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THE EXPERT

IN the world of change ringing the lot of the expert is not entirely a happy one, nor can it be said that his work always receives the recognition due to it. His position as an authority on some branch of ringing, be it archæological, historical, mathematical or mechanical, is reached after long years of patient study, experiment, self-criticism and self-adjustment, with frequent periods of doubt and heartbreaking disappointment. At last his writings and observations may show his judgment and knowledge to be mature, and it comes to be recognised that his word on certain matters is to be treated with respect and used for guidance.

But, having reached this position of authority, he finds that much is expected of him. How frequently is the expert composer called upon for special compositions, to pronounce opinions on peal qualities or, what is often a task of dreary drudgery, to verify and prove the figures of peals? To this question Mr. C. W. Roberts or Mr. Pitman might provide the answer. How often are the students of method construction called upon for heavy labours and careful, considered opinions on the tabulation and systematisation of methods? Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. Felstead, and others, will be able to judge; for were the full tale of their investigations made clear to us, doubtless we should be astonished at the magnitude of the labours involved.

It was Jasper Snowdon who deplored the fact that so much of the work of the old composers and theorists was lost. 'Of what use,' he writes in 'A Treatise on Treble Bob,' are the costly and carefully kept books of such Societies as the College and Cumberland Youths when they do not even attempt to preserve from oblivion the only particulars of permanent interest connected with the performances they record? Were all these bygone performances true and thus worthy of record? If so, surely the men who spent their time and wearied their brains over their production should have had their work preserved from such ignominious extinction!' Snowdon was thinking primarily of the preservation of the actual figures of peals, but we cannot help feeling that he had in mind also the ignominious extinction of a vast amount of experimental and exploratory work of the men of old, and

of the loss of papers that might give us clues to their methods of working, thus enabling us to pay a more adequate tribute to their powers and to their work for posterity.

It is true, of course, that few of the experts of old, even the brilliant ones, kept any clear record of the process by which they worked; some of them, indeed, seem to have been incapable of explaining how their results were obtained. Nothing that Holt left behind tells us how he produced the Original; Thurstans and Lates give us no clue to their mental reasoning; that brilliant genius, John Carter, was, to use Trollope's word, inarticulate, and in his writings had no power to make himself entirely understood. But his results are unsurpassed and the sureness of his touch is uncanny. Of recent years our experts have been able, through the ringing Press, to lay before us, not only their results, but also their methods, and the writings of Heywood, Parker, Trollope, Davies and others have enabled us to appraise more fully the knowledge of the theorists and to pay tribute to the rich gifts they have given us.

With all this, there is an impish desire in the hearts of most of us to poke fun at our experts, and to use whatever opportunity may arise to have our laugh at them and their methods. The lighthearted contributions that have recently appeared in 'The Ringing World' are innocent and entertaining, and are examples of that boyish exuberance by which the Englishman so often attempts to disclaim all desire to take himself too seriously. Some years ago, during the controversy over the publication of Dr. Slack's two-part peal of Stedman Triples, one solemn humorist declared that it had afforded him some delight to find the experts for once confounded.

Such sly digs may without much trouble be taken good humouredly, for they serve as a simple foil to the expert who does, occasionally, by his dogmatism or assurance of superiority, cause us to feel that he is imposing upon us some fad of his own or attempting to force us into a line of action to which we object. We owe too much to our experts to wish to ridicule their work or belittle their contribution to our art. We cannot always agree with them, and sometimes we actively oppose them, but we recollect that their labours have no material reward and no recompense save that of knowing that they contribute to knowledge and progress; and every practical ringer acknowledges that they are indispensable. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	† HARRY POYNER 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	COLIN E. WALKER 8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	TERRY A. THORNER 9
S. ANTONY JESSON 4	† JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 10
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON 5	LEONARD TREVOR 11
* HUBERT E. ASHLEY 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	PETER LAFLIN 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Royal in the Tittums.

Rung to commemorate the 15,480 Cambridge Royal rung on December 15th, 1951.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILFRED NEWMAN Treble	PETER BAKER 6
* JESSIE NEWBURY 2	GEORGE KILMISTER 7
EDWIN T. NEWBURY 3	† LESLIE ASTON 8
* MICHAEL CLIFFORD 4	LESLIE BARRY 9
GEOFFREY HEMMING 5	THOMAS BOREHAM Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' The ringing of the 7th has now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Marshall, churchwarden and generous donor to the fund for rehanging the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

* AUDREY S. NOBLE Treble	† GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 6
† MRS. S. H. JONES 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	EDWARD J. WHITE 8
WILLIAM J. LEACH 4	SYDNEY H. JONES 9
† DOROTHY T. GARDNER .. 5	LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

† First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Rung to welcome the New Year.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD WHITE Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 6
JOHN CHILCOTT 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. 8
MRS. PAT LEWINGTON .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 9
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 5	FRANK WHITE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
CHARLES COLES 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 7
PHILIP WALKER 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
RICHARD WHITE 2	CYRIL KINCH 6
CHARLES COLES 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 4	HARRY HATFIELD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BRECON, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	JACK R. WORRALL 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3	ROGER O. FRY 7
DAVID J. KING 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 EARDISLAND DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. Treble	F. ERIC ROBERTS 5
GEORGE DAVIS 2	LESLIE EVANS 6
JOHN D. ROCK 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in the method.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BARRY COOK Treble	FRANK C. MAY 5
* WILLIAM S. MAY 2	BRIAN J. HOWARD 6
* DONALD COOMBS 3	GERALD FROST 7
* LAWRENCE J. BEAL 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	HARRY WILD 5
* PATRICIA LORD 2	SAM BLUNDELL 6
GEOFFREY INGHAM .. 3	GEOFFREY BRYANT 7
DERRICK TAYLOR 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD

Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

* First peal.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER SHAW Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
*A. MARY HOBBS 2	†WALTER STEEN 6
GORDON HALLS 3	*BEN BARKER 7
*JAMES MOULD 4	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOL. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES .. Treble	*FRANK V. GANT 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JOHN F. GROVE 6
C. RONALD SMITH 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
*DAVID W. BEARD 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal in the method for the Association.

Rung for the Watchnight Service.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULETTA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Parker's Twelve-part. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
*THOMAS RIDGMAN 2	*W. GEORGE WHIDDON .. 6
†STANLEY J. SHARLAND .. 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN .. 7
GEORGE SKINNER 3	*JOHN T. LEACH Tenor
†EDWARD G. CORK 4	

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside. ‡ First peal of Triples.

First peal on the bells since augmented from six to eight.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS .. Treble	JOHN W. MEADE 5
*ROGER BALDWIN 2	*ROBIN G. LEALE 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 4	†RICHARD H. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

Rung with half-muffled clappers for the Watchnight Service.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FRANK E. WALKER .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
*JOHN E. CANNELL 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' .. Treble	JAMES METCALF 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY 7
BRIAN TOMLINSON 3	RICHARD DAVIS Tenor
STANLEY ANDERTON 4	

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tompkins and Mr. John Hamer, of Deane, Lancashire

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ARTHUR SAYER .. Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
†MRS. N. BRIDGES 2	JOHN RUSSELL 6
†HERBERT LUCK 3	†ARCHIE HINKLEY 7
†EDWARD MILSTED 4	LESLIE EVEREST Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by LESLIE EVEREST.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Luck; also the engagement of Miss E. Reid to Captain Arthur Sayer (R.A.O.C.), both members of the local band.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 FARNDON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK R. EVANS .. Treble	ROGER B. MORRIS 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
JOHN W. BEST 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
ROBERT W. HINDE 4	R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 226).

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. G. Lloyd, M.A., following his induction as Vicar of Farnon; also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lewis (née Richards—a former ringer at this church) and a grand-daughter to Mr. A. E. Richards, local tower captain and organist.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*†PETER BALDWIN .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
†ANTHONY E. COX 2	WALTER LEE 6
†DOREEN COKE 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
†ARTHUR NEWTON 4	†JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major.



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LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
LESTER L. GRAY Treble	†THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY .. 2	†EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 6
ALAN R. CAVE 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. 7
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 4	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal together.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 12 cwt.
DAVID J. KING Treble	*THOMAS YEOMANS 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 6
ROBERT E. COLES 3	*JACK R. WORRALL 7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 4	JOHN E. MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* 25th peal together.

Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Jacqueline S. Evans.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

HORACE BENNETT Treble	MAURICE BENNETT 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 6
W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 3	AUBREY D. MILLS 7
JOHN G. AMES 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. Harold Whitton, a member of the local band, to Miss Olive M. Jones at Isleworth on December 19th, 1953; also for the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Bennett.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

J. W. Washbrook's Six-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER .. Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
MRS. EDNA KANSY 3	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 7
*LUTHER J. HONESS .. 4	*REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* 25th peal together.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Frank Wright and Miss Daphne Jordan.

WOODBRIIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	BERT GOGLE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of eight extents or Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN F. MURFIN (aged 12) Treble	SAMPSON WALKLATE .. 4
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	KENNETH TUNNICLIFF .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles for all except the 3rd. First peal on the bells since their rehanging.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Soar.

ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's (1), Double Court (2), Oxford Bob (3), Cambridge (4), Oxford Treble Bob (5), Kent Treble Bob (6), Plain Bob (7).	Tenor 18 cwt.
GRAHAM PRATT Treble	JACK S. DEAR 4
HORACE WERRETT 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
JOHN CHURCH 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 six scores (four callings).	Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.
FRANK H. HICKS Treble	ELSIE F. FELTWELL .. 3
*ROSEMARY J. PARSLÖE .. 2	†JOHN A. HOWARD .. 4
IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. Tenor	

Conducted by IVAN A. C. BUTCHER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal at first attempt.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 6 cwt.
*PATRICIA H. JONES .. Treble	FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 4
*JOHN E. MORGAN 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Minor.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*DAVID BANKS Treble	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 4
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	*KENNETH PARK 5
DAVID CUBITT 3	JOHN E. KIRBY Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: one each of Lightfoot, Beverley, York, Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
CECIL WADE 2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 5
JAMES H. MUSSON 3	*JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* 25th peal of Surprise.

Rung with the best wishes of his ringing friends in Bourne and district, to the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, of Exeter, upon his recent engagement.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Simon; four of Reverse Canterbury; six of Kennington; eight of Plain Bob; four each of Old. Norfolk, South-repps, April Day; and eight of Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. KINCHIN .. Treble	DONALD S. PAYNE 3
DAWN V. ELSON 2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 4

MICHAEL F. AMOS Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.

Rung to celebrate Christmas.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge, three of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

L. RODMELL Treble	J. A. BROUGHTON 4
G. F. WILLIAMS 2	P. SPECK 5
H. RODMELL 3	C. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by L. RODMELL.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-AT-THE-HYTHE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich and Cambridge Spliced, London, Norwich and Ipswich, and 2,160 changes of Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. Treble	JAMES H. EDWARDS .. 4
ANN V. LEWIS 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

First peal in four Surprise Minor methods by all and on the bells.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*MRS. R. PEARSON Treble	†BRIAN W. HALL 4
*HUGH FALKNER 2	†WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 5
†RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 3	*RAYMOND G. PEARSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

MRS. E. CHANDLER Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
F. ERIC ROBERTS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor on the bells.

SHALBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM KEWELL Treble	*DONALD A. THEEDOM .. 3
GERALD B. EVANS 2	PHILLIP E. DODD 4
†GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*EILEEN M. TURNER .. Treble	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4
†ANN M. COX 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
*E. JOHN WELLS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal in seven Minor methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 25th tower in Surrey for a peal.

SALTWOOD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 4
RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD .. 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.



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DANBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	PETER J. EVES 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
PETER J. CAME 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN V. BLACKLEDGE .. Treble	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 4
STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 2	*J. RICHARD JENKINSON .. 5
†HARRY CALDERBANK .. 3	*FRANK STEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal in method. † First peal.

Rung as a token of esteem to the late Mr. A. C. M. Lilley, J.P., for his services to the church.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM KEWELL Treble	GERALD B. EVANS 4
PHILLIP E. DODD 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
*DENNIS A. JOHNSON .. 3	†REGINALD T. EVANS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*PAMELA LAW Treble	STANLEY W. BROWN .. 4
MARY W. BROWN 2	†BRYAN K. TURNBULL .. 5
*AGNES F. MILLAM .. 3	HARRY W. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MARY W. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

In appreciation of Mr. G. A. Steele's personal example and encouragement to the younger ringers during his 64 years' service in this tower.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford, Kent and College Exercise. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK BAGSHAW Treble	HERBERT TAYLOR 4
*MRS. MARGARET BRADBURY 2	JOHN T. MARRIOTT 5
MRS. MARGARET FINLOW 3	HENRY KIRK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

* First peal.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.

PETER G. BUTLER Treble	HAROLD OLIVER 4
JOHN GRAHAM 2	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 5
MRS. G. R. G. BUTLER .. 3	GEORGE COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. G. BUTLER.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

RIBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	JAMES SKEATS 4
*MAURICE PROCTER 2	*JACK WILLIAMSON 5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	*THOMAS SAGAR Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Waterford Treble Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Oswald, and Barham Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob and Trinity Sunday Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

FREDERICK FLINT Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
GEORGE CHALLANS 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
ERNEST PRESTON 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

Rung to welcome in the New Year. Also a birthday compliment to Master Keith Challans.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MARGOT R. THOMPSON .. Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 4
JACK PILGRIM 2	*JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 25th peal for the Suffolk Guild. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung to mark the Rev. A. D. Thompson's 25th anniversary of his induction to the combined living of Walberswick and Blythburgh.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1953, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT 116, FOUNTAIN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 10 extents of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire.

Tenor size 8 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING 1—2	FRED E. DUKES 3—4
*AUBREY D. FIELDING .. 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN J. FIELDING.

* First peal in two methods.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT KIRKWOOD, MILLANS PARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

CHARLES V. HALES 1—2	ALAN CAPSTICK 3—4
ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH.

Witness: MRS. ALAN CAPSTICK.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1953, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT 53, LEYS ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob, two of Fulbeck and Double Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER 3—4
*JOHN KING 5—6	

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First handbell peal in seven methods. The first handbell peal in seven methods for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to Patrick I. Chapman.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
January 16th, 1914

GILLINGHAM, KENT

The Kent County Association

On Thursday, January 8th, 1914, in 2 hours
and 57 minutes

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5,056 CHANGES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

W.O. William A. Cooke, R.N. . . .	Treble
L/Sgt. Frederick A. Holden, R.M.L.I. . . .	2
Stoker Alfred Playle, R.N. . . .	3
Pte. Frederick Souter, Essex Regt. . . .	4
Cpl. George Gilbert, R.E. . . .	5
Musn. Victor Jarrett, R.E. . . .	6
Pte. Percy Gibbs, King's Own . . .	7
L/Sgt. James Bennett, R.M.L.I. . . .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. A. Holden.

First peal ever rung by an Army and Navy
band of ringers.

THANK YOU!

To those (not known to me) who here, last week,
A happy toast recorded, many thanks!

But sad it is that folks have been misled
(Largely by those who only partly 'tend)

To think that Grid Analysis concerns
Some deeper myst'ry, mathematical!

In fact, 'tis fundamental for all those
Who wish to study method form and growth.

Nor can originality be claimed,
Except perhaps in treatment and new terms;

Enabling new conclusions to be reached.
Which give coherent meaning to the whole

Of method structure theoretical.

So, to its students all, New Year felicitat!

A.Y-B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**Eastern District at Howden**

The winter meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden on January 2nd and was attended by about 30 members from several towers. The fine ring of eight bells was rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Kitchen), who welcomed the Association to Howden.

The vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, who presided at the business meeting, wished the members a Happy New Year, and welcomed Mr. R. B. Smith, of Howden, after a fairly long illness. He read an apology from Mr. S. Steel, the Ringing Master, for non-attendance owing to an operation. The meeting wished both a speedy and complete recovery.

Holy Trinity, Hull, was selected for the next meeting. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 17s. 6d.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following contributions to meet the cost of 'The Ringing World':—

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(Continued in next column)

NORWICH ASSOCIATION**General Meeting Adopts New Rules**

A general meeting of the Association was held following the North Norfolk Branch annual meeting, in St. Miles' Parish Hall (St. Martin-at-Oak Church), Norwich, on January 9th. The main object of this meeting was formally to adopt the new Association rules, as put forward and amended at the last annual general meeting. These rules include: 'The annual general meeting shall be held in Norwich on a date to be determined by the Standing Committee.' Thus the Association is empowered to try having the annual general meeting on a Saturday, which is believed to be likely to attract a larger number than Easter Monday has done lately. The Standing Committee had already agreed, if the general meeting were to adopt the new rules, to determine Saturday, May 8th, as the date for the 1954 annual general meeting.

It was noted that only about 232 subscriptions appeared to have been paid in 1953, so that the Association was only empowered to have two representatives on the next Central Council.
G. T.

(Continued from previous column)

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be sent without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Grey-
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The York Minster Society
is celebrating its 100th an-
niversary on January 30th by
a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association
followed by a dinner. We feature this week
the history of York Minster, its bells and bell-
ringers, written by the president, Mr. Harold
Walker.

The peal of Stedman at Portsea on December
31st provided the opportunity for Mr. F. W.
Burnett to 'complete the circle' in that tower.

Mr. Alan Pearson, of Worsley, Lancs, who
is a civil engineer by profession, is going to
Madras and Bombay. He expects to be away
for about three months.

The ringers of the peal at Scorton, Lancs,
would like to express to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley
Anderton, of Springfield Farm, Scorton, their
sincere thanks for the way in which they were
received on New Year's Day.

The poem quoted in our last issue by John
Betjeman, 'On hearing the full peal of ten
bells from Christ Church, Swindon,' appeared
in a book of poems by Mr. Betjeman called
'New Bats in Old Belfries,' published by John
Murray, Ltd. The book is now out of print.

In the peal attempt at Stisted on January 2nd
Peter Wood turned in the fifth and rang five-
and-a-half extents of Cambridge Surprise Minor
on a single rope after it had become untucked.
His determination was much appreciated by
the band. Alas! the peal has since been with-
drawn.

