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ANCIENT BELLS IN DEVON A Progress Report

WHO were the founders? So asks Mr. Frederick Smale, and I for one wish I could tell him all the answers—though if I knew them all I should have to find another hobby. But although this is and can be nothing but a progress report, there is some progress, and that, it would seem, the first for a good many years in this county.

The last complete survey of the bells of Devon was made nigh on a century ago, and a monumental work it was, but it seems a pity that since then so many people have relied on it as much as they have, for it is as fallible as most human works. The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe worked by candle or lantern-light in much dirtier and worse-kept bell-chambers than most of ours to-day, yet few people have taken it in hand to check or revise his information. His proof-reader was not very accurate either, and misprints abound in his beautiful and invaluable book. But Pearson's 'Ringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Devon,' sections in church and local guide-books, and even erudite articles in the Transactions of the Devon Association and such-like bodies, all perpetuate both mistakes and misprints unchecked. Often it's of no consequence; sometimes it can be annoying, as when a friend of mine visited East Ogwell to look at a particular bell and found that 'East' and 'West' had been switched in Ellacombe's work (though corrected by Pearson). It can also cause a great waste of brain-work, as it has undoubtedly done in the case of the 2nd of the big five at Molland. Pearson and Mr. Smale are not the only people who have puzzled over the inscription, 'giftosantomaradrono,' but a visit to the bell itself provides the solution. The mystery was caused by two people; by Thomas Geffries, the founder of the bell, who put two letters in upside down, and left no indication of the start and finish of the motto; and the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, who misread those letters and three others and omitted four more—easy enough because they came below the headstock.

Here is the solution of that puzzle:—

Actual inscription: sanctamariaorapronobistg

[* These letters are inverted.]

Ellacombe's version: sanctomar----adrono\$gifto

Ellacombe began reading at §. He read the 'long' 's' as an 'f', and the 'g,' and later an 'a' as 'o'; he left out the four letters 'iaor,' and made the very easy mistake of misreading the inverted 'p' and 'b.' The actual inscription is an invocation of the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with the founder's initials, T.G., which are found on several bells in that part of the county; he lived in Bristol, and his foundry had been doing business in North Devon and as far south as Woodbury since before the middle of the 14th century. The tenor at Molland, a splendid bell, came from Bristol too, some time before.

But apart from the checking and correcting of Ellacombe's work, there is new material to be used. We have the benefit of much immensely important work done in other counties by such men as Stahlschmidt, Walters and Sharpe, on the development of bell-forms and lettering, and the identification of London and provincial founders. In addition there is material in documents and church registers to which Ellacombe had no access.

As far as the mediaeval Exeter foundry is concerned, the picture at present seems to be like this. Ellacombe knew three of the founders by name: Norton (c. 1440) and the two Byrdalls (c. 1600–1624). He also knew the initials I.T. The full name of this founder still remains a mystery, but he seems to have followed Norton almost immediately; the matter isn't made any more simple because his trade-mark was still in use almost 150 years later!

Before Norton the foundry used Lombardic letters of a very handsome type, and before that a different set which are rare but appear at Templeton and possibly elsewhere. It would seem that the foundry began not long before 1400; if earlier, nothing seems to remain of its work. It was Robert Norton who left the greatest mark on the business: under his management the change to black-letter took place, and he seems to have invented a kind of mass-production system for the making of his inscriptions, some of which were standard ones, put on the bell a whole word at a time instead of letter by letter.

Some later founders adopted the custom of putting coins into the crown-mould of their bells; these coins were never remarked upon by Ellacombe, but they are useful in dating the bells; most of them belong to the reign of Edward IV. Apart from this, the foundry continued with the same stamps, mostly, as Norton had left behind, and in much the same style of workmanship, until the Reformation or perhaps beyond it, though there are signs of illiteracy in the later years.

The Reformation brought a slump, and when the Byrdalls revived the bell-founding side of what was then probably a general brass-and-copper foundry, they inherited the old 'plant' but not the old workmanship. These two appear to have been the last owners of the business; the Pennington firm, using quite different methods and equipment, began before John Byrdall's death in 1624, and seems to have been a rival concern. You can read more about the Byrdalls in 'The Ringing World' of August 27th, 1954.

One more name we know—William Baker, who in about 1515 fought an action in Chancery against all the might of the Exeter City Fathers. I hope he won it, for his case sounds very reasonable, but so far none of his bells have been identified.

Apart from the work of this fine firm, whose bells went as far afield as Dorchester, Oxon, and the Channel Islands, there was a steady 'import' trade with the Bristol and London foundries. We have touched on the Bristol foundry already; of the London founders' work Devon has a really remarkable collection, including two original peals of three and much of another. Brushford has a peal by Dawe; Townstal has its back three by Chamberlain; and Wolborough preserves in its church one whole bell and the inscription-bands of two others by Bird. In addition there are single bells or pairs by Wymbish, Joanna Hille (two beauties at Manaton), and Danyell's successors, and possibly others. Bells were also imported during the latter part of this period, in Queen Mary's reign, from Ash Priors, the home of Roger Semson.

Lastly, there are the mysteries. The treble at Molland is one; its date is 1595, not 1562; like the rest of the inscription it reads backwards and upside down, and looks like 1562 until you see it in a mirror. The rest seems to have come from a monumental brass, as probably did the word 'lemosinary,' which appears several times on the tenor at Abbotsham and a small clock bell in Torre Abbey. Most of the un-inscribed bells can readily be dated, and ascribed to one foundry or another, but one of these is quite without parallel; a small bell, rather long-waisted with prettily-moulded cable cannons, it belongs to the church at Hacombe, where it will soon hang again, with a new headstock. Mr. George P. Elphick estimates its date at about 1290, so that it is easily the oldest known bell in the county. Who cast it no one can yet say, but it is close in date, as in distance, to Roger de Ropeforde, of Paignton, who was 'campanistarius' to the Cathedral of Exeter. It may have come from anywhere.

So much we know; a little more we can guess. More, at least, than Ellacombe knew, but not half as much as we ought to have found out if his work had been continued all through the 90 years since his great survey. Much there is that still lies hidden, but although this is only a progress report, it can report something.

J. G. M. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

HENRY O. BAKER Treble	JOHN WORTH 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	*NEIL D. LOMAS 8
BASIL JONES 3	†DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	ALAN J. BROWN 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	PETER LAFLIN 11
ALAN A. POTTS 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	ALBERT M. TYLER 7
PHILIP M. GRAY 3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK 8
*TUDOR EDWARDS 4	ROGER O. FRY 9
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 5	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.

* First peal in the method.

BEDFORD.

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

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

SYDNEY FOSKETT Treble	JOHN S. MASON 6
MURIEL REAY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ROGER A. LENNARD 3	HENRY H. FEARN 8
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES 9
PETER BORDER 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
CHARLES H. HARDING .. 2	DENNIS KNOX 7
JAMES G. NEWMAN 3	JOHN W. SINFIELD 8
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 9
RONALD J. SHARP 5	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal by all. 50th peal and first peal of Royal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 7
MURIEL REAY 3	PETER BORDER 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble	DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 6
RHODA HEMMING 2	GORDON HARRISON 7
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT 3	WILLIAM J. LEACH 8
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY 9
ALAN G. FOSTER 5	PETER FOSTER Tenor

Composed by H. G. MILES. Conducted by DOROTHY T. GARDINER.

First peal as conductor on tower bells and of Caters.

A farewell peal to the conductor.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSEY 2	JEFFREY B. WEBB 7
JOAN BERESFORD 3	PETER BERESFORD 8
ANN BARR 4	EDMUND MALIN 9
DENNIS BERESFORD 5	GEORGE E. OLIVER Tenor

Composed and conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

ARTHUR T. DUTTON Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 6
P. GEORGE GOLDER 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 8
STELLA HUGHES 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 9
ERNEST STITCH 5	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 6
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRENCHLEY, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. A. Lambert's variation of J. R. Pritchard's	
*JANET FRENCH Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5
GEORGE FRY 2	KEVIN S. HOHL 6
EDWARD J. JENNER 3	EDWIN BROMLEY 7
*STANLEY JENNER 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal on eight bells.

In memoriam Mr. R. Jenner, of Edenbridge.

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ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 6
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 3	ERIC T. LEE .. 7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt., approx.

