEWIS (15)	7
*JOHN T. DUNWOODY	4	HARRY BROWN	Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

AUDREY A. TIMMS	Treble	*NORMAN PURNELL	5
JACK R. WORRALL	2	*ERIC G. TAYLOR	6
MARY I. KENNELLY	3	†CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN	7
GEOFFREY BEYNON	4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... Tenor	

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on tower bells. The
first peal of Major for the society. A wedding compliment to Miss
Dorothy T. Richardson and Mr. Ralph S. Gardiner.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*PAMELA A. COLLIS	Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	5
HERBERT COLCOMBE	2	†JAMES A. BRENT	6
PATRICK PAGE	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
JOHN W. MEADE	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor	

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

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On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GRAHAM LEWIS Treble	*JOHN G. HEATH 4
ALFRED OWEN 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES 5
EDWARD W. COLLEY 3	*RAYMOND HUMPHREYS... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

* First peal.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) London and Wells, (2) Double Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double and Single Oxford Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 4
†J. MICHAEL STEVENS ... 2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	†CLIFFORD IZZARD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* 100th peal together. † First peal in more than seven methods.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*KILBY R. HOLTOM ... Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 4
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2	BRIAN AUSTIN ... 5
RONALD C. NOON ... 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 70th peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to Mr. K. R. Holtom (36) and to Mr. A. P. Cannon (37).

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ROBERT J. GROVE ... Treble	*RONALD A. CUMMINS ... 4
EDGAR C. BELSON ... 2	†PERCY J. DYKE ... 5
*ROBERT F. HOPE ... 3	A. JOHN PINCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. DYKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal as conductor.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN P. MORRIS ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2	ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*KATHLEEN STREETON ... Treble	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ... 4
FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 2	HENRY J. CLOXTON ... 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 3	*CHARLES J. COPP ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PERRY ... Treble	FRANK C. MAY ... 4
DONALD COOMBS ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
MRS. C. G. WOODGATE ... 3	GERALD FROST ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

RONALD D. SHORT ... Treble	*FREDK. W. SWEET ... 4
*MARJORIE LEGG ... 2	*WILFRED R. KENT ... 5
*CECIL CLARKE ... 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

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

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

COLIN HALL ... Treble	PETER HALLAM ... 3
GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	FREDERICK WATSON ... 4

JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS FRITH ... Treble	LEONARD P. WILSON ... 4
FREDK. T. CARFORD ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 5
*ROY S. WILSON ... 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal 'inside.'

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALAN ELSMORE ... Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 4
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

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

WORTHEN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GRAHAM LEWIS ... Treble	JOHN G. HEATH ... 4
CHARLES E. OVERTON ... 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES ... 5
EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 3	JOHN COLLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

First peal on the bells. For the 100th anniversary of the bells.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160 (C.C.C. 152) and four 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

JACK R. WORRELL ... Treble	LEONARD I. HULBERT ... 4
THOS. T. YEOMANS ... 2	WILLIAM H. DARE ... 5
FRED J. BAILEY ... 3	ROBERT E. COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRELL.

The first peal of Kent Minor by all the band except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 20 six-scores and eleven 240's. Tenor 12 cwt.
*FREDERICK H. JACKSON *Treble* | †KEITH S. BRYDER... 4
SIDNEY A. ANSELL ... 2 | RAYMOND P. WOOD, JUN. 5
†BARRY W. M. COWPER 3 | ERNEST TREAGUS ... Tenor
Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD, JUN.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. H. Oswald.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARWENNE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN DOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.
ROBERT J. HICKS ... *Treble* | CHARLES E. TAYLOR ... 4
ALBERT E. BISSAT ... 2 | CHARLES SANGWIN ... 5
ALAN J. HICKS ... 3 | FREDERICK SANGWIN ... Tenor
Conducted by FREDERICK SANGWIN.
First peal of Minor on the bells. A farewell compliment to Alan J. Hicks, who is joining the R.A.F. A birthday compliment to Charles E. Taylor. Rung by an all-local band.

PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor and three 720's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
FRANK H. HICKS... *Treble* | WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 4
*REV. P. J. BOULSOVER... 2 | C. JOHN PIPER ... 5
†COLIN E. VERDON ... 3 | †E. GAVIN D. TONKIN ... Tenor
Conducted by E. GAVIN D. TONKIN.
* First peal in three Minor methods. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 250th peal. A 15th birthday compliment to John Piper.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Wavertree and College, (2) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Double Oxford and Thelwall; 84 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*STANLEY G. ELSEY ... *Treble* | WALLACE COUSINS ... 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING... 2 | †ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
†JOHN FOX ... 3 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Minor in more than one method. First peal of Spliced Minor by all and for the Ely Association.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,200 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob, 1,200 Canterbury and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*ROBERT GILSON ... *Treble* | *BERYL TYLER ... 4
CYRIL TYLER ... 2 | HAROLD T. BONSHOR ... 5
DENNIS TOON ... 3 | CHAS. ED. COOPER ... Tenor
Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.
* First peal. First peal on the newly augmented six. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to William Charles Trevor Fox (20), a regular ringer at Somerby, who was buried on January 10th.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).
*EDWIN C. ATYEO ... *Treble* | *SIDNEY WHITE ... 4
FREDA M. POOLE ... 2 | WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 5
RONALD WHITE ... 3 | ALBERT S. ATYEO ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal.

(More peals on p. 77.)

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remained its proprietor and editor until his
death in 1942.*

Congratulations to Wm.
J. Button on reaching his
100th peal; this was rung
at Debenham on December 27th. Also to Ralph
Bird at Eynsford on January 7th, Eric J.
Gilbert at Newchurch, Lancs, Ivan Kay at
Saddleworth, Yorks, and Leonard H. Bowler
at Willesden.

Mr. Francis R. Lowe has 'circled' Ockbrook,
Derbyshire, tower.

All tickets have been sold for the Henry
Johnson dinner.

Wrighton bells will form the background to
the broadcast on February 5th to the 'Week's
Good Cause' on the West Regional.

The peal of Spliced Minor in 11 methods at
Terrington St. John, Norfolk, was accomplished
at the fourth attempt. Previous ones failed
half-way through the fifth 720 and in the last
120 changes of the sixth 720.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Hughen-
den, Bucks, on January 7th, was specially
rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David
Cox. He also took part in the peal. Also by
ringing the tenor to the same peal Mr. A.
Reginald Blaby has now 'circled' the tower.

The University of London Society of Change
Ringers in 1948 rang peals of London Surprise
Major and Little Bob Royal. In the Analysis
Table they appear as 'Unattached,' as they
have not a direct Central Council representa-
tive.