Prominent among the young ringers of the
Essex Association is Mr. Joe E. G. Roast, of
Danbury, who during 1953 rang 30 peals for
the Essex Association, of which he conducted
18. He has now 46 peals to his credit and has
rung in 208 different towers, a promising
achievement for a young ringer who has just
reached his 18th birthday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr.
Albert Walker, who rang
his 800th peal on December
26th. It was his 322nd of Stedman Cinques.
Optimistically he writes: 'I only want 1,200
more for my 2,000 peals'!

Those readers who bind their copies of 'The
Ringing World' can obtain the 1953 Index on
separate sheets upon immediate application to
this office, enclosing a stamped addressed en-
velope.

Mr. Leonard Trevor, of Nuneaton, has now,
with a peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, con-
ducted Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Special thanks are expressed to Mr. A. E.
Richards by the band who rang for the induc-
tion service at Farndon, Cheshire, and the con-
gratulatory peal to the new incumbent after-
wards. His welcome was much appreciated.

Absence of trips and accuracy of striking by
the lady members in a peal at Burnham gave
extreme pleasure to the remainder of the band.
The conductor's remark at the end of the peal
was, 'I've never had a better "first."'

Alderman Sir Theodore Pritchett, who has
consented to take the chair at the Henry John-
son Dinner on March 6th, is a nephew of the
late Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who for many
years was presiding Ringing Master of St.
Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Sir Theodore is a
regular ringer at Tanworth-in-Arden, a Warwick-
shire village some ten miles from Birmingham.

Mr. John Fielding, who recently secured his
B.A. degree, hopes to be ordained next June and
to accept a curacy at St. Luke's, Belfast. A
former official of Londonderry Corporation, his
acceptance of 'the call' has meant a real sac-
rifice. John is very popular with ringers in
Ireland and was captain of St. George's, Dub-
lin, which won both the Lindoff and Murphy
Cups last year.

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YORK MINSTER - ITS BELLS AND BELL-RINGERS

By HAROLD WALKER

President, York Minster Society of
Change Ringers

BELLFOUNDERS flourished in York down to the end of the 18th century. One of the earliest was Richard Tunnoc who, before his death in 1330, gave the now famous 'Bell-founder's Window' to the Minster.

In 1371 the Chapter employed a Leicester man, John de Stafford, to cast several new bells; one replaced the Great Bell which had fallen down in 1359. The Fabric Rolls of 1371 set out in great detail the weights and costs of the various materials used in making the moulds, setting up the furnace and casting the bells; all the work being carried out within the Minster precincts. In addition to the work on the new bells a bell called 'John' and another called 'Chancellor' were rehung.

The south-western tower was built during the period 1432-1457 and various bells were housed in it.

The erection of the north-western tower completed the building of the Minster which was consecrated on July 3rd, 1472. The bells for this tower were cast some years before being required. The Fabric Roll of 1466 shows that John Knapton, Under Treasurer, handed to Thomas Innocent, bellfounder of Leicester, certain metals for the casting of four bells, the weight of each bell being given. These bells were known as the Lady Bells, one being inscribed:—

'SUM ROSA PULSATA MUNDA MARIA VOCATA.' (I being rung am called Mary, the Rose of the World.)

This bell still exists and is the tenor of the ring of six at St. Michael's in the City.

THE FIRST RING OF TWELVE

In 1655 the Lady Bells were removed from the north-western tower and placed with the eight then hanging in the south-western tower. Thus was created the very first ring of twelve bells ever to be rung.

The musical qualities of this early ring evidently left much to be desired for in 1657 the 7th and 11th were recast by local founders, an old bell from the demolished Church of St. Nicholas-without-Walmeate being used to increase the weight. The 8th was recast in 1671, to be followed by the four trebles in 1681. Finally the tenor was recast in 1727; this bell was reputed to weigh 59 cwt. and was 5 feet 9½ inches in diameter.

Dean Fountayn, in 1765, decided to replace the old ring of twelve bells with a new ring of ten similar to Bow Bells which had recently been installed. The Whitechapel Foundry estimated the new ring would weigh ten tons and cost £1,213 6s. 3d, and they were prepared to make an allowance of £1,201 19s. 8d. for the old bells, which were estimated to weigh 12 tons 18 cwt., the Dean and Chapter to pay the carriage.

All the old bells were not sent to London, however: a Mr. Beckwith agreed to pay 11d. per lb. for the 8th, and the five trebles were given to the Church of St. Michael in exchange for three old bells. The five included the Lady Bell mentioned above and are still in St. Michael's tower.

The new ring was a great improvement; the tenor bell weighed 53½ cwt. and was 5 feet 4½ inches in diameter. The Latin inscriptions on the old bells were not reproduced but the founders chose new ones of their own, two of which were:—

6th.—'Our voices shall with jovful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round.'

8th.—'Ye ringers all who prize your health
and happiness'

Be sober merry wise and you'll the
same possess.'

The change from twelve bells to ten did not please the above-mentioned Mr. Beckwith, who

wrote (Beckwith's MSS., Bodleian Library, Vol. 2, p. 206):—

'This year Dean Fountayn disposed of the old peal of bells in the Minster and got a new peal of worse bells. Before there were twelve but now reduced to ten. The great Old Bell was supposed to have been in the Minster ever since the building of the Church. The inhabitants of York had no reason to thank the Dean for meddling with them, for the bells were much better as well as the former Dean.'

THE GREAT FIRE OF 1840

In 1840 the bells were destroyed in a great fire which gutted the south-western tower and spread to the roof of the nave. After the fire the Minster was without a bell; the Dean and Chapter, therefore, ordered a new one weighing 53 cwt. for immediate use and to form the tenor of a new ring as soon as the work of reparation was completed.

In 1843 Dr. Stephen Beckwith died and left £2,000 for providing a new ring of twelve bells. Eleven bells were ordered from the Whitechapel Foundry and added to the bell already obtained. The ring of bells was heard for the first time on July 4th, 1844.

Lord Grimthorpe, the designer of 'Big Ben,' considered the new bells very inferior to the old ring of ten. Within five years the tenor had to be recast and was invoiced back as weighing 50 cwt.

In 1913 the bells were fitted with steel headstocks and rehung by Messrs. Warner and Co., London. The ringers obtained little satisfaction from the bells after rehanging, as they were still difficult to ring and were of indifferent tone, with the result that there was soon an agitation for improvements to be made; proof, surely, that it is a mistake to spend money on patched-up jobs so far as bells are concerned.

Ultimately, on the advice of Canon H. H. Nolloth, the Dean and Chapter decided to make a clean sweep of the old bells and fittings and to start anew. The Beckwith bells were heard for the last time on January 3rd, 1925.

THE PRESENT RING

The work of restoration was entrusted to Messrs John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who recast the bells with a considerable addition of new metal and rehung them in a massive cast iron and steel frame and modern fittings which included ball and roller bearings. The tenor bell now weighs a few pounds short of 60 cwt., or approximately the same as the old tenor of 1627, and sounds a deep B flat.

A new semitone, an A flat bell, was added between the 6th and 7th to form a middle octave in E flat with a tenor of 25 cwt. The total weight of the 13 bells is now over 13 tons.

The bells now form the fourth heaviest ring of twelve in the country, Liverpool, St. Paul's and Exeter Cathedrals taking precedence, but for beauty of tone they are unequalled.

Mention must be made of 'Great Peter'; this huge bell was provided out of the money raised to replace the bells destroyed in the 1840 fire but which was not required following the Beckwith bequest. It was cast at the foundry of Messrs. Mears, Whitechapel, and weighed 10½ tons. When hung in the north-western tower 30 men could not make it sound by swinging so it had to be struck by an independent hammer fitted to a long lever. The bell was not a good one as it was thicker at one side than the other.

After the bell restoration of 1925-26 'Great Peter' was recast at Loughborough and now weighs 10 tons 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. Its note is E flat, the dominant of the ring of twelve. Its hangings are of modern design and it can now be tolled, by swinging through 90 degrees, by the sexton without assistance. The deep boom of this great bell can be heard at noon each week-day when it is tolled for five minutes, this being akin to the pre-Reformation mid-day Angelus.

In pre-Reformation days this ringing of bells was allotted to deacons or clerks in minor orders. The bells were rung at the canonical hours, not only to give notice of the services, but to mark the time.

At the Reformation ringing ceased except for Matins and Evensong and the ringing duties were relegated to laymen. Thereafter bell-ringing gradually came to be regarded as a secular undertaking and was practised as a gentlemen's recreation and fashionable sport. It is only in the last 80 years or so that bell-ringers have established themselves as valued church workers.

Little is known of the early ringers of the Minster. In 1730 the York Society of Bell-ringers gave two bells to St. Martin's, Coney Street, and in 1733 made a generous contribution to the cost of rehanging the Minster bells and provided a ringing floor nearer the bells. It is evident the members of this Society were of some standing in the life of the city.

(To be continued)

A GOOSE SUPPER AT MEREWORTH

Last meeting of the year for the K.C.A., did I say? As we adjourned to the Torrington Arms no one had even dreamed otherwise. But then we discovered that we had 'discovered' the place, for in several years no one had thought of it before as a tea rendezvous, whereas at their previous 'house' mine hosts had been noted for their hospitality, especially for their goose suppers at Christmas.