BRYAN F. SIMS .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
CHARLES H. HARDING .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. 6
JOHN W. SINFIELD .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
The first peal on the bells

Rung as a token of appreciation to Sir Richard Wells, Bart., of Felmersham, by whose generosity these bells were retuned and rehung on ball bearings in a new frame, and augmented by three new trebles to complete the octave by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*PETER ROWE .. Treble	RONALD D. SHORT .. 5
*ALAN CARVEITH .. 2	GEOFFREY HARPER .. 6
DAVID PENROSE .. 3	DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 7
A. HUBERT EPLETT .. 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWLETT. Conducted by ALAN CARVEITH.
* First 8-bell peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
ARIHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
*STELLA HUGHES .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7
HENRY H. FEARN .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of London.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	
*MRS. H. W. MOORE .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER .. 5
*ALFRED H. LITTLE .. 2	*JOHN BROWN .. 6
*HAROLD W. MOORE .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
RONALD SUCKLING .. 4	*WILLIAM WINTKIP .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

EUNICE A. HILEY .. Treble	JAMES F. DODSON .. 5
GEORGE TALBOT .. 2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON .. 6
*ALFRED H. LITTLE .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. 7
ROY COLLINS .. 4	DAVID G. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Rung to mark the completion of the restoration of the church spire. Also as a wedding compliment to Roland W. Morant and Gwyneth R. Kemp, who were married this day.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*BENJAMIN BARKER .. Treble	PERCIVAL DUDLEY .. 5
JACK BAILEY .. 2	ALFRED MOULD .. 6
†ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 7
†SYDNEY J. MERRY .. 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. M. I. PAILING .. Treble	†JAMES H. PAILING .. 5
*PETER M. GILES .. 2	R. ALLEN HICKTON .. 6
*MRS. A. SIMPSON .. 3	ALLAN SIMPSON .. 7
BRIAN BUSWELL .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN (C.C.C. 36).

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	†W. ROBERT PARKER .. 5
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	JOHN E. COOK .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATIERLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † 100th peal.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN .. Treble	DAVID BEARD .. 5
G. LEONARD HEWITT .. 2	JOHN SMART .. 6
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 3	*JOHN WHITING .. 7
VALERIE WILLARD .. 4	LESLIE BARRY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID BEARD.

* First peal of Major.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4½ cwt.

JOHN R. HARRIS .. Treble	DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 2	WALTER HOLLOWAY .. 6
CHARLES COLES .. 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 7
EDWIN G. MOORE .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
A birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Wilkins, and to her grandfather, who rang the second.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey, 448 Superlative, and 416 Lincoln, with all the work of each method for every bell; 121 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

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

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first time this composition has been rung by the Association.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

S. ARTHUR READ Treble	RONALD G. BECK 5
FREDERICK SAVAGE 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS 3	ERIC NAYLOR 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung half-muffled, in memoriam Dr. Cyril F. Garbett, late Archbishop of York.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5120 QUEENSLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in respect for the late Archbishop of York.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 EDMONDTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble	RALPH ELKINGTON 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The first peal in the method, which is Biddenden with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

TONY PRICE Treble	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT 5
RICHARD E. PRICE 2	JOHN D. ROCK 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	FRANK C. PRICE 7
ALAN F. THIRST 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	BRIAN J. HOWARD 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 4	PETER J. EVES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*GEORGE FRY Treble	ALBERT RELFE 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	†KEVIN S. HOHL 6
BERNARD V. COLLISON 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	ROBERT COLLINS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major on an 'inside' bell.

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

H. B. Wilde's.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. 5
JAMES W. METCALFE 2	STANLEY ANDERTON 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
BRIAN TOMLINSON 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to congratulate the Vicar, Canon Moss, on being made a Canon of Blackburn Cathedral.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ALEX RICHARDSON Treble	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 5
JEAN C. BROWN 2	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 6
*MRS. G. RICHARDSON 3	NEIL D. LOMAS 7
TREVOR TAYLOR 4	†GRAEME A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GRAEME A. HUGHES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major and as conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.' First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Miss Christine Branson.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

VINCENT A. HEMMING .. Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 5
*GERALD C. HEMMING 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
MURIEL REAY 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
PETER BORDER 4	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
MRS. J. R. SMITH 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6
JOHN R. SMITH 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANTON HARCOURT, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

ALEC GAMMON Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL 2	*MALCOLM JOURNEAUX 5
*FRANK BARRETT 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Minor.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	PHILIP G. MORGAN 4
MOLLIE TILBURY 2	CHARLES G. JONES 5
JOSEPHINE GREEN 3	REGINALD T. JONES Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

Rung in honour of the birth of Charlotte Anne Selby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Selby, and grand-daughter of the Vicar.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*PAMELA BLAKELEY Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
†ANN MANNERS 2	NORMAN SMITH 4
LEONARD WALSH 3	GEOFFREY F. GARNETT .. 5
	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY F. GARNETT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the bells and the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the old six bells (December 25th, 1905).

STEVENTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER G. DAVIES Treble	ROBERT B. BLOND 4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL 2	*WILLIAM L. GILKS 5
JAMES P. BLOND 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Miss E. Mulford.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240 (six callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD F. DAVIES .. Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN 4
ALBERT E. JONES 2	JOHN J. P. ELLAMS 5
*ALBERT BRADLEY 3	WILLIAM MAPP Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

* First peal 'inside.'

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Court, (5) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Spliced Double Bob and Fulbeck, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

FRANK BRUNT Treble	HOWARD SCOTT 4
*DENISE J. SHAW 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal in nine methods.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. Treble	RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD .. 4
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 2	JOHN R. COOPER 5
*DAVID STAPLES 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal in seven methods.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 14 methods: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double and Plain Bob; (2) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) College Single Reverse; (7) Double Court; 90 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT G. HARRISON .. Treble	*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
*MRS. J. R. SMITH 2	†WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in 14 methods. † First in 14 'inside.' First peal in 14 methods as conductor.

Rung in memory of Walter Chandler, formerly a ringer at this tower; and John Faulknall, grandfather of the second ringer, who was interred this day.



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COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. Treble	SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4
*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 2	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5
MONICA E. COLLINS .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in three methods. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 250th peal as conductor, and his 50th tower in Sussex for a peal.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 5
JOHN THORLEY .. 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Doreen Armstrong.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS .. Treble	*FREDERICK HARVEY .. 4
MRS. R. ROUSE .. 2	RONALD BUGG .. 5
*IVAN COOPER .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, five 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob, being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	*PERCY WHEATLEY .. 4
VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 2	FRANK RAYMENT .. 5
ANNE LAYCOCK .. 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the anniversary of the death of George Bolland. Also in memoriam Leonard Schofield, brother of the treble ringer.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD WALSH .. Treble	WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM .. 4
MAURICE HOLGATE .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
CHARLES CLEGG .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. R. H. Stephen, M.A., Rector of this church for 23 years, who was interred the previous day.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of New Doubles, Canterbury Reverse, St. Martin's, Winchendon, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

G. WALPOLE .. Treble	S. COPLING .. 3
J. FORDER .. 2	E. LONG .. 4

W. BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by E. LONG.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS .. 4
MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5
PETER N. BOND .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 400th tower for a peal.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PETER H. LANGTON .. Treble	BERNARD G. MOORE .. 4
†VALERIE PHILLIPS .. 2	LEONARD STILLWELL .. 5
JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

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

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

DAVID E. WEST .. Treble	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 4
*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
FELIX H. ERITH .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the fourth has 'circled the tower.'

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

*MICHAEL R. PLATT .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DALE .. 4
CECIL WADE .. 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY .. 5
JAMES H. MUSSON .. 3	ALBERT SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

* First peal.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clark, of this parish.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*SHIRLEY A. M. BIRCH .. Treble	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4
PETER JARVIS .. 2	WILFRED W. RING .. 5
†HARRY BAKER .. 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal. † 375th peal.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*FREDERICK SNAPE .. Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 4
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 2	EWART H. EDGE .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	ROBERT CUMBERLIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal.

A wedding compliment to Ronald T. Barlow and Miss Gaynor Higgins, who were married earlier in the day at Wolstanton, where both were members of the Sunday service band.

Rung in the centenary year of the installation of Brown Edge bells.

BLUNHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of (1) London, (2) Norwich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

BRYAN F. SIMS Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4
RONALD J. SHARP 2	STEPHEN IVIN 5
CHARLES H. HARDING .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

First peal on the bells since augmentation.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE S. DEAS Treble	CHARLES N. LEA 4
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. 2	DENIS A. BAYLES 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one of 240 (Morris). Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*BENITA K. WHETHERLY (15) Treble	ROGER O. FRY.. .. 4
LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR 2	†ALAN F. LEE (17) 5
†TERENCE J. MILSOM (16) 3	*RODNEY S. N. BROWN (16) Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal. † First peal on six and first 'inside.' ‡ First peal on six. First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Archbishop of York (Rt. Rev. Cyril Garbett).

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

PAUL MACE Treble	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 4
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	ROBERT DOWNING 5
BRENDA FREEMAN 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	PETER J. STANFORTH.. .. 5—6
HARRY POYNER 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS 7—8
JOHN A. ACRES 9—10	

Composed by W. F. MORETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1—2	HARRY POYNER 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS 3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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Because of his recent accident, for the first time in his 72 years as a ringer Mr. Dick Standard was not in a tower for Christmas and the New Year ringing. Looking much less than his 84 years, Dick attended the South-Western District of the Essex Association annual meeting at Barking, and enjoyed a chat in the church with many friends coming through on their way to the tower. Youth was represented by ten-year-old Susan Leach, of Bexley, who rang rounds with confidence and grace.

Keele, Staffs, ringers have had an estimate of £562 for the complete restoration of their bells. One of the bells was cast by an unknown founder about the end of the 15th century.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Bobby Ferris, captain of All Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W. What about another peal, Parramatta? asks an Essex correspondent.

The band that rang a peal at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs, would like to associate Mr. W. Jones, the local captain, with it; he has now been a ringer here for 55 years.

Inside a parcel containing delicacies from Spain, received by a well-known Lancashire ringer, was the message: 'With my best wishes when the bells ring so well conducted by you, and may this beautiful sound bring us the peace we want.' The message was attached to an onion decorated with the Spanish colours!

Prior to the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Paul's, Burton, on December 31st, members of the local band assembled in the ringing chamber where, on their behalf, the Vicar, the Rev. W. Willis Price, presented a leather bound peal record book to Mrs. Dorothy Gardiner as a memento of her membership with St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The rope breaking on the sixth after 2½ hours' ringing brought to an end a peal attempt of Grandsire Caters at Appleton, Berks, on December 31st. The peal was to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Fred White, who has rung 120 peals on Appleton tenor, among them being the record lengths of 16,271 of Grandsire Caters and 21,363 of Stedman Caters.

Mr. R. Roger Savory informs us that the peal at Badsey, Worcs, reported on page 4, is not the 50th in the tower.

The Church of St. Chad, Burton, has but one bell hung in a frame designed to carry eight bells. To enable the parishioners to hear change-ringing, four members of St. Paul's ringers attended Evensong on January 1st, and before the Blessing rang rounds, Queens, and a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells. The ringers were A. G. Foster 1-2, D. T. Gardiner 3-4, B. G. Key 5-6, E. M. Key 7-8.

'The Poultry World' of January 12th contains a letter from Mr. A. Beverley Ringer. A correspondent assures us that this is not a nom-de-plume as Mr. A. Beverley Ringer lives at Seething, near Norwich. We hope with such a name he is one of us and not a wringer of poultry. Apropos names our correspondent once worked with a Mr. Godbelieve.

We hope that the offer of Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, of 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry, to organise a party of English ringers to visit Australia for the Olympic Games will receive a good response. While Mr. Garner-Hayward suggests flying in his letter, he would be prepared to consider making the journey by sea. At one time Mr. Garner-Hayward was a tenant of one of the houses of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, who organised the last tour.

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RINGERS' RELATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCH WORKERS

THE Universities Association annual dinner, held at the Victoria, London, on Jan. 6th, was attended by about 50 members, with Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the president, in the chair. Guests present included the Rev. G. C. Taylor, Vicar of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where the service was held in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. S. Mason (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. T. Francis (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

Mr. A. York-Bramble was unable to be present to propose the toast of 'The Church.' He sent his notes, and these were read by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton. He wrote: 'I cannot but feel that two aspects of the pursuit of ringing, which are virtually inseparable, often tend to be regarded as diverse. I mean, on the one hand, the study and practice of ringing as an art and an accomplishment, and on the other, its application to the service of the Church. The recognition, by the Church, of our contribution as ringers to its service, will grow, I suggest, in direct proportion to the degree to which we ourselves identify these two aspects.'

TRADITIONS DIE HARD

'Some traditions die hard; and that which holds that ringers are scarcely in the same category as other church workers is, in these days, as unintelligible as it seems to be prevalent. Nevertheless ringers are themselves largely to blame for any tenure of this view: firstly, I think, as well as the aural evidence of this contribution of theirs, by not entering collectively, while the last bell tolls, into the church to complete their act of worship, even into a set place, like the choir. Secondly, they are to be blamed, I think, for creating the impression (through the absence of some ringers from divine service) that they have no desire to be recognised as church workers.'

'To correct these false views, closer contact with the church and its work could be sought. For example, the belfry must be declared open to members of the congregation by reservation on specific occasions, say, the first Sunday in the month. A ringers' Sunday might be celebrated annually, when ringers might read lessons and give handbell voluntaries in the nave, in lieu of, say, a choral anthem, and when addresses might treat of church workers in general and of ringers in particular. No doubt the liaison could be strengthened by a measure of propaganda in the Sunday school, so as to highlight the services of ringing as one of those enjoyable activities to be pursued throughout a lifetime.'

PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT RELIGION

The Rev. G. C. Taylor, Vicar of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, thanked the U.A. for holding their service in his church, and hoped it would be possible to make it an annual event. He happened to be just one member of the church among 50 people present that evening. He did not represent any abstract Church with a capital 'C.' It was animal, not vegetable or mineral, although some people thought it was so. This ringing was a legal right, 'Let us be certain that the Church is something other than ourselves.'

There was, he believed, a great morning arising for the Church. It was now possible to mention religious things in ordinary conversation with unreligious people without anybody being scandalised or put out. He had only been a parson since 1938, but in that time there had been a great change. There had been too long a spiritual vacuum and it had got to cease. He

passed this on in order that they would take their ringing more seriously. At St. Giles' they had been keeping records of communions since 1887, and they had more communions this Christmas than in any previous Christmas.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in proposing the toast of 'The Universities Association,' said twice quite recently it had been his pleasure to attend the 75th anniversary dinners of Metropolitan Associations; theirs was one of the younger Associations and it was good to think of the changes that had occurred between the days of those associations and their own. Of course it was not true to say that all the ringers of 75 years ago were a bad lot. There might have been some terrible characters among them, and there still are. Generally speaking, they had said goodbye to that sort of thing, but it would be nice to think that the standard of ringing had improved in a manner commensurate with it.

ACID TEST OF A GOOD RINGER

It seemed to him that ringing was suffering from several diseases; one was unless a man could ring spliced Surprise within six weeks of handling a bell he was written off as a failure. Another thing was that the peals in 'The Ringing World' bore no relation to the state of ringing in the country. For instance, Sunday service ringing did not receive the support it should. He knew the Association did excellent work in that respect but the acid test was whether they could retain their attachment to a Sunday service band. If they could continue that attachment for 25 years then they had achieved something. He felt it was up to them to do their best for the Sunday service bands, and if their Association could set an example then it would have more than justified its existence.

Mr. Brian Threlfall, in acknowledging the toast, welcomed the guests—the Rev. G. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. J. S. Mason (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. T. Francis (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths). He thanked the incumbents of Edgware, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Harrow Weald and St. Giles-in-the-Fields for permission to ring in their churches, and the organist (the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow) for his services, and the Rev. G. C. Taylor.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

A meeting of the Society followed the dinner. The accounts, presented by Mr. R. F. B. Speed, showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £19 8s. 5d. and concluded with £23.

The report of the secretary recorded that nine tower bell peals and three 'in hand' had been rung during the year. New members elected totalled 57 from eight universities.