Hampshire seems to lead the way with lady
ringers, Mr. George Pullinger, Master of the
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, informed
the Christchurch annual district meeting. The
late Mrs. George Williams was the first lady
to ring a handbell bell, Miss Alice White the
first lady to ring a tower-bell peal, and now
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay the first lady to accom-
plish 100 peals in a year.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. H. Birks, who
rang his 25th peal at
Buckley, Flintshire, on
Jan. 14th, rang his first peal, on the treble to
Grandsire, on May 31st, 1948. Since then, with
the exception of one other peal of Grandsire
'inside,' no peal has been repeated.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Whitworth,
Lancs, on January 3rd, was conducted by Mr.
Allan Smith and not Mr. James Taylor as
stated in our last issue.

Correction.—The name of the bridegroom in
the footnote to the peal of Stedman at Whittle-
le-Woods should have read Walter Mansley.
Apologies for the error.—E.R.M.

Aldridge, Staffs, band, who rang a peal of
Plain Bob Doubles on January 7th, with the
exception of the conductor, could not ring by
ropesight until last September. The band is
now practising for a peal of Plain Bob Minor.

The officers of the Midland Counties Guild
opened 1949 with a peal and had hoped to
complete the year with a peal on December
31st. At the last moment the chairman had
to withdraw owing to his wife's indisposition.
Mr. P. W. Grice deputised for him at short
notice.

The late Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple
Hayes, Lichfield, who left £1,469,006 gross
(death duties £1,092,325), bequeathed £200 to
the rector and churchwardens of Netherseal
for the upkeep of the tower, bells and belfry,
and £150 for ringing the curfew bell 101 times
each evening. The executors have informed
the Rector that it is not likely, on account
of the heavy death duties, that the setting
up of a trust for ringing the curfew will be
practicable. To the following bellringer friend
he left £25 each: E. W. Beadmoore, Ashby-
de-la-Zouch; John Hough, Burton-on-Trent;
and Herbert Hurdman.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Resignation of Mr. G. W. Steere as Secretary

Hon. Secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths since 1928, Mr. George W. Steere tendered his resignation of the office at the annual meeting of the Society at St. Martin's Hall on January 21st. He is remaining in office as treasurer.

Mr. George Cross, the veteran Master, was in the chair, supported by the Rev. Charles Edwards (Vicar of St. Martin's), Mr. G. W. Steere and Mr. Peter N. Bond (assistant secretary). The congratulations of the company were voiced to the Master on his recovery from his operation, but Mr. Cross had to admit that he was not yet fit for ringing. He thanked those people who wrote to him and made enquiries while he was away from home.

The accounts were presented by Mr. Steere, which showed that the balance from 1948 was £35 19s. 2d., and the year concluded with a balance of £78 19s. 8d. cash in bank and £20 in hand. Subscriptions from 40 new members totalled £10. The accounts were approved, subject to audit, on the proposition of Mr. E. Barnett.

The secretary reported that it had not been an exceptional year, but from the peals point of view it had been a good year with 11 peals, including one of 10 different Surprise methods, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by a band of ladies, Cambridge Maximus conducted by Mr. Cross, Stedman Cinqus at Reading and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

During the year they had lost their oldest member in Mr. George Williams and another old friend in Mr. Robert Warner, who was responsible for casting many bells, including those of Shoreditch. The Exercise had suffered a great loss by the death of Canon Coleridge.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were elected: Miss Jean Durrant (Uckfield), Miss Mary Walshaw (Manchester), Miss Jill Brierley (Winslow, Cheshire), Mr. Frank J. Matthews (son of two esteemed members), Mr. John A. Hilton (Broadstairs), Mrs. Hawthorne (Thames Ditton), Messrs. Michael Denham, John Hill and Alfred Patten (Erith), Miss Margaret Addison (Thornaby, Yorks) and Mr. Eric Naylor (Rainham). There were also three ratifications—Miss Eileen Arthur, Miss Joyce Cox (Southampton) and Miss J. Askew (Osterley).

NO INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION.

Miss P. Holmes introduced the question of increasing the membership subscription from 5s. to 7s. 6d. Immediately a discussion ensued on the eligibility of most of those present to vote in view of the Society's rule: 'At any annual meeting no member shall be allowed to vote on matters of finance unless he or she has paid in steepleage the sum of 2s. in the previous year.'

Mr. Matthews argued that it was not a matter of voting money out of the Society, but into the Society. This view was eventually accepted and all members present were allowed to vote.

The resolution to increase the subscription was moved by Miss Pat Holmes and seconded by Mr. Frank G. W. Knight. The resolution had only 14 supporters and was heavily defeated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. George Cross was re-elected Master, and, in returning thanks, said he was afraid he would not be able to do much for a while, but with their help they would get through the year.

Mr. G. W. Steere announced that he was unable to continue as secretary, in view of pressure of work. He was prepared to continue as hon. treasurer and to stand behind the new secretary.

Mr. Frank Hawthorne voiced the appreciation of the Society to Mr. Steere for his past services and proposed the election of Mr. Peter Bond. This was seconded by Mr. T. Bevan and carried unanimously. Mr. Steere was then elected hon. treasurer.

Other officers elected were Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. Paul Winterton, trustees; Mr. Tom Bevan, senior steward; Mr. Frank Hawthorne, junior steward; Mr. Tom Francis and Mrs. Deal, auditors.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Mr. Steere reported that on the last dinner there was a deficit of £1 4s. 6d.

Mrs. Davis proposed that an annual dinner be held on the second Saturday in October at the Old Bell, Holborn. This was agreed to and the dinner committee was reappointed.

Mr. Geoffrey Carter's opinion that the paid artistes be dispensed with and that the company rely for their entertainment on their own talent was accepted.

Meetings for the coming year and suggested dates were: Luton, April 29th; Westerham, July 22nd, Burnham or Bray, September 23rd. A meeting might also be arranged at Guildford.

Mr. T. Francis announced that he would be unable to attend the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne at Whitsun, and tendered his resignation as a member of the Council. Mr. Frank Hawthorne was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Davis said she understood that the Society had not a gavel. She had pleasure in presenting one to the Society which was among her late husband's possessions. The Master thanked Mrs. Davis for her gift.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields for his continued interest in the Society. The Vicar had suggested that the windows on three sides of the tower be blocked up to reduce the sound from the bells to neighbouring houses, leaving open those facing Trafalgar Square.

Miss Lidbetter agreed to represent the Society on the following Saturday at Finchley at the dedication of the memorial bell to the late Mr. C. T. Coles.

Previous to the meeting there was ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and the big company present enjoyed the excellent tea arrangements that were made.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EASTBOURNE

The Central Council meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Whit Tuesday, May 30th. All members have been advised by post of hotel accommodation. If any member has not received a copy please communicate with the hon. secretary.

The Imperial Hotel is the headquarters. Any ringer who is not a member of the Council, but who wishes to visit Eastbourne at Whitsun, may have a list of holiday accommodation, published by Eastbourne Publicity Department, on application to the hon. secretary, G. W. Fletcher, White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth.