The idea was born, and before leaving Mereworth a return visit had been booked for December 21st, only not to the Torrington Arms, but to the Queen's Head, another of the hostelrys. Towers in the District were invited to send representatives to a limited party of 30, and in the misty evening (thankfully no fog, as had been quite prevalent on previous evenings) they came. One small party had had a busy day, three members of the staff of East Malling Research Station, who in the afternoon had rung East Malling bells before their annual carol service (Nine Lessons and Carols), and en route to Mereworth had been to Wrotham to see the Press photographer at work obtaining suitable New Year's Eve copy for publication on New Year's Day in the county paper.

So to the goose supper. Midway through the feast the carol singers came and made their haul for the Children's Society. Everything was delightfully informal. From Wrotham we had brought a tape machine with a recording of those lovely bells, creditably rung by the very young local band, under the tutorage of 'Belfry' Editor Reginald Silks. Incidentally, in view of the present topicality of bell recordings, we are glad to be able to point to a positive use, for at Wrotham they play back their recordings and have their ringing criticised by captain Silks. Furthermore there is real pleasure in being able to listen to one's own ringing, and to compare different rings of bells.

Very soon the handbells were brought out and, being Christmastide, were set ringing carols. We thought our vocal accompaniment rather good, though have to admit that we were in too joyous a mood to be very critical. But the voice of cool reason was at last heard to remind us that we were change ringers, and the handbells altered course to Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Our time was running out, and after this brief interlude we dispersed to our various parishes having quite recklessly inserted this respite in that hectic and rush period before Christmas Day. I repeat, there was no formality, but we did allow ourselves one guest, the Vicar of Mereworth. Even so, it was only a token of our appreciation of that feast a month before at the Torrington Arms, when all of us had been his guests. E. S. J. H.

LONG PEAL COMMEMORATED

An Interesting Composition Rung

On Saturday, December 19th, 1953, the peal of 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal rung on December 15th, 1951, was commemorated at Worsley, Lancs, by a peal of Cambridge Royal, the first half with the back bells in the 'Tittum' position, and after a turning course of 7,908 the remainder of the peal was backstroke home. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Billington) came into the belfry accompanied by members of the local band and conducted a short service of dedication of the handsome tablet which records the long peal.

A pleasant evening was afterwards spent at the cafe near the church where an excellent meal had been arranged. There the company were joined by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, who, at the conclusion of the evening, ably 'carried the baby' so gracefully passed to him by the Vicar at the end of a short speech expressing his (the Vicar's) pleasure at being present on that memorable occasion and in which he said that whereas some of his predecessors had gone out when the bells were rung, he preferred to remain and listen to them. In truth, Worsley is fortunate in its choice of Vicars!

Mr. Smith, who, it will be remembered, is the only man to have been Master of both the Cambridge University Guild and the Oxford University Society, thanked Mr. Dunkerley, the donor of the tablet, for his hospitality and said, as president of the Lancashire Association, he had reason to appreciate the great service he was doing for the Exercise.

Mr. Darbyshire, the genial and well-known tower-keeper, expressed the pleasure of himself and the local band, and Mr. Dunkerley suitably replied.

A pleasant time was spent with the handbells until parochial duties claimed the two clerics and the remainder made their several ways home.

The band was sensible of the absence of James C. E. Simpson, whose sudden death nearly two years ago robbed them of one of their most accomplished and talented members. Mr. Peter Laffin, himself a long-length ringer of outstanding ability, took the vacant rope in the commemoration peal, details of which appear in our peal columns.

The composition rung is appended:—

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

By C. Kenneth Lewis

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42356	—	—
34256	—	—
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THIRTY YEARS AS SECRETARY

The annual meeting of the Kingston District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild took place at Kingston on January 2nd. The District Secretary, Mr. J. Preece, was about to relinquish his post after 30 years' service. A presentation was made to him after which he was once again elected secretary. In the face of no opposition his reply was 'I will continue "provisionally."'

As this has been his reply for many years, the ringers hope that he will continue for many more. D. R.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

II. THE AIM OF THESE NOTES

AS our main example method we shall take for these notes our old friend Plain Bob Major. I hear you say, 'I thought so—they all choose that method because it is easy. I shall not be able to apply the necessary instructions when I try to conduct a more difficult method.' On the other hand if I had written that I would use Cambridge or Yorkshire Surprise Royal or Maximus as my example method, some at least of you would have been scared off right at the start.

But I hope in due course to show you that the technique used by a real conductor is applied just as easily to many of the so-called difficult methods and that, so long as you have learnt a method well enough to ring your own bell, the fact that you have never actually rung it before need not stop you from conducting accurately and easily from any bell.

Does that sound a tall order? Then watch the peal reports for peals conducted by Mr. X. No matter what the method (perhaps a new one in Surprise Maximus) he usually conducts from a working bell. He may not have the physical ability to ring the tenor—he may actually find it easier to keep track of the working bells if he has one of them himself. Start for a peal with Mr. Y. conducting. He will quite casually take the bell that is left. It makes no difference to him.

These men will be the first to admit that they are not supermen. They have merely got over the hurdle we have mentioned and which I hope will seem much lower to you at the end of these articles.

The clever ringers who in recent years have brought round such wonderful performances on handbells have taught us that you can't ring two difficult 'blue lines' at the same time. In a simple method like Plain Bob you may be able to ring two handbells, each one separately following its path among the others, without much difficulty—though few handbell ringers do this. And in the tower you can ring one bell and at the same time watch the path of another all the time. You can, therefore, ring a non-observation bell and call the bobs by watching the position of the observation bell. But you cannot do this so easily with a more complex method and you couldn't do it at all if the method were new and unfamiliar to you.

(To be continued)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Wye Parish Church—built by Cardinal Kempe and standing majestically beside the other fine building erected by him as a college for priests and now used as an Agricultural College—was the rendezvous for the quarterly meeting of the Ashford District on January 2nd, a gloriously sunny day.

It is always a pleasure to visit Wye, with its lovely ring of eight bells, its beautifully-kept ringing chamber (the result of the devoted work of Bill Curtis, who is steeple-keeper, in addition to his dual position of captain and secretary of the local band), and the true welcome we receive from the Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Wells), a real friend to all ringers.

It was, therefore, a great disappointment to us to learn that, on that very morning, the Vicar had been ordered to bed by his doctor, and would neither be able to conduct our service nor join us at tea.

About 30 members and friends met us at the tower in what proved to be one of the most friendly meetings we have had—almost a family affair, in fact. There were just enough experienced ringers to leaven the mixture, and to provide the right medium from which the learners could derive the maximum advantage—which is, after all, not the least important object of these meetings. In addition to our usual faithful supporters we were glad to welcome Mr. Malcolm Cloke, on leave from Harwell, Miss Mary Hobbs, recently a student at the adjacent College and now living in Derbyshire, and, of course, Tom Cullingworth, who, we are glad to say, does not yet know whether he lives in Maidstone or Ashford.

Ringing started in earnest about 3.45, and as there was no service, continued until just before five o'clock, when we went to the snug tea-rooms of the Wye Hill Cafe to an excellent tea. Tea over, the artful ones who had found a room with a roaring fire were winked out into a larger one for the business meeting, at which Mr. C. W. Everett took the chair. After the formal business, eight new practising members were elected.

The secretary then read out a brief summary of the Association's committee meeting at Maidstone last November. He also reported that he had received from two young members now serving with the Army in Kenya (Frank Day and Fred Woodcock, of Great Chart) letters conveying their greetings to all their fellow-members. Copies of 'The Ringing World' were being sent to all ringers from the District who were known to be doing their National Service.

The business meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Curtis for making all the local arrangements. Mr. Curtis was asked to convey to the Vicar the thanks of the members and their hope for a speedy recovery.

Ringing then carried on until 8.15 in methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major. W. P. G.

A PEAL AT BRECON

The peal at Brecon on Boxing Day is of more than passing interest, as for Mr. Wilfred Williams and Mr. Donald G. Clift it was the realisation of almost a life's ambition to score a peal on this fine Rudhall eight. Mr. Williams was born almost within sound of the bells and a peal here had previously evaded him for almost 30 years.

Eighteen months ago a peal for Pudsey on these bells was stopped owing to the indisposition of one of the band after two hours of almost faultless ringing.

For this successful attempt two members of the band made the journey by car from London, Roger Fry rode his motor-cycle in pouring rain from Bath, while all other members of the band made the journey of approximately 50 miles.

ONLY A FEW LEFT

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUFFOLK GUILD PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—The Suffolk Guild has a big problem and I do not think that the raising of the subscription by 1s. 6d. is the answer. There are many elderly ringers and to do this could mean the losing of their membership. The peal levy is impracticable because of the amount of work it would entail, but the extra money must come from somewhere and I think that the answer lies in the honorary members. According to the 1952 report the Guild has a total of 23 honorary members (12 from Leiston). Now if each ringing member recruited at least one honorary member during 1954 an extra £55 would be collected each year. This would pay for the extra reports and put the Guild on its feet again. All members of the Parochial Church Councils would make a good start, and all who have an interest in the bells of their church should be approached.