Arrangements for the Suffolk tour, from August 25th to September 1st, were discussed, and upon the proposition of Mr. P. L. Taylor the meeting decided to make Sheffield the headquarters for the 1957 tour.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether Saturday would not be a more popular day than Friday for the annual dinner. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow pointed out the impossibility of many clerical members attending a Saturday dinner in London. The meeting eventually agreed that the next dinner be held on Saturday, December 29th.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled during the last hour of 1955. Conductor's 50th quarter peal during 1955.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

In recent years there has been such a heavy increase in applications for membership that the supply of rule books issued to new members has been exhausted, and it was thought that when a new edition was printed, opportunity should be taken to overhaul the rules, and bring the book generally up-to-date. The Society has always taken great pride in its rule book, for it is a very handsomely produced effort, containing fine illustrations of various articles of its property, together with a condensed version of the Society's history, etc.

At the meeting on January 14th, the Master, Mr. J. S. Mason, presided over a large attendance, and the rules were considered and passed. No substantial alterations to the old rules were made, but it was decided that, following the general trend, and to cover expenses, the entrance fee on joining after January 14th should be raised to the sum of one guinea, and the qualifying fee to vote on financial matters should be raised to five shillings. The work of revision, etc., has been handled by a committee consisting of the Master, the past Master, Mr. C. J. Watts, the secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The committee were thanked for their work, and it is hoped that the new rule books will be circulated at an early date.

A LANCASHIRE GOLDEN WEDDING

Lancashire ringers will extend their warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cutsforth, of Westhoughton, who celebrated their golden wedding on December 26th. They were married by the Rev. D. K. Moore, at St. James' Church, Hull, on December 26th, 1905.

In his occupation as a paint manufacturer Mr. Cutsforth moved to several districts in Yorkshire, then, in 1918, he crossed the border into Lancashire, where he settled in the Bolton district. In both counties he was always to be found in his place in a tower until shortly after settling in the Bolton district, when his ringing activities were curtailed as the result of serious injuries in a railway accident.

After his recovery he took part in many peals, noteworthy of which are the record lengths of 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major on January 29th, 1927, at Bolton Parish Church, and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major on April 18th in the same year at Heptonstall (both these records still hold).

Owing to business pressure during the war he had no time for regular ringing but was always there on special occasions.

On Boxing Day Mr. and Mrs. Cutsforth celebrated the anniversary with a reception in Westhoughton, to which they invited Masonic, Rotarian and ringing friends and their wives. As part of the entertainment handbells were appropriately rung.

Earlier in the day an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was made at Westhoughton Parish Church, but came to grief after 40 minutes through the tenor clapper breaking. Another attempt was arranged at Holy Trinity, Bolton, for January 6th; again there was bad luck, as the thick fog prevented one member from getting there. A 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and a course of London Surprise Minor were rung by Albert Greenhalgh, Geoffrey Fothergill, Trevor Taylor, Brian A. Tomlinson, Peter Crook, sen., Alan Pendlebury (conductor).

Mr. Cutsforth is still interested in cricket, however, and only a few days ago he accepted the presidency of the Westhoughton Cricket Club. He is also a big worker in the Rotary movement. P. C.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WESTERN'S INFLUX OF NEW MEMBERS

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on January 7th. Ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major preceded the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Barking (Rev. R. W. Chadwick).

About 70 ringers sat down to tea in the Church Hall; besides the usual spread of good things there was also a magnificent iced cake in the shape of a bell, which had kindly been made by Mrs. Beard, and every ringer enjoyed a piece of it.

At the meeting, Mr. John Crampion presided, and he called attention to the 'old stalwarts' of the Division who were unable to attend owing to either age or sickness. Mr. 'Dick' Stannard came to the church during the afternoon ringing but, owing to his recent accident, was unable to climb the stairs to the tower. Mr. Crampion suggested that the meeting should send greetings to Caleb Fenn, who has been associated with St. Margaret's, Barking, for over 50 years, Charlie Morss, Bill Theobald and Mr. Goodwin, of Havering, who is just recovering from a serious operation.

The annual report, submitted by the secretary, Mr. C. Willmington, commented on the number of towers in which Sunday ringing was being resumed, even though many were only yet attempting call changes. The year 1955 brought a small increase in membership (both non-ringing and ringing), which would probably be larger when all subscriptions were paid.

The statement of accounts did not present such a rosy picture as last year, but nevertheless the District had managed to keep its head above water.

The election of officers followed, and those at present holding office were returned for a further period without opposition.

It was a bumper meeting for new members, both ringing and honorary. The Vicar of Barking and his three churchwardens (all of whom were present at the meeting) were elected honorary members of the Association. Mrs. Warne, of Dagenham, was also proposed; her late husband, a churchwarden at Dagenham.

SOCIETY OF BIDDENDEN

YOUTHS

Once again a very successful annual dinner and meeting of the Society of Biddenden Youths was held at the Chequers, Biddenden, Kent, on New Year's Eve. The evening's programme started with the ringing of the bells of All Saints' Church until 7.30 p.m. The party, including the Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Agate and Major-General G. C. Woolner, enjoyed a fine dinner prepared by Mr. and Mrs. C. Wren.

After the customary toasts and speeches the annual meeting was held. The main point was the great increase of membership, nine lads and two girls making the total strength of the band 21.

All the officers were re-elected with the addition of Peter Philips as junior Vice-Ringing Master, Brian Willis as vice-treasurer and Brian Keen to be in charge of belfry cleaning.

Party games followed until 11.15 p.m., when the ringers returned to the belfry. After a short ring the watchnight service was listened to until midnight, when Frank Goodearle, senior member of the band, rang in the New Year. During the last ring the lads (average age 13) managed very successfully to ring the eight bells on their own. S. G. W.

had been an honorary member, and she expressed the wish to carry on in his place. A member of Dagenham choir, Edward Bailey, was also proposed for honorary membership. Ringing members included four from Prittlewell, four from Hornchurch, seven from Barking, two from Barkingside, six from Waltham Abbey, one from Great Wakering and two from Leytonstone. These are the first youngsters to have been elected from Leytonstone tower within living memory—surely a record. Besides these were two non-resident members who had stood in successful peal attempts for the Association.

The meeting agreed that the Division should support the re-election of all the officers of the Association at the next annual general meeting at Chelmsford.

The chairman asked for nominations for life membership of the Essex Association, and the names suggested for consideration were Henry T. Wilson, of Brentwood, Roland Fenn, of Barking, and Jimmy Rann, of Loughton.

Mr. Gant, of Hornchurch, raised the question of district boundaries, and this old 'war horse' was greeted with laughter as he was trotted out again. The views of Mr. Sadler, of the South-end Guild, were sought on the matter, and he agreed that they had no desire to split from the Division and stand as a separate entity. The Guild had been formed merely to encourage the young ringers in that corner of the Division, and did not wish to become an administrative division in its own right.

Mr. Gant proposed that a memo. be sent to Chelmsford to the effect that the District wished things to stay as they were, and to this the meeting agreed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Mr. George Cecil to the Vicar for his welcome to the ringers, and also for the manner in which he conducted the service; to the organist; and finally to Mr. Beard and David for organising tea—not forgetting Mrs. Beard and her Christmas cake.

Ringing after the meeting included rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Yorkshire and Bristol. J. E. M. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Some 50 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Devizes on January 7th. The Guild service in St. John's Church was conducted by Canon Blair, Vicar of Southbroom. Tea was served in St. John's Parish Room.

The Branch chairman (Mr. A. Weeks) welcomed the visitors and specially mentioned Canon Blair, who was attending his first meeting since coming to Devizes; also Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, of Wyke Regis, who have come to live in Devizes. Among other visitors was a member of the Keevil tower. In the near future the Branch will hold a meeting at Keevil, when it is hoped the ringers will rejoin the Guild.

Officers elected for the coming year were:—Mr. A. Weeks, chairman; Mr. S. Cockell, vice-chairman; Mr. F. Slatford, hon. secretary; Mr. P. Harding and Mr. S. Grant, Ringing Masters. The next three meetings were fixed for Hilperton, Keevil and Westbury.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing the tea. Ringing continued at the three towers until late in the evening in spite of having to get home in the thick fog. S. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A Welcome to Wye

The Ashford District met at Wye on January 7th. The attendance was not up to the usual average, which was regretted, as we had the combination of a warm church, spotless ringing chamber and fine bells. We were glad to have with us the Hodgson trio from Rye, and a newcomer, Mr. Westwood, from Dover, whose home tower is at Plymouth.