Will secretaries of affiliated societies please note that the affiliation fee is now due.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' the answer to Question No. 5 of Kewsett's Christmas Quiz—'Which English county town has only a ring of six bells?'—is given as St. Lawrence's, Appleby, Westmorland.

May I point out that Brentford, which is the county town of Middlesex, also has only a ring of six bells, and, oddly enough, the church here too is dedicated to St. Lawrence.—Yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN M. LOCK.

North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.

[In awarding the prizes, Brentford was taken into consideration as an answer.—Editor.]

Royal Exchange Chimes

NOW ELECTRICALLY OPERATED.

The old hand-wound weight driven chiming mechanism in the tower of the Royal Exchange in the City of London, which has been out of commission since 1939, has now been replaced by electrically operated equipment. The new equipment was officially inaugurated on Jan. 20th by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Fredk. Rowland.

A more or less normal clock mechanism, with a series of bells which are over 100 years old, is used to chime each hour, half hour and quarter hour. In addition, a motor-driven chime can be used at will to play a series of tunes on the bells, of which there are 13 altogether. This is operated by a cylindrical drum or barrel which turns slowly through gearing from an electric motor of 1/30th h.p. The exact tune played is determined by a number of spikes or projections on the cylinder, very similar to those on the barrel in a musical box or barrel organ.

As the barrel revolves, the projections close electrical contacts causing steel rods to move and hammers to strike the bells in the tower above. Each hammer is at once returned to the striking position by means of a compressed air mechanism. The compressed air is supplied at 45 pounds square inch from a compressor driven by a 2½ h.p. motor. Sufficient projections are provided on a barrel to enable four different tunes to be played, but the repertoire can be extended in a few minutes by changing to another barrel.

In another chamber above is the clock mechanism. This is gravity-driven by means of a falling weight which is wound up at intervals by an electric motor. Associated with the clock mechanism is a number of mercury switches and relays which provide for the compressor starting up to fill an air vessel, before another motor starts which drives the barrel.

The modernisation of the mechanism and the retuning of the bells have been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The work is somewhat of an achievement because of the confined space in the tower and the narrow winding staircase leading to it. This necessitated the equipment being built and tested at the works, after which it was dismantled, transported to and carried up the tower, where it had again to be reassembled and tested.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWARK DISTRICT.

About fifty members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Newark District on January 21st. Ringing on the Cathedral bells ranged from rounds to Double Norwich, but the standard of striking was rather low owing to most of those present being unfamiliar with these unusual ringing chamber conditions. The wide spacing of the ropes and the obstruction caused by the 'cage' thoroughly tested the ropelight of the large number of young ringers present.

After tea the Provost apologised for his leaving, and Mr. R. T. Vessey deputised in the chair. At the business meeting which followed the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. R. T. Vessey; hon. district secretary, Mr. P. N. White; Ringing Master, Mr. A. E. Chilton; committee, Mr. F. Vernon, Mr. H. Closton.

Mr. J. W. Raithby, the retiring district secretary, presented his report, which was approved, there being a net gain of 10 members during the year. He excused his retirement by pointing out that he also had on his hands the general secretaryship, and his burden would be reduced if a separate district secretary was appointed. Twelve new members were elected.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Provost for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. Pickard for carrying out the excellent tea arrangements.

Midland Counties Guild

ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT.

The fourth annual meeting of the Guild was held at Repton, when a good muster of ringers and friends attended. This historic town lies in South Derbyshire, situated on rising ground above the Trent, and the church, dedicated to St. Wystan, with its tall slender spire, 210ft. high, is a feature of the Trentside landscape.

Most of the fabric of the church was rebuilt about 1340, but the chancel of the old building was retained. Beneath this is a unique Saxon crypt, which has always been regarded as a remarkable example of ancient Saxon work.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 under the supervision of Mr. B. G. Key (Ringing Master), and touches in various methods were rung before the Rev. J. G. Pope (Vicar of Ticknall), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Repton, conducted a short service, giving an inspiring address from the text, 'There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them.' Miss Noble (a Repton ringer) was at the organ.

Later in the Court Room the company were entertained by the local ringers to an excellent tea.

The annual business meeting followed, with Mr. W. H. Curson in the chair. One honorary and three ringing members were elected members of the Guild. The yearly report was presented by the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), who stated 10 meetings had been held and 63 peals rung. Noteworthy peals were the officers' peal of Bob Major at Repton on January 1st, the non-residents' 13.024 changes of Bristol Surprise Major at Gilmorton on September 17th, and the peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's, Burton, on December 3rd, rung by members of St. Paul's Society.

The treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) presented the statement of accounts, which showed a deficit of £15 6s. 6d. owing to the purchase of 500 Guild certificates, an item of expenditure which would not recur again for many years.

Election of officers for 1950 was as follows: President, Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert, Archdeacon of Derby; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. S. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Miss R. Hemmings, Messrs. E. W. Beadsmoore, W. F. Woodward and W. G. Soar.

It was agreed to alter three of the meeting dates on the rota system in order to avoid overlapping with the Derbyshire Association.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, in particular to the Rev. J. G. Pope and the local ringers for their kindness and generosity.

On returning to the tower, Mr. B. G. Key (Ringing Master) ably catered for all tastes of ringing that brought out the beauty of this very fine octave.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Mold on January 14th, attended by members from Rhyl, Buckley, Hawarden, Wrexham, Gresford, Holt and the local ringers.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Thomas, who gave the members a cordial welcome to Mold, and wished them good luck and a good meeting, and said how much their services were appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, and presided over by Mr. S. Birks, mention was made of the serious illness of Mr. J. Randles, Gresford, and the secretary was asked to convey to him the sympathy of the members and wish him a speedy recovery.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holt on April 15th, subject to permission being obtained.

The business concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Kent Minor.

A Century-Maker of 1949



MR. ALFRED BALLARD,

Ringing Master of the Hinckley District and a representative of the Diocesan Guild on the Central Council, who rang 118 peals in 1949. He never missed a meeting of his district during the year.

GLOUCESTER RINGERS' DINNER:

On January 14th, after a lapse of several years, the Gloucester Branch met at the Saracens Head Hotel, Gloucester, for their annual dinner. Under the chairmanship of the Rev. de Lacy Mann, of Brockworth, who himself is a ringer, 36 ringers, including visitors from Wotton-under-Edge and Cheltenham, with their friends, sat down in anticipation of a good evening.

An excellent dinner put the whole party in the right spirit to let themselves go, and between the various toasts entertainment was provided by three friends on the piano, dialect and guitar. The party joined in community singing. No such evening would be complete without a touch on the handbells, so a short touch of Grandsire Triples was tapped out by four of the regular band of ringers, but they declined to show their paces in tune playing. It was a very merry party that joined in the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.' It was unanimously voted a successful event, with the express wish that it was the forerunner of many more. Responsible for the evening's arrangements were Mr. H. Newman, Mr. L. Barry and Mr. C. C. Lerner.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Members of the Chew Deanery Branch attended the dedication of a peal board in All Saints' tower, Long Ashton, on January 14th. The peal board is of solid natural oak with letters in gold leaf recording the peal rung on February 18th, 1949, commemorating the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Yeo.