I have 13 honorary members for 1953 and can see a big drop in that number if the subscription is increased to 4s.—Yours faithfully,
ALAN R. BRIDGES.

Theberton, Leiston.

Dear Sir,—My first reaction to the original letter on 'Suffolk Guild Problems' was that the matter was purely a domestic one, and not worthy of public discussion.

However, if Mr. Brett's reply is correct, we can assume that the problem will eventually face all Guilds who hold their A.G.M. on a Bank Holiday. His reasons for a change do not appear convincing. Whilst it is true that a person can be free once a year, it does not necessarily follow that all can be free on a particular Saturday. There is no doubt that a much larger number are free on a public holiday. Providing the meeting is well organised, with a definite object of making it more attractive than other local events, and that the member has a keen sense of his responsibility to back up the committee working on his behalf, the attendance will be good.

In larger Guilds transport difficulties must be recognised, and the A.G.M. held in different centres in turn. Besides giving all members a fair chance of attending, the local members responsible for staging the meeting would do so in a competitive spirit and through this would come progress. It was noticeable when the change from Easter Monday to a Saturday was debated in Norfolk, the sole objection came from West Norfolk. I do not know their reasons, but it may not be a coincidence that West Suffolk also objects.

To raise a subscription in order to print a larger report is open to question. Most peal ringers keep their own records, peal cards are obtainable at a reasonable cost, and a peal secretary could keep records on behalf of the whole Guild. Whilst it is simpler to collect a 'peal levy' by raising the subscription we must not delude ourselves by thinking it is something different.

Whatever the outcome of these discussions I am certain that our local ringers' first loyalty is to their own church, and service ringing will continue to improve.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. HAYNES.

Sudbury, Suffolk.

COMPLETE YOUR 'RINGING WORLD' FILE FOR 1953

Except for the issue of January 9th we have copies of 'The Ringing World' available for 1953. An early application is desirable.

SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir,—Christmas over, Old Year rung out, the New Year rung in, we must return to the propaganda, 'No synthetic bell recordings.' We should at all our Branch, Guild and Association meetings bring this matter of synthetic bells to the notice of our Bishops and clergy to have Mr. I. Bulmer Thomas' worthy resolution, deprecating the use of synthetic bell sounds—which was shelved at the last meeting of the Church Assembly—put on the agenda again and make ringers' opposition to 'canned recordings' heard very strongly.

I am sure we can count upon the support of the majority of the Bishops and clergy, if we ask for it. They are usually so interested, sympathetic and appreciative of our services.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

RINGERS' RALLY AND GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER

Dear Sir,—On December 5th at the annual meeting of the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, it was proposed by Mr. Fred Price, and seconded, that the above dinner should be allowed to lapse. This was caused by the fact that at the meeting Mr. Arthur V. Davis made it known that he could not again organise the dinner. Prior to the meeting the dinner committee had no knowledge of this fact, and consequently it was not possible to appoint a successor at such short notice. The undersigned have since agreed that the dinner should be held on Saturday, May 8th next, at the Wick Ferry Restaurant, Wick Ferry, Christchurch. Further particulars will be given in 'The Ringing World' at a later date. I may add that the dinner has been previously held at the Wick Ferry Restaurant, which is only a few minutes' walk from the centre of Christchurch, and is situated on the banks of the River Stour.—Yours faithfully,

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Also for and on behalf of Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay & Messrs. Fred Price & Roy Hurst.

An Acton Peal of 40 Years Ago

Mr. Victor R. Holloway, of Old Mill House, Churchway, Haddenham, Bucks, has forwarded us a photograph of a marble tablet in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Acton, W.3.

The tablet commemorates a peal of Grand-sire Triples rung on February 18th, 1914, by the following members of St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, Acton: H. Holloway treble, H. W. Cotton 2, C. R. Walker 3, R. E. Holloway 4, V. R. Holloway 5, J. W. Fruin 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, J. R. Sims tenor.

Mr. Holloway writes that this was his own first peal and also of his two brothers, Robert Holloway was Master of the Middlesex Association and died suddenly in October, 1928, and his other brother, H. Holloway, died recently. He wonders how many of the band are alive and ringing and would like to hear from anyone who is still available.

Christmas at Warsop

Christmas time is when the bells cannot be heard too often. Warsop, Notts, provided a very full programme with its company of 12 ringers. Quarter peals were planned for Christmas Eve and at 7 and 8.30 on Christmas morning. On Sunday, December 27th, there was ringing at 8.30, 2.30 and 5.30. New Year's Eve included the annual party attended by the Rector (the Rev. R. G. Corwell), 45 minutes' half-muffled ringing and a similar period in the New Year. It was the first time for many years that the bells had rung in the New Year.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Badge of Office for the Master

Planned

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 2nd at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, at which the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presided.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting, the chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the passing of James F. Harvey, who at one time served the Guild as librarian. A half-muffled peal was rung to his memory at St. Martin's, which was appreciated by Mr. Harvey's son and daughter, who made a special journey to hear the ringing.

Two new ringing members were elected—Miss E. Yeld, of Edgbaston, and Mr. H. J. Walker, of Coleshill. The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified:—Messrs. R. Roger Savory (Evesham), G. Ronald Edwards (Nanpantan), Geoffrey K. Dodd (Highclere) and Richard M. Currie (Winchester).

An invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston Parish Church on Saturday, April 3rd, was unanimously accepted.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet and reported a substantial increase in the balance in hand, which was considered very satisfactory. The senior auditor (Mr. H. H. Fearn) having given his report, the accounts were unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1954

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected as follows:—Master, Mr. Albert Walker; Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman Paddon-Smith, J.P., and Mr. Ernest T. Allaway; auditors, Mr. H. H. Fearn and Mr. S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

The chairman referred to the new flat sixth bell which was on order for St. Martin's. It was now cast and the founders were awaiting the instructions of the Rector, who did not wish the bell to be used until the completion of his £100,000 appeal fund for the restoration of St. Martin's Church. This object was nearly fulfilled and in a few months' time the bell would be installed.

Mr. Walker felt that the new light eight which would then be available would be invaluable for the Guild practices on Tuesday evenings. The practices throughout the past year had been well maintained and, under the direction of Mr. Pinfold, progress had been made in the ringing of new methods. There was invariably a band of good ringers in attendance, and every opportunity and encouragement were given to learners.

It was decided to form a small committee to inquire into the purchase of a badge of office for the use of the Master.

The members were pleased to welcome Mr. Fred Price, now of Bournemouth, previously Ringing Master of Aston Parish Church.

Mr. F. W. Rishworth proposed that certain old members be made honorary life members in recognition of many years' support to the Guild. As this involved an alteration of rule, Mr. Rishworth gave notice that he would bring the matter forward at the next meeting.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: Pauline M. Saxton 1, R. G. Blackman (cond.) 2, P. R. Blackman 3, J. H. Betts 4, W. G. Challen 5, J. T. Finney 6, E. Winifred Keys 7, H. F. Dunford 8. First in method for 1, 4 and as conductor.

SCOTHERN, Lincs.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. M. Bibby 1, G. A. Dixon (cond.) 2, J. H. Randall 3, C. V. Cade 4, B. Collis (first quarter) 5, R. J. Hutchinson (first quarter) 6.

HOW KENT GREETED 1954

'At This Season the Bells Take on a Different Meaning'

Dr. John Hatcher, hon. district secretary, Maidstone District, Kent County Association, contributed an appropriate New Year's Message to Kent people through the columns of 'The Kent Messenger.'

AT this New Year, here's a 'change' for all you Men of Kent and Kentish Maids. I mean that literally.

Of course, you will say, this is a moment of change; it's 1954, no longer 1953. The old year has ended and expectantly we peep into the new with resolution.

Over the border it was Hogmanay, but in England another tradition lived—the bells, ringing their changes, half-muffled in the dying minutes of the old, crashing out in wild abandon as the New Year was born.

Did you hear them? At Wrotham, perhaps, the glorious bells of St. George's Church echoing forth their music, revolving metal masses, swinging clappers, wheel and rope.

Eastwards, to and fro across the sinuous ribbon linking London Town and Dover's cliffs . . . West Malling, delicate spire silhouetted against the sky . . . East Malling, its six bells rather melancholy . . . the brisker pealing from Aylesford's tower . . .

Up the hill, up the stone spiral steps to the ringing chamber, eight dancing 'sallics'; and the ringers—can you picture them?

THE CHIEFTAIN

Tinkling sounds from the little Church of St. Margaret-in-the-Fields of Barming and the ringers of Boxley, of Bearsted and of Boughton Monchelsea keeping their company in this old year ceremony.

These are the six-bell towers circled round their chieftain, the majestic All Saints', of Maidstone, ten tongues swinging aloft.

Eastwards again, to Hollingbourne's tower, to Harrietsham and Lenham—more 'backroom boys'—to Egerton St. James' proudly astride the hill, and then to Charing . . .

Thus the message of the bells went out on New Year's Eve—Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, yes, Kent itself—change after cascading change, pattern of sound woven in the winter air.

Come with me up those winding steps, worn by the feet of centuries, to the ringing chamber.