Ringing began about 3 p.m. and continued until time for the service at 4.30. This was conducted by the new Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Pearce. In his address he made us feel we really were welcome. Mr. R. J. Carlton read the lesson, and Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ. The collection was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

Then came a surprise. Usually at Wye we have tea at a cafe, but we found that Mrs. Greenstreet, the new secretary, had gathered her friends together and they were our hosts and hostesses at a lavish tea.

After tea the Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which apologies for absence were read from Mr. J. Willis, Mr. S. G. Waters and Miss Haffenden.

The District secretary reminded members that subscriptions for 1956 are now due and that he would like them to be paid by towers rather than individually.

It was decided not to hold a meeting in February this year but to have an additional one in the summer months. Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and Mrs. Greenstreet and her colleagues for having given and served such a delightful tea.

Ringing continued until 8.30. Tom Cullingworth joining in with a one-handed effort, as his other arm is still in plaster.

This report must not be closed without a tribute to Bill Curtis, who has been the guiding spirit of Wye tower for so long, and whose ringing chamber does him so much credit.

W. P. G.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

N.E. Branch Have Increased Membership

The fog and local F.A. Cup ties reduced the attendance to 40 at the annual meeting of the N.E. Branch held at Tiverton on January 6th. Nevertheless, with the exception of Bradninch, all the towers were represented. Under the direction of Mr. A. G. Selley good use was made of the bells before the service and in the evening.

Canon R. C. Worsley, the Rector, conducted for the first time the new form of Guild service and gave the address. Mrs. C. H. Miles, a Branch member, was the organist.

Following a good tea at the Half Moon Hotel, certificates were presented to four members of the Bampton band by the president, Preb. E. V. Cox.

At the business meeting the Rev. J. H. Jones, Branch chairman, presided, and the secretary, Mr. W. H. Ware, was able to report an increased membership during 1955 and a balance in hand of £44 11s. 7d. He regarded the attendance at Branch meetings as disappointing, being only about one-third of the membership.

All the officers were re-elected for 1956, viz: Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Ware; Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley; representatives on the General Committee, Messrs. D. Bellamy, W. E. Richards and A. G. Selley.

The next meeting will be at Bradninch on Saturday, April 7th, subject to permission being obtained. W. H. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—Further to the letter from Melbourne re ringers visiting that country during the Games, I wonder if any ringers would be interested in making up a party to visit Australia during that period? The idea is to fly there and back, and stay about two to three weeks.

If anyone is interested, would they let me know as soon as possible, as arrangements would have to be made very quickly. When W. H. Fussell's party visited that country he told me what a wonderful time they all had and how worth while the journey was. It wants at least eight in the party.

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD.

8, Orchard Crescent,
Coventry.

CORRECTION TO CHELFORD PEAL

Dear Sir,—I would like to make a correction to the footnote of the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Chelford, Cheshire, on Dec. 13th, 1955. There were 378 singles and 63 bobs, not 372 and 66 as published. I would like to apologise for making this mistake. The tenor ringer's name was George Barber and not George Barker as published.—Yours faithfully,

E. PIMLOTT.

Chelford, Cheshire.

FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

Dear Sir,—It was, of course, quite obvious that Mr. Barron, as I presume, the peal correspondent in this instance, would have to offer some explanation, however difficult it was to find one suitable, for the footnote to which I referred in my recent letter. His effort is, however, pitifully weak.

Personally knowing the obvious reactions of several members of the band who rang in the peal, I doubted, and still doubt, that they (a) knew they were ringing it for 'the opening of the Vienna State Opera,' or (b) were in favour of such a footnote (even supposing they were aware of the suggestion). Only the venerable members themselves can supply the answer of course, but I am not in doubt.

Mr. Barron's love of one particular secular art, or perhaps his friend's who specially requested the footnote, is no concern of mine, but neither is it the concern of the Church, Exercise or the band, and for that reason only, such an association should not have been made.

My earlier correspondence of some 18 months ago will already have shown my feelings on the subject of footnotes, but from time to time a really blatant example of space wasting appears which tempts me to write.

I do not doubt Mr. Barron's statement that 'the bells of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna, were rung for the formal opening of the Opera House,' but then, it is generally accepted that many of our European neighbours are very excitable by nature, and are likely to act in many ways strange to our own mode of life. There is certainly no rhyme or reason why we should follow their example.

Mr. Barron does not, I fear, appear to see the dividing line between occasions that we in this country consider to warrant national rejoicing and the 'we'll celebrate anything' outlook of our foreign friends in this respect, hence his ill chosen footnote.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL G. MORTON.

Erdington, Birmingham.

Mr. George Talbot, who took part in the peal of Plain Bob Triples at Chobham on Dec. 31st, the first for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, also rang in the first peal of Grandsire Triples for the Guild.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Dear Sir,—It is, of course, possible to transcribe any peal to make any desired bell the observation. The point about Parker's Twelve-part is that two other 'part bells' come home (or are reversed) in each part as well as the observation. To transcribe the calling for another bell to be observation it is thus desirable to choose wisely in the matter of part bells. Thus to make the 3rd the observation, begin the calling from where the usual observation bell is in 3rds place at a lead-end. This happens three times in each part, and thus there are three ways of calling the peal with 3rd the observation. To decide which variation to use see where the other part bells are at the same lead-end—they are in 4ths and 7ths, 4ths and 6ths, 4ths and 5ths. Thus if 3 is to be observation the part bells will be either 4 and 7 or 4 and 6 or 4 and 5. The last seems the better pair so start from that lead-end.

I enclose the figures of variations for 3, 4 and 5, the observation as seems best to me.—Yours faithfully,

PETER C. WRIGHT.

Wallington, Surrey.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

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	354267	463527	734265
	325746	— 754236	— 527634
—	673425	S 267354	562473
S	456273	— 423567	— 345762
	425367	— 754632	S 723645
—	734625	S 627354	— 567423
	763542	632475	— 345267
	756234	— 546732	S 273645
	725463	574263	267534
—	347625	A — 325674	— 452367
—	563247	— 463725	435726
	526734	476532	A — 674235
	572463	457263	— 526374
	547326	— 324657	532467
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	623754	657432	— 675243
	672435	— 246357	S 236475
	647523	234765	243567
—	356247	273546	— 752643
	325764	257634	765324
—	473625	— 462357	736452
S	654273	— 734562	743265
—	326754	753246	— 527643
—	473526	725634	— 365427
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Single at A in 6th and 12th parts.

MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query asked by C. T. H. Bradley as to the maximum and minimum of calls in 720 Plain Bob Minor, the maximum is 28 bobs and 18 singles, and the minimum 8 bobs and 6 singles.—Yours, etc.,

C. S.

Blackpool.

ST. MARY'S, PENZANCE

Dear Sir,—For replying to my queries re the above, I am grateful to my three clerical friends—the Rev. A. S. Roberts and Canon C. C. Cox, for their letters in 'The Ringing World,' and the Rev. W. H. Trehwella for his long letter sent to me direct.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

A FINE EXAMPLE FROM LANCASHIRE

Dear Sir,—With the object of encouraging members of those belfries who are at present appealing for funds to have their bells restored, I would like to quote our own experiences under these conditions.

We belong to the Parish Church of St. James, East Crompton, in the township of Shaw, near Oldham. In February, 1954, we decided that the time had come to have our six bells recast and rehung in a steel frame, and with this object in view we proceeded to work.

We shall always be grateful to all those good people who willingly gave to our funds, but we soon realised that we would have to explore other avenues in order to boost our funds. It was said many times that people who would like to identify themselves with our appeal just couldn't afford any large sum, therefore we instituted an 'Exchange and Mart.' All those who had any surplus items of furniture or 'white elephants' in their homes were invited to give them to us.

We collected, sold them and credited the donor with the amount received as a donation to our funds. A local tradesman put his wagon at our disposal every Friday evening and this night became our collecting night. The furniture we stored in the Church Institute and within a short time we found several parishioners waiting in the Institute on Friday evenings for our return with a loaded wagon—waiting to snap up the first bargains. Most donors were not a bit worried how much we got for the sale of the furniture they gave, but one or two stipulated that they would like us to sell at ? figure. We were always careful to put this question to donors when they gave. The items we received were varied to say the least of it—wireless sets—old iron bedsteads (sold as scrap at 7s. 6d.)—wooden bedsteads—a pair of skis—hallstands—tables—American organs—pianos—gas fires—fire grates—carpets—all were grist to the mill. A local decorator gave us 60 rolls of wallpaper which were 'sticking.' We sold them within two nights at 1s. per roll.