After several touches on the bells a service was held, when the board was dedicated by the Vicar of Long Ashton (the Rev. H. W. Knapman). Tea followed in the Church House, when Mr. G. Yeo thanked the donors for providing such a splendid memento of the occasion. The tower was again visited and various methods rung during the evening.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

There was a large gathering at the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch on Jan. 14th. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. M. Clarke), who gave a short address, and the branch organist, Mr. E. J. Holloway, was at the organ. The collection, amounting to £2 2s. 1d., was for the Guild Restoration Fund.

Eighty ringers and friends were present at tea. The Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen presided at the business meeting. The branch secretary, Mr. A. Bigley (Irthlingborough), reported a balance in hand of £4 16s. 7d.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby, and a summer meeting at Yardley Hastings.

New ringing members elected were: The Rev. J. P. Bryant, Basil Shives, John Manning, Robert Mole, Miss Valerie Maycock, Miss Hilary Leach, Irchester; Miss D. Hacksley and Mr. W. Sidwell (Wellingborough); Mrs. Morris, Brian Rollings, P. W. Craven (Stanwick). Honorary members elected were: The Rev. M. M. Clark (Wellingborough), Mrs. J. King (Wellingborough) and Mrs. A. Bigley (Irthlingborough).

The Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen (Vicar of Wollaston) was elected branch president. Other officers were re-elected.

A vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. W. G. Callis (Ringing Master).

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET

For the first time this century the custom of ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New was celebrated in Piddlehinton. For many years—estimates given are 55-70 years—the bells have been silent, but early last summer they were completely restored and augmented to six.

During the last evening of the Old Year the bells were rung open for about an hour, and at 11.30 they sounded out half-muffled. After the hour of midnight had been tolled on the tenor, the New Year was greeted with 20 minutes of open ringing.

With the assistance of a Guild instructor, the ringers taking part were: Miss Dorothy Walden (13), I. Read (14), B. Cheeseman (15), F. C. Davis, T. Jeanes, G. Lord, R. Walden and W. Tatchell, the last named having just recommenced ringing after a lapse of 50 years. With the exception of Messrs. Walden and Tatchell and the instructor, all the ringers have learnt to handle a bell within the last few months, so only rounds and call changes were possible, but all are determined that 1950 shall be honoured at its passing with a '720,' rung by all locals.

If any ringer has a record of the last time these bells were rung, the information would be gratefully received. Also concerning a tablet in the ringing chamber which states that 'On Christmas morning, 1820, a peal was rung in 4 hours 2 minutes.' It hardly seems possible that there was a change ringing band at Piddlehinton at that date, and in any case the time seems very long for a 5,040 with a tenor of about 12½ cwt. E.T.P.F.

DEDICATION

DITTISHAM, DEVON.

The ring of six (tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.) at Dittisham, Devon, has now been rehung with modern fittings in a new cast-iron 'A' type framework by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon. Nos. 3, 4 and 5 were found to be badly cracked and have been recast and the whole ring put into absolute tune.

The rededication service was held on Nov. 23rd, and the ceremony performed by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. Many ringers were present and the firm were congratulated on doing a first-class job.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPEED OF FOUNDRY PEALS

Dear Sir,—Personally, I think it would have been wiser if you had blue pencilled Mr. Andrews' letter in last week's issue. If he had rung with the band he would not have questioned their ability to ring fast and well. These bells are not heard by the outside public and ringers consequently can go at the pace they desire. In a church tower speed must always be secondary to good striking and studying the interest of the general public.

In 1913 it took us 3 hours 41 minutes to ring a peal of Triples at the foundry; in these days, no doubt, if you took 2 hours 30 minutes they would think you had a sleep on the way.

One more record for the Leicester friends to lower, Stedman Triples 'in hand,' 1 hour 44 minutes, December 11th, 1911, with an umpire. —Yours sincerely, A. H. PULLING, Guildford.

FOUR PEALS IN A DAY

Dear Sir,—In your issue of January 6th you stated that four peals in a day have only been rung on two occasions before the latest achievement by the Leicester Guild. My brother, Mr. R. Howard, of 2, Flint Cottages, Church End, Barley, near Royston, Herts, rang four peals in a day. He also took part in the 18,144 Bob Major at Benington, Herts, on June 3rd, 1933, which, I think, is still the longest peal of Bob Major.

The peal of Bob Minor at Christ Church, Mitcham, was not my first peal of Minor. I rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Barley, Herts, on August 23rd, 1928.—Yours faithfully, S. HOWARD. Colliers Wood, S.W.19.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I would like to second the letter of Mr. Barnett in the issue of January 20th re peals of Stedman. I have been partial to Surprise peals myself, chiefly because they offer a greater and more complex variety than other classes of methods, but coming back to Stedman is like dropping back to plain beef after a surfeit of rich food, it never palls! Some wonderful performances have been accomplished by bands in the line of Cheshire, Birmingham, Leicester and Lincoln, but there is a bigger job yet to be done which has been waiting accomplishment for 44 years.

And it is only Triples! Seven men to ring the method, and a tenor man. In fact, just the thing for the Ladies' Guild to do and outshine the men, as it only requires a light eight and only a 5,040. Or those cerebral giants, the Universities Association?

I refer to Scientific Triples, by John Carter, published in 'The Bell News' of July 21st, 1906. The band who ring this will, in my opinion, have accomplished the acme of mental effort in bellringing, any branch or numbers. So, my multi-Surprise method friends, here is a challenge for you, something that really requires thorough chewing before you can digest it, if ever! I consider any attempt should have a competent umpire.—Yours sincerely, Bushey, Herts. M. F. R. HIBBERT.

A LEEDS PEAL?

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession Benjamin Thackrah's book on change ringing, printed in 1852.

It contains the list of names as stated below. Is this a peal band, with a peal of Kent recorded at Leeds? After six of the names appear strokes or dashes, probably indicating peals rung.—Yours sincerely, St. Albans. G. W. CARTMEL.

Leeds peal, Kent, 1864: Treble, Richard Gibbs; 2, Abm. Salmon; 3, L. Tomlinson; 4, C. Wood; 5, R. Barnett; 6, C. Hobbs; 7, Wm. Stone; 8, Alfred Burke; 9, Solomon Haigh; tenor, Ernest Mears (25 cwt.).

PEALS AND VISITORS

Dear Sir,—I was reminded, on reading the account of the Irish peal on page 28 of your issue of January 13th, of a similar incident that happened when I was ringing the tenor to a peal of Grandire Doubles some time ago.