Surely no collection of 'ancients' this (though one has reached a full four score), but of all ages, even boys and girls, coats and jackets off, manipulating in miraculous manner their ropes.

'Bob,' shouts one, but no one seems to notice. 'Single,' it sounded like. Another shout, equally mysterious.

Yes, this is change-ringing, an English art evolved through several centuries.

'That's all,' is a more obvious call, for swiftly the ropes cease their dance, a sudden hush for a moment, and then the buzz of human voice.

NEARLY MIDNIGHT

Ten minutes to twelve, and skirmishing up more stairs go two or three to remove the leather muffs, a skilful and rather dangerous job moving among the upturned bells.

Now the Vicar is saying watchnight prayers, the dying moments of the old year are tolled out solemnly, and the midnight hour is chimed . . . 1234567812345678 . . . 1234567812345678.

Happy New Year, proclaim the bells, and the ringers feel that this is indeed their hour, which of course it is. Another year's service is complete.

For Sunday by Sunday, from tower and steeple, their voices sound. At the great festivals of Christmas and Easter the early morning bells peal over town and countryside telling of Messiah.

On great national occasions it is the bells which register the people's mood . . . at the passing of a beloved King . . . at the crowning of a young and lovely Queen.

Always the bells direct the thoughts of those who hear them to the meaning beyond.

But on New Year's Eve it's different, as if the bells were the central figures in the drama, commanding our ears.

A PAUSE

For a moment, then, let us pause and think about the ringers of this land.

The belfry is a great mixer, old and young, man and woman, of every possible occupation . . . blacksmith, bank clerk, grocer, gardener, parson, printer, engineer, estate agent . . .

NEW YEAR'S EVE MESSAGE TO LEICESTER

Ernest Morris Provides an Appropriate Story

Newspapers like as a New Year's Eve feature something to do with bells. 'The Leicester Evening News' of December 31st contained a seasonable article written by Mac Cherry with Ernest Morris as an appropriate background. The story reads:

AS the old year dies to-night, the clock at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, will strike the hour with exceptional midnight authority.

Taking over the task of the impersonal clock mechanism, Mr. Ernest Morris, the church Ringing Master, and one of the world's greatest experts on bells, will execute the strokes manually on his bell rope.

But Mr. Morris will go one better than the clock. At his thirteenth stroke the other ringers will join in and the great chord that follows—known as 'firing' the bells—will proclaim the birth of 1954.

It is one of the simpler exercises from the repertoire of a bellringer. Yet slight, grey-haired Mr. Morris will be happily spending the first minutes of his 65th year as he has spent much of his life—among bells.

Because New Year peals make people a little more bell-conscious than usual, I visited Mr. Morris at his home at the Verger's Lodge, near St. Margaret's Church. In addition to being Ringing Master, he is verger and vestry clerk.

He greeted me in a study with a ship's bell on the desk and a bright set of horse bell on top of one of the filing cabinets.

'Bells,' he said, 'belong to the percussion group, the first instruments of music made by man. Four thousand years ago the Chinese produced a scale of notes from flat stones on a wooden rack.'

'They were not quite bells, and probably the first two bells were devised after men started to fashion metals and discovered more or less accidentally that there was music in their work.'

JOY, GRIEF

A St. Margaret's schoolboy, Ernest Morris learned from his father, Josiah Morris, how to handle a bell rope and to memorise part of the pattern he must produce in a peal.

It was not long, however, before he realised that bells through the ages have been used to express joy and grief, to sound alarms, to spread good news and bad and to mark the passage of time as well as merely to produce a succession of notes that is artistically pleasing.

While he learned campanology—the ringer's art—he also studied the history, development, legend and tradition of bells.

Knowledge brought him an urge to write. Pamphlets and articles were followed by books. Now he has produced nearly a dozen volumes

drawn by their art into a wonderful fellowship. This ringing art must, of course, be mastered; the older must train the younger; there must be a steady flow of young and vigorous blood if the service of the bells is not to suffer.

Time must be given, patience and perseverance must be in evidence, loyalty must be sustained.

A Happy New Year, then, you men and maids of Kent, and with the sound of the bells still ringing in your ears resolve that the bells of your churches will never be silent, whether through lack of interest and money to preserve them physically, or through lack of recruits to an Exercise of the purest English vintage.

Indeed, why not resolve to ring in 1955 yourself?

ranging from 'The History and Art of Change Ringing' to 'Chronology of British Bell founders.'

Research and authorship of books brought him a fellowship of both the Royal Historical and Geographical Societies. More recently, the publishers of Chamber's New Encyclopædia invited him to write their bell article and the completion of this work was rewarded by membership of the Royal Society of Literature.

The years that the bells have announced since his boyhood have brought Ernest Morris many satisfactions.

He has rung a full peal on all the possible bells in Leicestershire. Each individual church bell in the county—its history, record and inscription—is known to him.

In minsters, abbeys and cathedrals, as well as churches throughout Britain, he has conducted and rung peals.

There is little he does not know about the melodious combinations of clock chimes and carillons.

So that he could make illuminated records of the main peals at St. Margaret's he spent years mastering the art of lettering, and reached such a high standard that Leicester University once asked him to produce an illuminated greeting for some of their undergraduates to take to Germany. It had nothing to do with bells but Mr. Morris obliged.

Yet with all his many-sided studies Ernest Morris still finds his main joy at the end of a bell rope, watching the gaily-coloured sally bob up to the ringing chamber roof and back, weaving his way through a complicated series of changes—a mathematical permutation that would make a football pool look simple.

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63542	—	—	—	—	Lon, Yorks, Lon
56342	—	—	—	—	Lon, Camb, Rut
45362	—	—	—	—	Rut, Sup, Lon
36452	—	—	—	—	Lon, Sup, Rut
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QUARTER PEALS

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cox (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Elliott 2, Miss B. A. Thompson 3, Miss M. Andrews 4, J. L. Morris 5, P. P. Brown (cond.) 6.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Dec. 24th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 1,264 Bob Major: Christine Pedder (13) 1, Mrs. H. Schofield 2, Mrs. M. Evans 3, Ann Lavcock 4, H. Schofield 5, A. Ashton 6, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 7, D. R. Marshall 8. First quarter peal of Major for the ladies, and the first to be rung by four ladies at this church.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss P. Gray 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, D. Bridges 3, E. Izzard 4, W. Stapleton 5, S. Burrage 6, G. Cripps 7, T. Hartwell 8. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. I. Parsons 1, J. Chilcott (cond.) 2, Kathleen Weller 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, A. F. Clayton 5, D. E. Parsons 6, L. A. Reece 7, J. Hill 8. First in method 1 and 3.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Richard Brown 1, W. Sargent 2, B. Peters 3, H. Fountain 4, F. Paramore (cond.) 5, J. Filer 6, J. Small 7, Reg Brown 8. Rung half-muffled.

CHELSEA, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Bridget Cox 1, Ann Pannell 2, J. Pannell 3, J. Carpenter 4, J. Parker (first as cond.) 5, V. Webster 6. Rung for Christmas morning service.

CROFT, LEICS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: S. Baileys 1, F. Long 2, F. Watson 3, J. Baileys (cond.) 4, R. Collis 5, D. Bishop 6. A compliment to the Rector on the 30th anniversary of his Ordination; also a birthday compliment to D. Bishop.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, H. Ashton 2, E. Dalingwater 3, F. A. Staveley 4, J. McCuskey 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. E. Critchley 8. Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of 1953.

FARNWORTH, NEAR BOLTON, LANCs.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. A. Somers 1, N. Tompkins 2, Miss S. Higham 3, A. Pendlebury 4, G. Pearson 5, P. Crook, sen., 6, J. Thornley 7, H. Prescott 8. Last quarter on bells before recasting and rehanging. Rung after Sunday evening service.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandire Triples: G. P. Cairns (first quarter) 1, E. N. Harrison 2, Mrs. J. Smith 3, T. Sewell 4, K. Arthur 5, T. V. Crowe 6, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 7, J. Heal 8.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: H. C. Davison 1, G. Seth 2, J. R. Smith 3, C. Clarke 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. R. Reeve 6.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. H. Hicks (cond.) 1, J. A. Howard 2, Rosemary J. Parsloe 3, Elsie Feltwell 4, D. A. Cornford 5. First quarter 'inside' by 2 and 3. Rung for the carol service.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): C. G. Pitcher 1, J. Schofield (cond.) 2, Miss M. C. Howe 3, D. J. Priest 4, R. E. Waters 5, C. Simpson 6, C. E. Slade 7, J. Pitcher 8. First quarter for 6 and 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: D. Taylor 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie (first in the method) 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. Wenban 6, S. Warwick 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of P. D. Beedie. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Taylor 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie (first in the method) 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. C. Mayne 6, S. Warwick 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Rung for the 15th birthday of D. Taylor.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandire and Plain Bob Doubles (9 changes of method): M. Eason (first quarter) 1, R. Trabilcock 2, D. Simms 3, T. Otter 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Coles, who were married on Boxing Day.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Dilley 1, G. Mayes 2, Daphne Hare 3, M. Orme 4, D. Jones 5, L. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HESSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 2,040 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, G. Catton 2, A. Fever 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. B. Sansom 1, W. W. Webb 2, F. Blondell 3, P. Bettbridge 4, E. R. Gladman 5, W. J. Winter 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Moore 8. Also on New Year's Eve, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: H. C. Chase (first quarter) 1, P. Bettbridge 2, W. W. Webb 3, B. A. Rose 4, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 5, W. J. Winter 6. First of Doubles for 3 and 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biges 1, D. Cornwall 2, Miss D. Coker 3, I. Biggs 4, D. Cox 5, J. Kape 6, A. E. Cox (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On Jan. 3rd, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, S. Gilbert 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

ILSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 300 Plain Bob, 720 Grandire): E. Lewin 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, C. T. Whitman 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, A. N. Geary 5, N. Dyer (first quarter) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss P. Howell (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Farrell 2, Miss J. Creak 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, J. R. Ketteringham 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, S. Croft 7, J. Wells 8.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Grandire and 540 Plain Bob): Miss A. Wilson (first quarter) 1, G. Francis 2, Miss P. Sprackling (first in three methods 'inside') 3, Miss S. A. Richardson 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Benfield 1, J. Payne 2, J. Felce 3, F. Joyce 4, B. E. Frost (first of Minor as cond.) 5, S. F. Earl 6. Rung for the engagement of John Coleman and Margaret Richards.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. Nix 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, A. C. Morris 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, T. Gwilt 5, A. A. Upton 6, D. Harrison (cond.) 7, E. Hewlett 8. Also on Christmas Day, by the same company, except J. L. Lightfoot taking the place of Mrs. K. Watts.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, on Dec. 29th, 1,800 Plain Bob: D. Simpson 1, V. Briggs 2, A. Melton 3, C. Brown 4, F. Dixon 5, F. Crowe 6. Longest touch for 1 and 5. Jointly conducted by 3 and 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: G. Smith (first of Triples) 1, C. Geary 2, Shelagh Kilbourn 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, T. Robinson 6, A. Hickton 7, H. Makins 8.

LUTON, LINC'S.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: R. Ball 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, Mrs. P. W. Campling 4, P. G. Butler (cond.) 5, P. W. Campling 6. To welcome in the New Year.

MARLOW, BUCK.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, E. D. Poole 2, Miss E. Gibson 3, Miss S. Hazelby 4, E. J. Young 5, J. T. Clay 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandire Triples, half-muffled: G. Kirby 1, R. J. Sharp 2, M. Sinfield (first 'inside') 3, M. J. Lockey (first as cond.) 4, A. C. Sinfield 5, A. Murphy 6, C. Mann 7, S. Sharp 8. First quarter peal by Sunday service band.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Pateman 1, P. Harrup 2, A. Tuck 3, R. Newell 4, S. Dash 5, F. Haiper (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gipson, married on Boxing Day.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: J. Neville (first quarter on the treble) 1, D. Neville 2, F. Parsons 3, Miss E. Chandler 4, I. Taylor (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Cowdry (first quarter) 6.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, G. Perrin 3, H. Pickles 4, R. Walker 5, K. Ager 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 6th, who afterwards kindly entertained the ringers and friends.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Walshe 1, H. Bigmore 2, Miss J. Walshe 3, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 4, W. H. Rogers 5, C. Jordan 6, J. Warner 7, R. Mays 8. Rung by the Sunday service band. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Kemp 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, K. Hayden 3, S. Clark 4, H. Bird 5, W. Wheeler 6, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 7, W. Bird 8. Both quarters rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick G. Springham, late ringing master at Much Hadham.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Buswell (cond.) 1, Miss J. Hoodless 2, C. Glenn 3, J. K. Wagstaff 4, A. Simpson 5, J. B. Guy 6, W. Nichols 7, A. W. Hoodless 8. A wedding compliment to Frederick G. Hooper and Miss Annie K. Streeton, both attached to North Muskham tower.

PEWSEY, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: L. J. Rutt (cond.) 1, H. Staggs 2, R. S. Spackman 3, P. L. Churchill 4, Mrs. L. F. Love 5, S. R. Chandler 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,259 Grandire Caters: Mrs. B. Sadler 1, M. Scanes 2, W. S. May 3, B. Cook 4, L. Beal 5, J. Belsham 6, F. C. May 7, G. Frost 8, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 9, C. R. Chambers 10. For evening carol service.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandire and Plain Bob): C. Gratton 1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, Stella Allen 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, A. Bown 5, W. Cooper (first quarter) 6.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Honey 1, Miss J. Jones (first 'inside') 2, J. Honey 3, A. R. Pink (conductor) 4, W. Cubb 5, Miss M. Sparks 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. Bladon 1, Miss P. Manning 2, V. Griffin 3, F. G. Wilton 4, E. J. Berry 5, R. J. Stokes 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, A. G. Wells 8, W. W. T. Daniell 9, Miss E. Lloyd-Roberts 10.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: C. H. Geeves 1, W. J. Holmes 2, E. Edmondson (cond.) 3, J. M. Page 4, G. W. Edwards (first quarter) 5, Miss B. E. Perry (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edward J. Compton, who died December 20th, 1953, aged 36, a member of the local band.

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Horwood 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, D. Broyd 3, J. Scott 4, J. Newman 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6, A. Matthews 7, J. Sinfield 8. First quarter on eight for 1 and 3. First quarter on the bells since augmentation.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandire): Patricia M. Howard (first quarter) 1, F. H. Hicks 2, J. A. Howard 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, J. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, H. Meade 6, H. J. Wilde 7, E. Constable 8. First in three methods by all except 2 and 5. Rung with 7, 6, 8 behind.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins 1, F. Hawkins 2, Miss J. R. Wells 3, F. A. Rye 4, J. F. Penfold 5, T. Wickens 6, F. W. Lawrence (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Rye 8. Rung to welcome the New Year.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,680 Treble Bob Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent, 240 Oxford): A. E. Dobb 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, Miss J. Smith 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Midnight Mass. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss F. Robinson 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 3, A. E. Dobb 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung for 9.30 a.m. parish Eucharist.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: J. Young (first quarter) 1, J. Puttick 2, J. W. Pelton 3, F. F. Brooks 4, B. J. Luff (cond.) 5, E. Luff 6. To ring out the old year.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Dec. 27th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. R. Atkins 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, J. A. Hales 3, F. W. L. Blewer 4, J. Bullock 5, J. G. Gipson 6, C. E. Willmington 7, R. H. Begrie 8. For Evensong. The ringer of the 6th hails from Cambridge.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss P. M. Popham (first quarter) 1, S. Clark 2, S. Body 3, I. J. Burrough 4, R. Clark 5, R. E. Hudson 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, H. E. Petheram 8.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss M. James (first quarter) 1, L. Webster (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Mrs. K. Lawson 4, W. Maughan 5, K. Lawson 6, A. Watson 7, J. Maughan 8. Rung for midnight service.

WESTHILL, S.W.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Anne A. Stokes 1, J. Chilcott 2, Mrs. C. J. Watts 3, H. E. Ellis 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, H. Belcher 7, H. M. Page 8.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. Rigby 1, E. Cutsforth 2, A. Pendlebury 3, J. Thornley 4, B. Welsby 5, W. Smalley 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, K. Walker 8. Rung with fully muffled bells after the interment of Mr. Fred Howarth, warden at this church and great friend of the ringers.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Marjorie Hodges (first quarter) 1, R. Colman 2, K. Medway 3, Muriel Legg 4, G. Prescott 5, Marjorie Legg 6, J. Weadon (first quarter as cond.) 7, D. Harris (first quarter) 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Minor (one except each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford): Jill Mackintosh 1, Anne Holmes (first in these methods) 2, L. W. Skinner 3, Mary Fuller 4, A. S. Richards 5, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 6.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 St. Simon's, 240 Stedman, 360 Grandire, 360 Plain Bob, 60 Stedman): Miss M. Drew 1, C. Rouse (cond.) 2, H. V. Robinson 3, M. Wiltshire 4, F. Roberts 5, Miss J. Barbrook 6. Rung as a compliment to the tenor ringer for her 21st birthday.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Dec. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Coles 1, E. Hill (first in method) 2, M. Angela Carter 3, H. Floyd 4, J. Adams 5, L. Busby (first of Major) 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: J. Truran (first away from tenor) 1, Rosemary Patching (first 'inside') 2, H. W. Brown 3, S. W. Brown 4, Agnes Millam (first as cond.) 5. Rung for the annual carol service prior to the bells being dismantled for retuning and rehanging in metal frame.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 28th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss B. Crookford 1, G. Wigmore 2, H. Dyer 3, Miss M. Cole 4, W. Pearce 5, W. Newton 6, W. J. Brooks (cond.) 7, E. Pearce 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Fred Langley, sexton and vergier at this church for many years.

BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS' OUTING

An early start was made recently by 11 members of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers. We converged on the Huntingdonshire border to meet at Eynesbury, the first tower. On the way from Eynesbury to Great Paxton we passed St. Neots, which was to be our last tower on Sunday evening. At Great Paxton we were joined by another member of the party. From Great Paxton we went on to the historic parish of Buckden. Before ringing on the heavy five the Vicar showed us some of the interesting features of the church. Ringing at Brampton, after the Vicar had shown us round his church, completed the morning's programme.