Other good people joined our 'instalment' plan. They entered into an agreement to donate, say, £1 1s., and on being given a card paid the sum at the rate of 6d. or 1s. per week.

Whist drives and dances of course played their part, and we were fortunate to have the goodwill of the local press, who kept our efforts well in the news.

I wrote all over the world to old parishioners and it was amazing how many dollars came from America and Canada.

All the donors' names were entered in our 'Benefaction Book,' which was brought up-to-date every Saturday ready for placing in church every Sunday for all to see. All names were inscribed in old English text—a very laborious process, but looking very effective now.

Our work prompted an old parishioner, who is an official of the Lancashire Association, to give us two more trebles to make us up to eight.

The result of all this was that our new bells were rehung in July, 1955, being rededicated on July 24th, 1955.

Invitations were sent to all who had helped us, and Mr. A. Hughes attended from Mears and Stainbank.

So to all bellringers I say—go ahead and get your jackets off and get to work. You will be surprised how much goodwill you will foster—far more than just appealing and sitting back waiting for donations to come along. The operative word is WORK.—Yours faithfully,

Oldham, Lancs. GEOFFREY ABBOTT.

P.S.—The final account for the six bells, amounting to £1,300, was paid on August 2nd, 1955. The account re the two new trebles was discharged privately by the donor himself.

G. A.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, Hazel N. Craven 2, Diana M. Gough 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, A. H. Craven (first quarter) 6. To welcome the New Year.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Nobes (first quarter) 1, Renee Sturges 2, Doris A. Banks 3, S. Ann Parvin (first 'inside') 4, S. Kathleen M. Knight 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, J. Hedges 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. H. Ayres, late vergier at this church, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. H. Cook 2, J. Day (first of Minor) 3, A. E. Hinman 4, H. Ale 5, J. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest E. Lomas on his 81st birthday. His 82-year-old colleague, Mr. E. Littlewood, rang in touches of Grandsire after the quarter.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Coffey (first quarter) 1, D. Yates 2, D. Taylor 3, P. Watson (first 'inside') 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, N. Davis (first quarter) 6.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Holford (first quarter) 1, G. Case 2, Miss B. Holford (first 'inside') 3, P. Newland (cond.) 4, G. Green 5, C. Hodges 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss Ann Shelton and Sub-Lt. Rodney Griffiths. Also in honour of the recent marriage of Mr. C. Hodges (service ringer) to Mrs. Langley.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove 4, R. Buckland 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, D. Lamb 8. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove (cond.) 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Harrison 6, R. Bridges 7, D. Lamb 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, H. Wingrove 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, R. Buckland (cond.) 6, D. Lamb 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BRIDGEFORD, DEVON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hicks (cond.) 1, A. E. Bissat 2, W. H. Cholwill 3, J. W. Sangwin 4, R. G. Pearce 5, J. H. Bowden 6, C. Sangwin 7, H. Stacey 8. For the New Year.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of April Day and Plain Bob, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 420 Grandsire): R. H. Clements 1, T. Gray 2, G. C. Weeks 3, J. R. C. Tiley 4, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 5, W. F. Knight 6. First quarter in four methods by all. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Clements 1, G. J. Sheppard 2, T. Gray 3, G. C. Weeks 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, P. W. Weeks (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Archbishop of York.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hague 1, C. Hague 2, G. Smith 3, G. Thackray 4, Gillian Poppelwell 5, Margaret Barker 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, Jean Lawn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Morse 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 3, H. Falkner 4, T. F. Stone 5, W. Oatway 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Down 1, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 2, C. Philpott 3, K. Small 4, E. J. Coode 5, G. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong carol service of the nine lessons; also half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Forster Garbett, Archbishop of York.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, on the 'Grandison Ten': C. C. Deem 1, W. A. Wills 2, A. T. Truman 3, F. Wreford 4, W. H. Howe 5, J. L. S. Glanville (cond.) 6, N. Mallett 7, G. Skinner 8, C. P. Yates 9, R. T. Perry and C. E. Densham 10. First on ten for 1, 6 and 10. For Plough Sunday, and a compliment to F. Wills on the birth of a daughter.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. Drake 2, J. Waud 3, J. J. Taylor 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, W. A. Richardson (Pinchbeck) 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, E. Philpot 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): W. T. Stoker 1, E. D. Tune 2, G. W. Burt 3, W. H. Terry 4, G. F. Terry (cond.) 5, T. W. Tune 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Jupp 1, Mrs. C. A. Crutenden 2, F. E. Crutenden 3, D. J. Parsons 4, F. W. Parsons 5, E. F. Packham 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, R. Langridge 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Parsons on the occasion of their silver wedding. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. E. Crutenden 1, Mrs. C. A. Crutenden 2, E. F. Packham 3, D. J. Parsons 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Archbishop of York.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of April Day and Plain Bob, and 540 Grandsire): A. Rothwell (first in three Doubles methods) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, P. Cox 3, L. M. Clark (first in three methods) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, H. J. Taylor (first in three methods) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

LONDON, S.W.—On Dec. 24th, at Westminster Abbey, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. B. Peck 1, W. S. Langdon 2, F. Shorter 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, H. Belcher 5, A. Adams 6, J. Phillips 7, C. Watts 8. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Langdon 1, H. Belcher 2, H. N. Pitstow 3, A. B. Peck 4, A. F. Udall 5, J. Crampion 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, C. Watts 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. Hollingworth 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, F. Barraclough 4, G. Fearnough 5, B. Walshaw 6, E. Jenkins 7, H. Reynolds 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, H. Longden 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York, whose funeral took place the same day.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary G. Hicks (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 2, E. Ford (first quarter) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. Sangwin 5, G. H. Vinnicombe 6. For the New Year.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. R. Boyce (first 'inside') 2, F. Strickland 3, R. P. Selway (cond.) 4, W. H. Poole 5, A. W. Dyer 6, W. G. Turk 7, D. M. Belben (first of Triples) 8.

MONTACUTE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. L. Taylor 1, G. Jeanes 2, A. Callow 3, V. J. Farthing 4, F. Locke 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,440 Minor (being an extent of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob): B. Lake (first of Minor) 1, L. Runnacles 2, G. Cherry 3, A. Harris 4, R. Head 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Minor (240 Cambridge, 120 Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, 240 Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob): Miss V. Phillips 1, Miss J. Phillips 2, Miss J. Clements 3, E. R. Rapley 4, L. Stilwell 5, W. L. Weller (cond.) 6. First in seven Minor methods by 1 and 2.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 5, J. Hales 6. Rung for the induction of the new Rector (the Rev. D. A. Isherwood).

STROUD, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Simpson 1, G. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, T. Wits (cond.) 4, P. Riddiford 5, F. Ponting 6, R. Thain 7, R. Liddicot 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Dean.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Capt. A. R. Poyntz 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, A. L. Bennett 3, M. J. Bray 4, M. Hood 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6, D. I. Cross 7, K. Shelley 8. Rung for the Christmas festival. The ringers are members of St. Michael's Church with the exception of Messrs. Bennett and Bray.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob): A. Bridges 1, W. Cousins 2, C. Cousins 3, H. Follen 4, J. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins, sen., 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to E. H. Mastin, of Downham Market.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. Rung for the 85th birthday of Mrs. K. Morris, of Lower Farm, Swyncombe, Oxon, mother of the tenor ringer.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Watson 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, E. Nice 3, R. Rose 4, G. Peck 5, T. Staggs 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung as a farewell to the old year.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foreman 1, R. Hayden 2, Miss B. Warboys 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, E. Miller (first quarter) 6. Rung for the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. F. Warboys, tower master.