On that occasion while we were ringing the church had perforce to remain open and the ringing chamber was on the ground floor, open to the church.

The church in question is a perfect gem and in consequence had many visitors. The summer evening on which we rang the peal was no exception and several persons came in. These persons, quite naturally, began talking in a normal voice. This prompted the conductor of the peal to shout, in a very rude manner, I thought, at them to stop talking.

I don't know what these visitors thought of us and ringers in general, but I do know that they immediately left the church not to return.

In conclusion I would like to ask is the gaining of a peal sufficiently important for persons to be driven from the house of God by people who are supposed to be its servants? I sincerely hope that the ringers of the Irish peal apologised handsomely for the manner in which they treated the local ringers, who were, after all, in their ignorance of peals and peal ringers, only attempting to welcome visitors to their church and refresh them with cake.—Yours faithfully, A. JAMES VINCENT. Tuckingmill, Cornwall.

PEALS AND SERVICE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I suggest a way to end the occasional unpleasantness about peal ringing? It is that the incumbent, when asked for permission for an attempt for a peal on his bells, shall ask the applicant for an assurance that all taking part in it are regular Sunday service ringers. This, I think, might discourage 'peal grabbers' and encourage peal ringers.

I am not a peal ringer, but ring for Sunday services, and have no objection to peal ringing as such. Also I consider Grandire, Stedman and the simpler methods, well struck, sound far better than fancy higher methods indifferently rung—I am, yours, etc., 'FAIR DO'S.'

Oxfordshire.

[Probably 98 per cent. of those who ring peals are Sunday service ringers.—Editor.]

A NEW SOMERSET COMPANY

Dear Sir,—The bells of St. Julian's, Wellow, near Bath, have been out of action for 40 years, due to the ravages of the death-watch beetle, and were rung for the first time in June last year. Instruction of the new band began from scratch in early September, and weekly practices take place on Wednesdays (7.30 to 9.15 p.m.); and, in addition, theoretical instruction, backed up by handbell practice, has been held twice a week in the ringers' homes in rotation. Regular ringing for services on Sundays was started late in October, and, of course, is still confined to rounds, Queens and a few call changes.

Emphasis is being placed on the importance of accurate striking, and although we are hesitant of trying to run before we can walk, there is a great determination to get beyond the first stages before the end of the long winter evenings, and this new band is looking forward to being able to join the great fraternity of change ringers.

We have ten regular ringers in the new band, and another beginners' class has been asked for. This is gratifying response in an isolated village of only 260 inhabitants.—Yours faithfully,

D. S. E. ROW, Lieut. (E), R.N., Tower Master.

Wellow, near Bath.

Ringing Instructor and Education Committee

Dear Sir,—Re paragraph on page 41, Jan. 20th, 'In West Norfolk the Education Committee was paying a ringer a guinea a week to teach ringing.'

I have been on the books of the Norfolk Education Committee as an instructor for nearly two years. At present I am teaching a band at Mundford, Norfolk, where there is a ring of six, tenor 6 cwt.

On October 26th, 1949, I commenced a class with 12 pupils of the local youth movement, and after seven lessons they rang rounds without any assistance (two ringing minus stays), and all are now raising, setting and lowering their bell with the confidence of an old ringer. Unaccompanied, they rang for Christmas services, and as we have arrived each week since then the bells have been ringing.

For the benefit of those churches without ringers I understand that if the schoolmaster or the youth warden arranges a class of 12 pupils, the Education Committee will pay an instructor a fee and travelling expenses.—Yours faithfully, ERNEST H. MASTIN. Downham Market.

CONGRATULATIONS, BOURNEMOUTH

Dear Sir,—I would like to be able to congratulate Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and the rest of their band on their very fine peal performances during the year 1949. To Mrs. Marshallsay on being the first lady to ring a hundred peals in one year and to Mr. D. Matkin for the wonderful hospitality one receives at 26, Wellington Road, a special tribute and a vote of thanks are due.

It has been my very great pleasure to take part in several of these handbell peals, and I was very surprised at the exceptionally high standard of ringing which they expect before they will call it a peal. There is not a doubt in my mind that every one of the peals they rang last year was a 'good 'un.' May they carry on this good work. It's very nice to know when in Bournemouth like myself, a 'visitor,' you will always be made welcome, and if you want to ring in a handbell peal they will always ask you what you would like to ring. Wishing them every success for year 1950, I remain, Yours sincerely, W. ROGERS. Rotherfield, Sussex.

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—At a recent annual meeting of the diocesan guild branch of which I am a member, the question of qualification for admission as a ringing member was raised and discussed at some length.

At this meeting it was finally resolved that new members be admitted to the branch only on condition that they could handle a bell, whereas it had been contended that new members should be admitted if they satisfied the tower captain as to their ability to ring, say, 120 changes of Grandire Doubles on the treble bell. It was pointed out at this meeting that were all the branch members liable to this elementary qualification, then the finances of the guild would be sadly depleted, and this is undoubtedly true, for in the West Country quite a good deal of 'stone' or 'call-change' ringing is practised.

I am of opinion that it is very necessary to maintain a good standard of scientific change ringing throughout the country, and can think of no reason why each recruit should not serve a probationary period, during which he or she should 'qualify' in some sort of manner as outlined above. The time taken to become proficient as a change ringer on the treble bell in one of the basic methods is not lengthy, and surely it is preferable to have quality rather than quantity at the outset. Perhaps other readers of our 'Ringing World' have ideas on this controversial subject.—Yours sincerely, Swanage, Dorset. H. R. PINK.

Winchester and Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual district meeting was held at Alverstoke on January 21st, when over 40 people attended, including Mr. George Pullinger (Master of the Guild), Mr. N. Andrews (Andover District), Mr. C. H. Kippin and Miss N. Leahy (Southampton District), and Mrs. Guy (secretary, Isle of Wight District).

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Windsor-Roberts), after which tea was served at St. Faith's Institute.

The district chairman (Mr. W. Linter) presided at the business meeting. The secretary's report contained an appeal to the members for early payment of annual subscriptions, and also to send names for tea by the date on meeting cards.

All retiring officers were re-elected, details being: Chairman, Mr. W. Linter; secretary, Mr. John H. Hunt; auditor, Mr. F. W. Burnett; representatives on Central Committee, Mr. L. P. Cook and Mr. Tom Page.

Ratifications were approved of four new compounding members (Mr. R. Crook, of Yattendon, and Miss Pamela Collis, Mr. Herbert Colcombe, Mr. James A. Brent, all of Hershaw, Surrey).

The secretary's three-year rota, whereby all towers in the district would get a visit during the period, the country places in the summer and the towns in the winter, was adopted unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, Mr. Nobes, the lady helper and to the district secretary for his year's work was moved by the chairman.