During lunch at the local inn we were entertained by the landlord with his golden retriever. Refreshed, a quick ride brought us to Huntingdon, where we were ringing first at St. Mary's and then at All Saints'. At All Saints' we were joined by the last member of our party, also two others came over on a motor-cycle and rang with us there. From Huntingdon we went to Warboys before returning to Houghton to ring, and to the Youth Hostel at the Mill.

After supper we had a fruitless journey to Hemingford Abbots, arriving too late to ring. On Sunday morning in thick mist we made our way along by the river to St. Ives and rang there for morning service. When we came from the church the sun was shining brilliantly. A few spare minutes were occupied in taking photographs before wending our way through the fair which was being assembled in the main street and so on to Holywell where we rang after service.

After lunch we had but two and a half miles to go to Fenstanton but, with the hazards of a ferry crossing over the River Ouse in a punt and the obstacle of a locked railway crossing, we arrived only just in time for all to have a ring.

Ringling at Great Grandsen completed the afternoon's programme. We unfortunately could not stay to hear the tunes played on by the clock. After tea one of our members had to leave us before we went on to St. Neots, where we rang for evening service, thus completing our circle in Huntingdonshire. J. A.

LATE NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Shalford. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting and tea. S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, followed by social evening. Names for tea to Hon. Sec. by Wednesday previous. Tickets for social 2s. each, obtainable from Mr. R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Denzilville, Guildford; Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, West Farnborough, Hants; Mr. R. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey; Mr. A. H. Smith, The Bungalow, Bookham Rec., Leatherhead. 3812

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner and social evening will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Details of ringing later. Morning peals arranged by request. Tickets 10s. from G. A. Halls, 672, Harvey Road, Derby. 3813

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. I. Merrett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, J. Merrett (first 'inside') 5, J. M. Aspinall 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,349 Grand-sire Caters: I. Bentley (first quarter) 1, G. Pearson 2, A. Pendlebury 3, Miss N. B. Smedley 4, I. P. McEwan 5, A. T. Royle 6, R. Allred 7, F. Grundy (cond.) 8, P. H. Derbyshire 9, A. Pearson 10. Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the 75th birthday of the chief ringer, Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, who has been ringing 57 years at Worsley.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 3719

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.—W. Marsh. 4. Dovecotes, Street. 3756

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 16th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3789

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Nuneaton, Jan. 16th. Bells of St. Nicolas' (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in vestry at 6 p.m. followed by ringing until 9 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 3767

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Plympton St. Maurice on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Usual arrangements. 3742

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (6) 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at All Saints' Hall. Both towers available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3751

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Bocking, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 3725

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 3744

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Jan. 16th. Ringing. St. Michael's (8) 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Albans Abbey (12) 6.45 p.m. 3763

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3769

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting, Jan. 16th, St. George's, Camberwell (Wells Way), 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall. Ringing afterwards.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec., 152c, Walton Street, S.W.3. 3811

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip (6), Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 3770

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotbury. 3745

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Horley, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 5. 3771

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield, Jan. 16th. Look up Oxford Bob Triples. Tower open 3 o'clock. 3781

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. O. G. Smart, 28, The Drive, Andover. 3743

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual district meeting, Fareham, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to A. H. Sturgess, 40, Osborne Road, Fareham.—S. K. M. Knight. 3778

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brierley Hill, Sat., Jan. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3727

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 3791

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Evercreech (10), Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Numbers for tea essential by 20th. Will all choristers attending assemble with the choir as the 'Hallatrow Trio' handbell ringers will accompany hymn-singing. Ample ringing for 6-and-8-bell ringers.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat. 3797

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Horsley (6), Jan. 23rd at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, Derby. 3800

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Doncaster (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 3796

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Blaydon (St. Cuthbert's), Names, by Jan. 21st, to Mr. R. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3801

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech (St. Peter's), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; there are cafes near church.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3787

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual district meeting at Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45. St. Leonard's bells (6) also available afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea not later than Jan. 20th to H. J. Millatt, 46, Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester. 3758

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Queen's Head.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual general meeting will be held at Great Waltham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting and election of officers for 1954 after tea. 3734

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 23rd, at Cathedral. Bells 2.15. Tea. Saracen's Head Hotel, 5 p.m. All teas must be booked by Jan. 20th certain.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 3804

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3-8. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in St. Nicholas' Hall. Please send numbers for tea by Jan. 20th to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 3754

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting. Hitchin. Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3783

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual District meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 20th, to Mr. D. Cartwright, Miswell Orchard, Miswell Lane, Tring, Herts.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3793

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea is by kind invitation, but numbers for tea must reach Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Thursday, Jan. 21st, and this is definite, no names, no tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3761

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 19th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3760

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Jan. 23rd, at Bolton Parish Church. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. A hot, cooked tea provided free for all ringers and friends who send in their names, by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, to V. Martin, 413, Crompton Wav. A special effort is requested for a good attendance.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs. 3784

LIFCESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Sancote, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3. Tea in Village Hall 5. Please notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. M. Brown, 57, Stanton Road, Sapcote, Leicester. 3790

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Wrangle, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Angel Inn at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 18th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3757

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Bray, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Branch Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. in Vicarage. Bells available 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3795

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Towcester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Please notify Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester, for tea by Tuesday previous. Service 3.30 p.m.—W. A. Yates, Branch Sec. 3750

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Jan. 23rd. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Bells available: St. Martin's 3.15 and after meeting, St. Paul's 2.15 and 8, St. Thomas' 6.30-8. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3780

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wimborne on Jan. 23rd. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea for those who notify, by January 20th, I. Davis, Restormel, 37, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 3805

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, St. Mary's, Stafford, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Choral Service 4 o'clock, with address by the Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Jan. 20th to Mr. R. J. Warrilow, 197, Tixall Road, Stafford. 3773

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, Jan. 23rd, Shore-ditch, 2.30, St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Jan. 20th.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 3766

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Sedlescombe (6), not East Hoathly, as shown on meeting card, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 20th, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 3794

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Ropley, Jan. 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3759

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Eastham meeting postponed until Jan. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea must be received by 26th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3810

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport St. George, Jan. 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. P. Laflin, 25, Hallam Street, Stockport, by Tuesday, 26th.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 3811

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting on Jan. 30th at St. James', Clerkenwell. Bells from 3-4.30 p.m. followed by service, tea and business. Evening ringing to be announced later. Names for tea to Miss M. Prockson, 37, Long Meadow Road, Sidcup, Kent.—A. E. Salter, Dis. Sec. 3803

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, at All Saints', Newport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, by Jan. 26th, to Miss D. Attewell, 68, Malpas Road, Newport.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 3798

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Jan. 30th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 n.m. at the Talbot Cafe. (4s. per head). Names for tea, by Monday, 25th, to Mr. Reg. Wood, 14, Cowes Road, Grantham.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 3792

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodston, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea must be sent, by Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 3786

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch.—Annual meeting at Rushden, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Please remember that P.C. for tea.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 3749

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 30th.—Ringing: St. Chad's 2.45 to 3.45; St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45. Special service St. Michael's 4.15 p.m. Bells available 3 o'clock. Car owners asked to help with transport; parking in front of St. Chad's and St. Michael's. Tea and business, Tudor Room, Morris Cafe, Pride Hill, 5.15 p.m. St. Chad's bells 7 to 8.30 p.m. For tea advise, by 28th, W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 3809

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual District meeting at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea can be arranged near, or bring your own. Meeting 6 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 3799

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Christ Church (8) 3 p.m. Tea at the Cricketers', Epsom Common, 4.30, followed by meeting. St. Martin's (10) after meeting. Election of District officers and committee. Nominations for general officers also three Central Council representatives. Notice for tea, by Jan. 28th, to Mr. Oakshott, Downs View, Lewins Road, Epsom.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3782

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL RINGERS.—Annual dinner will take place on Saturday, January 30th. Tickets, 8s. each, from Miss J. Rose, Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol 8. Ringing times to follow. All welcome. 3806

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church Cottage. Names for tea by Jan. 26th.—John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3785

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Jan. 30th, in conjunction with the Centenary Celebration Dinner of the York Minster Society. Minster bells (12) available 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 3.55 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in St. William's College. Service in Minster choir 4 p.m. General meeting 4.45 p.m. in Minster ringing chamber. Dinner 6.45 for 7 p.m. at Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street. Tickets (9s. 6d. each) from Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. No tea arrangements but numerous cafes near to Minster.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3807

ANNUAL EAST HARLING DINNER MARDLE.—To Norwich Area and all Norfolk Associations.—Saturday, Feb. 6th, Swan Inn, East Harling, 7 n.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, limited to 50. Bells available: Quidenham (8), North Lopham (8), East Harling (6), Bur Street bell (1) and handbells. Please book early from Dr. P. Jonason, White House, East Harling, Norwich. 3726

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 66th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on March 6th at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, when the chair will be taken by Alderman Sir Theodore Pritchett, M.C., D.L. Tickets 14s. 6d. each—early application advisable.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3808

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