USK, MON.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. J. King 1, Jacqueline S. Evans 2, R. E. Coles 3, A. T. Wingate 4, Rev. I. J. Richards 5, L. Evans 6, D. G. Clarke (cond.) 7, C. E. Slade 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Woodcock 2, P. J. Rye 3, F. W. Lawrence 4, T. A. Wickens 5, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 6, J. F. Penfold 7, A. Rye 8. Rung as a farewell to 1955.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): Miss F. Robinson 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, Miss J. Smith 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke 6. For Midnight Eucharist. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (480 Little Bob, 780 Plain Bob): Miss J. Evans 1, R. Bullivant 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For 9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, R. Bird 2, Mary Fuller 3, A. S. D. Graham (first extent of Surprise) 4, M. F. Oakshott 5, J. E. Cannell 6. For 9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. James (first quarter) 1, Miss B. R. Stafford 2, B. J. Stafford 3, Miss H. Palmer 4, C. C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, J. Walter 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. W. Holland 1, F. C. Case 2, K. D. Perkins 3, T. E. Roberts 4, W. A. Yates 5, I. J. Dickinson 6, W. F. Eyden 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 3, 6 and 7.

WIDCOMBE, DEVON.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire (half-muffled): Miss G. Miles 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, Miss K. Russell 3, C. Conway 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5, R. Stubbs 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Grandsire Double: Miss B. Philpot 1, R. J. Carlton 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. Rung for 8 o'clock Communion. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, Miss R. E. Gower 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, R. J. Lancefield 6. For Matins. Also 1,368 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. J. Carlton 1, C. T. Hillis 2, D. Staples 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WORMHILL, DERBS.—On Dec. 29th, 2,160 Minor (720 each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): N. D. Lomas 1, Jean C. Brown 2, Mrs. G. Richardson 3, B. J. Woodruffe 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5, G. A. Hughes 6.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Moorhouse (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Holm 2, Mrs. A. Joop 3, A. Joop 4, Wm. Holm (cond.) 5, R. Skarratt (first quarter) 6. Rung for Confirmation service and as a compliment to Miss S. McDougall, a regular ringer and one of the candidates.

OBITUARY

MR. CECIL C. MAYNE

We regret to announce the death, after a short illness, of Cecil Charles Mayne on January 7th, at the age of 63. He had been in hospital following an attack of coronary thrombosis, and death intervened when the prospects of his recovery had become a little brighter. We extend to his widow and son our deepest sympathy.

The funeral took place in the early morning of January 10th, the cremation at Golders Green Crematorium being preceded by a service at All Saints', Harrow Weald. Both services were conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. D. Deasey, assisted at the latter by the Rector of Edgware, Rev. J. Melville Scott. The mourners included the widow and son and other relatives, Mr. Fred Goodfellow, and representatives of the Air Ministry.

During the service the Vicar of Harrow Weald gave an appreciation of Mr. Mayne's life and work, especially as far as they were connected with Harrow Weald. As the funeral procession left the chancel steps handbells were rung in rounds very slowly as a last tribute to a valued colleague and friend by A. D. Barker, T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner and C. W. Woolley. The tower bells were rung half-muffled both before and after the service.

Also among those present at the service were Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Leversuch, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thurlow, and Messrs. F. G. Baldwin, W. Wenban, A. Cutler, R. G. Bell, R. Ouston (representing Edgware), W. N. Genna and T. Shepherd.

It is known that the short notice and early hour of the funeral (both unavoidable) prevented many more ringing friends being present.

The wreaths included those from the ringers of All Saints', Harrow Weald, St. John's, Stanmore, and Edgware, and from the R.A.F. and the Air Ministry.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at All Saints' in the evening, and other half-muffled ringing took place at Pinner, Stanmore and Beaconsfield.

Born at Stewkley, North Bucks, on August 10th, 1892, Mr. Mayne assisted his father at an early age in his father's business of a well sinker. When the 1914 war came, there was little scope at Stewkley, and Cecil and a brother moved to Beaconsfield and opened a cycle business there, and later established a motor business. He left Beaconsfield in 1929 for Bournemouth, but soon moved to Harrow. During his employment at Siemens and G.E.C. he travelled the country supervising the installation of traffic signals—an innovation at that time. Wartime work followed, taking Cecil to South Wales, Suffolk, and concluding with the post of station engineer at London Airport before and during the time the new aerodrome was handed over to the civil authorities by the R.A.F. In his final years he was similarly employed at other aerodromes by the Air Ministry. In July, 1929, at the country village of Fulmer, he married Miss Phyllis M. Moss, then of Uxbridge, and who was making a name for herself in the ringing fraternity. Four years later a son was born, who seems to be already as well known as his father.

Cecil learned to pull a bell at Stewkley when he was ten years old, later ringing at Wing when he was 12—no mean feat in those days when the bells were rung from the ground floor. Before he was 18 he had taught a band to ring rounds at Stewkley. His first peal was Stedman Triples, rung at Knebworth in July, 1910, conducted by R. E. Stavert.

At Beaconsfield he soon became attached to the band that used to meet at Burnham for practice in advanced methods, under the leadership of George Martin. While he was resident

in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild he rang 150 peals, mostly locally.

In the middle 1920's, together with Arthur Barker and others, Cecil worked hard to revive the Branch, and became its first Ringing Master in 1927. It was during this period that the Beaconsfield Branch, to which he belonged, made great strides.

On his removal to Middlesex, he was attached to Pinner, where he was captain in the early 1930's. He and his family finally became members of All Saints', Harrow Weald, in 1946, and under their influence the band advanced rapidly, and it is now quite normal to ring Spliced Surprise Major on Sundays. Some indication of local progress is given by the ringing of 11 peals within the Borough of Harrow in 1955.

Cecil Mayne's final achievement was to make the bells in Edgware ringable after 25 years' silence, and to teach a young band that was self-sufficient in 12 months. It set the seal of a great instructor and Cecil was very proud of it, and rightly so.

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of Cecil Mayne will leave a gap in the Exercise difficult to fill, a gap that will be more noticeable as time goes on.

In a sincere and moving tribute during the funeral service at Harrow Weald, the Vicar described Cecil Mayne as a gentle, unassuming, kindly man, whose love for his family and his love for his ringing were the two main joys in his life.

Cecil left his mark on local ringing wherever he happened to be, and almost always left affairs a lot better than he found them. He was not an ambitious man in the personal sense; his thought was always for the tower he was in. If he wasn't taking part in the ringing one could be sure he was standing behind someone. In his eagerness to see the right course taken it was possible that he might have irritated some folk by the manner of his interventions from time to time both inside and outside the tower. But whatever the bone of contention, there was no doubt of Cecil's selfless interest and his anxiety to see that ringing should suffer no harm or its standards lowered. And on looking back, I ask of the critics, how often was he wrong?

Cecil Mayne was a practical man, always ready to suggest and carry out ideas for improvements in the tower. He also had the knack and ability of imparting his knowledge to beginners, so that with the right material the raw recruit was, almost overnight it seemed, transformed into a good striker and a safe ringer. In his soft, slow manner of speaking, he said enough to his pupil and no more. He was careful not to confuse the beginner's mind with too much knowledge. His methods embraced two principles which ought to be placed on record for the consideration of all instructors or would-be instructors.

He did not teach his pupil to handle a bell from the 'set' position. The pupil had to pull his bell up and maintain its swing with the bell at something over frame height, thus learning the virtues of keeping a tight rope. Then in rounds he had to keep a count of the beat as though he had a metronome. Finally, he commenced change-ringing with three-bell changes and dodging, combining the two to quickly find himself ringing Stedman Doubles. That beginners should start on Stedman may surprise some instructors, but Cecil had given much thought to the problem and the results he achieved seem to indicate pretty conclusively that he was right.

His last efforts are almost his memorial. At Edgware, two years ago, he first made the bells ringable after 25 years of neglect and silence, and saw that they played their part in the Coronation celebrations. With the active support of the Rector, he recruited the younger members of the church, and with the help of his wife and son and other local ringers, moulded them into a good self-sufficient Sunday service band. Within a year they were, unaided, ringing Cambridge Minor, a splendid achievement, probably unequalled.

In his own tower he was a power for good, and the band has gone from strength to strength until it can be said today that in no tower in the London area can the striking be bettered or the variety of methods excelled.

He spent many years in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had much to do with the Branch's revival after the 1914-18 war, calling the first peal of Bristol rung by Branch members. It was during this period that I first became associated with him. Often he packed eight ringers into his old Ford car, 'the Flivver,' and chugged off somewhere for a peal, stopping occasionally to see how the springs were standing up to it!