The types of ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Spiced Surprise Major in four and six methods.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HUNTS DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Hunts District of Ely Diocesan Association was held at Huntingdon on January 14th. Both St. Mary's and All Saints' bells were used during the afternoon and evening. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. A. Morris at St. Mary's Church.

At the business meeting the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, Rector of All Saints', acted as chairman. The secretary reported that 15 meetings had been held during 1949 and 22 peals were rung by the district.

Officers elected for 1950 were: Mr. S. Gilbert, re-elected secretary; Mr. F. Warrington, re-elected Ringing Master; committee, Messrs. F. W. Lack, F. Newman, F. Baker, Miss C. Dunnington, T. Austin, H. Fields, S. Peck, O. Young, W. Ransome; diocesan representatives, F. Warrington and F. W. Lack.

Tea was kindly arranged by Mr. H. Peacock, of Huntingdon, and was served by local ladies.

Mr. Lack proposed a vote of thanks to the two incumbents (who always made the ringers so welcome to Huntingdon) for allowing the use of the bells, to the organist and to Mr. Peacock and the ladies who worked so hard to prepare the tea.

WISBECH BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Wisbech on January 14th. Members and friends attended from Tilney, Shouldham, Downham, Hileav, Terrington St. John, Leverington, Tydd, Walpole, Elm, Long Sutton, King's Lynn and Walsoken.

Officers elected for 1950 were: President, Archdeacon Evans; secretary, J. E. Fox; Ringing Master, C. Cousins; Deputy Ringing Master, E. H. Mastin.

Methods rung during afternoon and evening ranged from Bob Major to Stedman Caters.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. G. Dobbie 1, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 2, S. V. Ravfield (first in method) 3, W. A. Wood 4, G. E. Eastman 5, G. Kenward 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, G. Wood 8.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

FARNHAM DISTRICT.

Twenty-five new members were gained by the Farnham District during the past year. This satisfactory progress was reported at the annual meeting on January 21st, presided over by Mr. A. J. Stedman. The company of 55 stood in memory of Mr. A. J. Chuter (Frensham) and Mr. R. Hayes (Haslemere).

Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master) reported that Frensham bells were in a bad state, and he understood that a donation of £50 had been received towards opening a fund for their overhaul. Messrs. Taylor's had removed Ash bells for their recasting and rehanging in a new frame.

Mr. G. S. Joyce (secretary), in his report, stated that the average attendance at meetings was 58 from 18 towers. There was a balance in hand of £11 18s. 8d.

Officers elected were Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master), Mr. G. S. Joyce (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. P. Eldridge (hon. auditor), and Mr. F. J. Bragg (committee representative). New ringing members elected were E. Quick, E. Smith and Miss C. Islers (Aldershot), C. Hall (Bentley), J. White and Miss A. Butler (Frensham), J. Farquharson and N. Tovey (Worplesdon).

Meetings were arranged for Crondall, Grayshott, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Frensham, Ash and Aldershot.

The Rev. K. C. Davis voiced the thanks of the Hawley company to Mr. C. S. Joyce for help given during the year, and the chairman thanked the officers for their work. Thanks were also expressed to the Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), who conducted the service, and to Mr. C. Wells for his help as steeplekeeper and in the tea arrangements.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Chief business at the quarterly meeting of the Guild, held at Chilvers Coton on January 14th, which was attended by 60 members and presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), was the discussion on designs for a Guild badge.

These had been prepared by Mr. W. B. Ellender (Stoke, Coventry, band), and one was approved. An order was placed for two gross. The badge would be in enamel and chromium, and the estimated cost was 3s. each.

A design for a new Guild certificate, also prepared by Mr. Ellender, did not appeal to the majority of members, who preferred one on similar lines to that formerly used by the old Warwickshire Guild, which incorporated photographs of important churches in the diocese.

Mr. F. E. Pervin, a former Master of the Guild, on behalf of all the members, wished Godspeed to Mr. T. W. Sheppard, of Coventry, who would be leaving England for America for a period of two years on a science scholarship. Mr. Sheppard responded, saying that he hoped to find Guild affairs in an even more flourishing position than at present upon his return from Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A.

A social followed the business meeting, about 200 attending, an enjoyable time being spent in whist, games and dancing.

NAVAL WEDDING AT DEBENHAM

On January 21st, the wedding took place of Lieut. Cyril Arthur Caudle, of Cambridge, and Miss Lilian Maud Rumsey, of Debenham, only daughter of the late William C. Rumsey and Mrs. Rumsey. Prior to entering nursing the bride was organist at St. Mary's, Debenham, and learned to pull a bell.

A guard of honour of naval officers attended, and the bride and bridegroom on leaving the church passed under an archway of crossed swords. The bells were rung and fired by the Helmingham service band. Afterwards 448 Kent Treble Bob was rung.

OBITUARY

MR. J. S. WILDE.

News has reached us this week of the passing of Mr. James S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, on November 10th, aged 87.

A prominent ringer in Cheshire before he went to New Zealand some 57 years ago, Mr. Wilde maintained his love of ringing and was for many years a subscriber to 'The Ringing World.'

To his great regret there was not a ring of bells at Dunedin, so he secured a fine set of handbells and trained a band to ring them. Some 17 years ago a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung by J. Wilde, sen., C. Wilde, J. Whipp and J. Grimes. It was accomplished after 24 years of practice and was the first peal 'in hand' to be rung in New Zealand. A peal of Minor 'in hand' was also rung, consisting of 720's of Plain Bob, Court and Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and a Surprise method.

MR. H. W. ELSE.

On January 14th, Mr. H. W. Else, of Hitchin, died after a recurrence of the illness that was the cause of his stay in hospital nearly 12 months ago. He made a good recovery from this and was again able to visit the tower and ring short touches.

He was one of the oldest ringers at St. Mary's, Hitchin, being elected a member of the local band in 1916. Mr. Else was a regular service ringer and was steeplekeeper for several years. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A quarter peal, half-muffled, was rung for evening service on January 15th, and the bells were rung fully muffled, with the tenor half-muffled, for the funeral service.

SONS WHO CONDUCTED FATHER'S FIRST PEAL

Mr. Percy Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs, writes that he conducted his father's first peal in 1900 at Ickleton. It was the first peal on the bells and first by all except the conductor.

Mr. R. J. Hicks, of Marhamchurch, Cornwall, writes that 'my son, A. J. Hicks, conducted my first peal (Grandsire Doubles) on August 12th, 1947, being then 15½ years old. He has now just started his National Service and is at present in the R.A.F. at West Kirby, Cheshire.'

Mr. Ernest J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, states: 'I had the privilege of conducting my father's first and only peal when he was 70 years of age. The peal was rung in honour of the Silver Jubilee of H.M. King George V. on May 5th, 1935. Although now 85, my father still rings for Sunday services at East Grinstead, Sussex, and is able to attend meetings in the district.'

Mr. R. J. Black, of Geddington, Kettering, writes: 'On June 11th, 1947, at Weedon Bec, Northants, Mr. J. H. Webb, at the age of 15, conducted his first peal. This was also the first peal by his father (Mr. G. H. Webb).'

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD

A pleasing feature of the annual meeting at St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, on January 21st, was the number of beginners who were catered for by rounds and call changes. A band of ladies also performed.

Officers elected at the business meeting were Mr. W. Gorringer, chairman and Ringing Master; Mr. G. Billenness, vice-chairman; Miss H. Gorringer, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Gorringer, hon. treasurer. Vacancies on the committee were filled by the appointment of Miss F. Wood and Mr. C. A. Levett.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Robinson 1, C. Skinner 2, Miss J. Gumbrell (first quarter) 3, C. Hone 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR GIBBS Treble	GEORGE E. WATSON ... 4
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2	†HARRY WOODING ... 5
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal in eight Minor methods.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, ten callings, and one Lindoff's 240. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MARGARET JENKINS ... Treble	FRANK E. SANDFORD ... 4
*BERT PRICE ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
WILFRED NORGROVE ... 3	WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal. A compliment to James T. Randle on completing 40 years as a ringer at the above church.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Donard, Bloomfield,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDK. G. BURROWS ... Treble	HAROLD J. MCGRATH ... 4
*JAMES RUSH ... 2	A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5
WILLIAM PATTERSON ... 3	SAM MCCLELLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal on the bells, which were hung by John Taylor and Co. and dedicated on November 26th, 1949.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

E. BRIGHT Treble	J. ELLIOTT 4
J. PAPWORTH ... 2	C. BURTON ... 5
*MISS W. M. ELLIOTT ... 3	*A. R. ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ELLIOTT.

* First peal. First lady to ring a peal on these bells.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*WALTER G. TREVEIT ... Treble	JOSEPH H. HAYNE ... 4
FREDERICK PRECEY ... 2	HARRY J. FORD ... 5
MRS. M. M. GODLEY ... 3	RICHARD H. DUKE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PRECEY.

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

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK BAILEY Treble	†HAROLD TAYLOR ... 4
*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 2	†PHILIP WHITTAKER ... 5
†JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 3	*DENIS R. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.
JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST (16) ... 7-8

Conducted by MICHAEL J. E. BEST.

First peal as conductor.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At 18, WESTBERE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 8 in C.

*RENATE BUCHTHAL ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4
RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5-6	

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At 19, FALCON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 1-2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 3-4
ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 5-6	

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN. Umpire, A. T. SUTTON.
First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all the band and for the Wirral Branch.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

No. 32. Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

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

WEST DIDSLEY, MANCHESTER.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1950, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

In the Belfry of Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 240's (4 of Pitman's and 17 of Morris's).

ERIC NIXON ... 1-2	RONALD AIREY ... 3-4
*NEVILLE HAILE ... 5-6	

Conducted by RONALD AIREY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three methods, comprising two extents each of St. Clement's and Double Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At 24, DURLER AVENUE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 7920 CHANGES;

Being eleven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN B. LONG ... 1-2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 3-4
CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 5-6	

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD.

Witness: RICHARD STEPHENS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Michael J. E. Best ... 9-10
Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Surprise Minor, being 240

each of York, Durham, Norwich, Cambridge and 360 of London: Wm. Smith 1, J. Pilgrim 2, E. Peck 3, C. F. Bailey (cond.) 4, P. S. Bedford 5, N. R. Bailey 6. A 70th birthday compliment to C. F. Bailey.

ALMONDSBURY, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Atwell 1, W. Smith 2, C. Harding 3, H. Robbins 4, D. Gardner 5, J. Turner (first quarter 'inside') 6, V. Wills (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Jan. 8th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stringfellow 1, J. Carter (cond.) 2, Miss Joan Carter 3, L. Hill 4, N. Ledger 5, C. Ormrod (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow on the birth of a son.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wells 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Absolom (cond.) 3, J. Godman 4, T. Selwood 5, J. Cherril 6. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Mr. Wells, wife of Mr. E. Wells, an old ringer of this parish.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Turner 1, B. J. Saddington 2, Mrs. G. E. Watson 3, C. W. Bird 4, P. I. Chapman 5, G. E. Watson 6, T. Garley 7, B. S. Cope (first as cond.) 8. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining the R.A.F.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Jarrett 1, C. C. Bishop 2, Miss G. K. Jarrett 3, C. S. Jarrett (first as cond.) 4, T. Beaumont 5, F. J. Cheal 6, C. E. Norris 7, T. A. Cross 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Wiltshire 1, R. Perry 2, F. Lambeth 3, G. Eyles 4, H. Heath 5, H. Marsh 6, T. Davison (first as cond.) 7, D. Comley 8. First in method by 2, 4, 5 and 8. A compliment to S. Wiltshire, 50 years tower captain.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): G. Herd (first quarter) 1, R. Purchase 2, J. Brooks 3, R. Posnett 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, H. J. Croyley 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. H. Winch 1, G. Peters 2, J. Hill 3, G. Marriner 4, A. H. Smith 5, C. W. Munday 6, E. Coward 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge for 2, 3 and 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Ford (first quarter) 1, M. Limmer (first of Doubles) 2, Miss R. Lund 3, W. Henley 4, Miss R. Tabraham (cond.) 5, B. J. Matthews 6. A birthday compliment to Miss R. Ford and D. H. Pearce, on service, Far East.

FARNWORTH, LANCs.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Rushton (first quarter, age 14) 1, Miss A. Potter 2, J. Boyer 3, J. Thomley (first 'inside') 4, R. Collier (cond.) 5, T. Alfred 6, T. Bratley 7, H. Prescott 8. In memoriam M. J. Lawton, many years apparitor at All Saints, Farnworth.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Jemmett 1, H. Manual 2, C. Fades (first quarter) 3, Miss E. Wyles 4, F. Pack 5, W. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, D. Fades 8.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Cooke (first quarter) 1, E. Pimlott 2, Miss F. Laffin 3, A. Hibbert 4, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 5, D. B. Ongley 6. First in method by 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to 1 and 5.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Woodall 1, Miss W. Pretty 2, L. Clissett 3, J. H. Cox (cond.) 4, H. Shilvock 4, T. Greenhall 6, D. Morton (first quarter 'inside') 7, T. Cockin (first quarter) 8. In memoriam Mrs. G. Cockin.

HAWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. I. Robertshaw 1, B. T. Phalp 2, A. Rushworth 3, G. Shackleton 4, L. Helliwell 5, A. Bairstow (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Beedie 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, G. R. Goodship 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8. For the wedding of the daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

HELMON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: C. Hinton 1, G. Burton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Agar (first quarter) 1, J. Kemp (first quarter) 2, V. Neale (cond.) 3, A. Wright 4, G. J. H. Ditton 5, E. Edmondson 6. First in the method by all the band.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, R. F. H. Harman (first in method) 2, E. F. Pryor 3, Miss J. M. Brown 4, R. Newman 5, W. A. Theobald (first in method as cond.) 6, D. F. Harman 7, F. L. Harris 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Ellenger 1, E. Grimes 2, D. Crapnell 3, Janet Mattinson 4, J. Munnings 5, E. Pye 6, C. Woodard 7, E. Blomfield (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire by 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. H. Gilbert 1, Dorothy Watts 2, E. Lankester 3, Maud Lane 4, D. C. Birkinshaw 5, Audrey Barker 6, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 7, R. B. Meadows 8. First in the method 2 and 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Greaves 1, F. Lindley (first quarter) 2, E. G. Holdgate 3, H. Franklin 4, R. M. E. Richards 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6.

NETTLEHAM, LINCs.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Jeffery 1, A. G. Cotten (first quarter) 2, W. S. Hill 3, F. W. Stokes (cond.) 4, N. Jubb 5, E. Needham 6. A welcome home to E. Needham from the Forces.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, H. Carter 2, J. W. Cotton 3, Mrs. J. Quimby 4, W. H. Curson 5, J. Quimby 6, P. W. Grice 7, H. C. Adams 8.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. Connock 1, A. Jones (first quarter) 2, J. Holbrook 3, H. Griffin 4, F. Carter 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6. A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Griffin, tower captain.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Steel 1, A. G. Wood 2, P. Massam 3, A. W. Strangeway 4, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 5, A. E. Marsh 6, E. Spencer 7, H. Homer 8. First in method by 4 and 7.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hunt 1, M. Messenger 2, Miss J. Burrows 3, T. J. Southam (cond.) 4, E. H. Durrant 5, W. Scott (first quarter) 6. To mark the diamond jubilee of the installation of bells.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Muriel Griffiths 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, E. T. Lloyd 3, T. Abbotts 4, A. Morris 5, T. H. Bartlett 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Smith (first quarter, age 12) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss M. Skinner (first 'inside') 3, F. Wilton 4, B. Bladen 5, W. W. Daniell 6.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gooch 1, S. G. Elsey 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, Miss C. A. Harding 4, J. Paul 5, T. Stagg 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, E. Barker 8. First in method 1 and 3.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Addison 1, H. A. Ward 2, E. Sinclair 3, Mrs. L. Warrior 4, G. Worthy 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, P. W. B. Semmens 7, T. Banks 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Sir Guy Wrightson, son of the donor of the bells in 1899.

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 8 Mary's, Holloway Road, 2.30 to 3.30; 8 Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5. Evensong, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral. Names early please. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 6th, 7.15 p.m.—Rogers, 14, T. Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual district meeting Chertsey, Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Room, 5.—F. Hawthorn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—District annual, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launceston, (6), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Bicester (8) available 6 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop H. Buxton.—C. H. Kinch.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Haverhill District.—Buckden, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.V.V. Branch.—Longcot, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Farnham, Faringdon.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILDS.—I.W. District.—Annual meeting, Bournemouth, Feb. 4th. Bells from 2.30.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Garrick Hotel.—J. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bay Road, Hereford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The first practice meeting of the year is to be held at Wareham on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Rainbow Cafe.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 6501

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., on Monday, Feb. 6th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6506

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Willersborough, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 8th, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6485

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Peasemore (6), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, Newbury, by Feb. 8th. 6487

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Farleigh (6), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6496

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual district meeting at Elveden, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. S. Atkins, The Dell, Elveden, by Wednesday, Feb. 8th.—Miss D. M. Reeve, District Sec. 6493

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (5), Feb. 11th. For tea advise H. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury, Wilts. — W. B. Kynaston. 6500

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Moorside, on Feb. 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6514

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6516

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6522

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Feb. 7th.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 6502

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Feb. 11th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service at East Retford 4.30. Tea at White Hart Hotel 5 p.m. Please notify Miss Joan Greasby, 63, Hallcroft Road, Retford, by Feb. 7th.—H. Denman. 6508

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Supper and social, Angel Hotel, Feb. 11th, 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Names to be sent to Mr. W. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, by Feb. 7th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Sec. 6450

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea must reach Mr. R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton, not later than Feb. 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6520

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next meeting at Emmanuel Church, West Derby Road, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 3, Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea to E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Tuebrook, Liverpool 6.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 6521

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 6519

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6518

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Alton, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Warsash. 6513

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bilsborrow on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting after tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Garstang, Morecambe or Lancaster buses frequent from Preston.—L. Walmsley, Branch Sec. 6512

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Laurence's, Reading, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Feb. 9th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 6511

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Leigh (6), Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Tea 4.45 at Bat and Ball. Service 6. Names by Feb. 9th to B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, Tonbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 6510

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Pinchbeck Road, Spalding, by Feb. 4th. 6507

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Newton St. Cyres, Feb. 11th. Usual arrangements.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec. 6528

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Stone, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 4.30. Service 5. Notify for tea by Feb. 7th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 6525

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, Feb. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. School. Names tea by Feb. 7th.—L. W. Allen, Great Glenn. 6527

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 18th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting the Institute. Numbers for tea to George Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 15th. 6509

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea to follow. Ringing at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (approach by bus or trolley bus from Manor House to St. Ann's Road Station), 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 6504

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Llantrisant (8), Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—J. Hannington. 6515

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, from 5 o'clock. The payment of 2s. 6d. to enable members who have not attended the requisite number of meetings to vote on financial matters must be paid by Feb. 28th (Rule 12).—A. B. Peck. 6526

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Winchcombe, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea booked at cafe only if notified before 13th. Bus times from Cheltenham on request.—Charles Rouse, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 6482

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. The annual general committee meeting will be held (D.V.) at Oxford on Saturday, March 11th, at 3 p.m.—W. Hibbert, General Sec. 6474

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, March 11th.—C. H. Barker. 6499

BURFORD, OXFORD.—Preliminary notice. Dedication of restored ring of eight by Lord Bishop of Dorchester, Saturday, March 25th. Service, tea and evening ringing. Times later.—B. S. Nichols, c/o 85, The Avenue, Kennington, Oxford. 6503

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Taunton. A Wrington lunch will be provided. Please get your names in early.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 6497

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION PEAK DISTRICT.

About 30 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Peak District at Bakewell on January 21st.

At the business meeting in the belfry after tea, Mr. G. H. Paulson, district chairman, gave a review of the year's activities. He was re-elected, as was the hon. secretary (Miss J. Dunn, Darley Dale). Mr. W. Smith (Buxton) was elected vice-chairman, and Mr. E. Hopkinson (Ashover) and Mr. J. Sykes (Dore) to the general committee.

Mr. A. Rooke, of Darley Dale, an old ringer, interested the meeting with lively remarks and encouragements to members to maintain Sunday service ringing. He recalled ringing for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887.

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