His many ringing friends, not only in Middlesex and Bucks, but in many other parts of the country, mourn their loss and extend their sympathy to the remaining members of the famous trio—Phyllis and John.

F. W. G.

HIS PEALS

Mr. Mayne rang 336 peals, of which he conducted 42. Of these, eight were rung 'in hand.' Details are appended:

Maximus: Kent Treble Bob, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 1.

Cinques: Grandsire, 1; Stedman, 11.

Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 8; Cambridge Surprise, 2; Yorkshire Surprise, 1.

Caters: Grandsire, 1; Stedman, 6.

Major: Plain Bob, 6 (2); Double Norwich Court, 38 (5); Kent Treble Bob, 17 (4); Oxford Treble Bob, 2 (2); 2 Spliced Treble Bob, 1.

Surprise Major: Cambridge, 52 (9); Superlative, 37 (3); London, 23 (2); Bristol, 19 (6); Yorkshire, 10 (1); Lincolnshire, 3; one each of Pudsey, New Cambridge, Hughenden, Newcastle, Beaconsfield, Cranbourne, Queensbury, Pinner, Bedford, Lessness, Goudhurst, Wallasey, Tring, Barnet; 2 Spliced, 1; 4 Spliced, 14 (1); 9 Spliced, 1.

Triples: Grandsire, 6; Stedman, 30 (2).

Minor: Plain Bob, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 4 (3); London Surprise, 1; 4 methods, 2; 7 methods, 10 (1); 7 Treble Bob methods, 1; 7 Surprise methods, 3 (1).

Total tower bells: 328 (42).

Handbells: Plain Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 3; Plain Bob Minor, 1; 7 methods Minor, 1. Total: 8.

MR. ERNEST J. KING

Many ringers, particularly of the London County Association, will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. Ernest J. King on January 8th, after a brief illness, at Horsham Hospital.

Mr. King, who was 68 years of age, died most of his ringing in London between the wars, and later at Cowfold, Sussex. He had taken part in 151 peals, from Doubles to Maximus, conducting 11, and included in these were 15 handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques.

The funeral took place at Nuthurst, a little country village, on January 11th. Mr. F. Ford represented Cowfold ringers, and rounds were rung at the graveside by Messrs. E. R. Rapley and L. Stilwell.

Of a quiet and unassuming nature, much sympathy is felt for his widow and large family.

OBITUARY

MR. LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN

After failing health for some three years, the death of Leslie C. Wightman took place on January 4th.

The second son of the late Alfred S. Wightman, he was a born ringer, and rang his first peal with his brother George A., at Helmingham in 1912. During the years he had taken part in 560-odd peals, several of which he ably conducted.

A carpenter and wheelwright by trade, he was a skilled craftsman. In his early life he was a keen steel quoit player and was once Suffolk County champion. Of recent years he took to bowls; again his skilled hand was always to be relied upon. He served in the 1914-1918 campaign and had since been a member of the British Legion.

At the funeral on January 7th the service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Burness, Rector of Helmingham and Framsdon. Besides the family mourners, the congregation included members of the British Legion with banners, bowls representatives and the Suffolk Quoits Association. The Suffolk Guild was represented by Charles E. Fisher (vice-president), Cecil W. Pipe (late secretary), W. E. Maulden, G. A. Fleming, D. M. Matthew, G. Bennett, A. E. Whiting, M. M. Pipe, P. M. Clarke, F. and W. Ruffles, W. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Button, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Brett. Owing to indisposition, Mr. C. W. Beecroft was unable to attend.

Over the open grave a steady course of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. A. Fleming, C. E. Fisher, W. E. Maulden and C. W. Pipe. Fully-muffled ringing took place before the service, after which a well-struck peal of Cambridge (Mr. Wightman's favourite method) was rung to the memory of a perfect ringer. L. G. B.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The winter quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at York on January 7th and was attended by over 30 members, representing 15 towers, including one from Coventry. The Minster bells were rung during the afternoon and Accomb's six after tea.

Mr. A. E. Sellers, vice-president, was in the chair for the business meeting, and upon his suggestion the meeting stood in memory of Dr. C. Garbett, the late Archbishop of York.

New members elected were: Messrs. R. Wrexford (Selby), H. Goldthorpe, J. Perrett and J. Rank (Kirk Ella), L. Greenhorn (York), P. Hulton (Pocklington) and P. Windley (Scarborough). The next meeting will be held at either Cottingham or Hessle. The usual votes of thanks were passed and a collection towards the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 17s.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Cuthbert's, Wells. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecots, Street. 7581

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Warwick (10), Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at 'The Ilex Café,' Smith Street, followed by business. Bells 6 to 8 p.m. 7630

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Bakewell (8), Saturday, Jan. 21st, District annual meeting, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., approx. Tea 5 p.m. All members make special effort to attend. Election of officers for 1956, 6 p.m. in belfry, etc.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 7640

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cotleigh, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business after. 7548

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells: Godmanchester (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (6), 4 p.m., and in the evening; St. Mary's (8), in the evening. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea, All Saints' Hall (Ferrars Road), 5, followed by meeting.—H. S. Peacock. 7625

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7623

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Queen's Head, followed by business meeting. 7534

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 21st, at Revelstoke. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7534

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual district meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Holy Trinity (8), St. Mary's (6), 2.30. Service, St. Mary's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 4.45 p.m. St. Nicolas' and Stoke-next-Guildford, 7 to 9 p.m.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins. 7608

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 7575

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Jan. 21st. 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7569

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Albans. St. Michael's bells (8) if available 3 to 4.30. Cathedral bells (12) after tea. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7634

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea. 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7541

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7628

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All ladies welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 7526

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing 3-5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business, Church Hall, 6 p.m., and further ringing. Everyone welcome. Essentially for learners. A practice will be held on these bells Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 6.30-8 p.m. All learners welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 7636

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, on Jan. 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and District annual meeting. Ringing at St. John's, Hillingdon, from 7 to 8.30.—J. D. Rock. 7607

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Stoke Mandeville, Bucks. Bells at 3. Service at 4.—H. Badger, The 'Blue Man,' Thame, Oxon. 7637

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting.—Hayne, Sec. 7571

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Prittlewell. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to B. C. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. 7640

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available: St. James', Clerkenwell (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield (5), if required, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea in St. Martin's Canteen 5.15, followed by business meeting in Vestry Hall. 7544

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 7579

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting at Redhill, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15, at Greyhound Hotel. 7537

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. 7610

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 21st, Andover. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafes. Meeting to be held in Church Room at 5.45 Bells available after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 7574

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. 7550

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, Uphill. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 7641

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Castle Cary on Jan. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 7661

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport (St. George), Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. C. Bell, 22, Winifred Road, Heavily, Stockport, before Jan. 24th.—C. K. Lewis. 7663

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 25th. Eighth annual dinner, entertainment and dance, Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, February 11th, 5.30 p.m. till midnight. Tickets 15s. each.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7667

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. Good attendance specially requested. 7668

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Doncaster. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. D. A. Chapman, 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster, by Jan. 26th.—F. J. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 7664

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Stockton, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 25th to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough.—E. P. Rock. 7666

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Annual meeting at Dunmow (8), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea, please, to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, Essex. 7625

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual district meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley, Herts, by Jan. 25th.—R. Shutter. 7633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Ser-

vice 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7599

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Ealing, Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All members and friends welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited. 7645

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Please notify by Jan. 24th, Mr. F. Mellor, 27, Sapcote Road, Burbage. District annual dinner will be held at Sapcote, Feb. 18th; details later. 7649

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wakefield Cathedral (12) 4 p.m., Jan. 28th. Tea (own arrangements) may be obtained locally. Business meeting in belfry, 6 o'clock. Frequent bus service, Corn Exchange.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 7646

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham (10), Saturday, Jan. 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Talbot Restaurant, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to J. W. Haw, 12, Limetree Avenue, Peterborough. 7656

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th, to Mr. J. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 7580

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Ebbw Vale, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, by Jan. 23rd, to Miss Dellwyn Evans, 17, Belle View, Ebbw Vale.—Jacqueline Evans, Branch Sec. 7614

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Jan. 28th, at Amersham. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 23rd.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 7671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 25th, to Miss P. Gaunt, 38, Bath Road, Thatcham, near Newbury. 7650

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Jan. 28th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 7624

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. only. Service 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (10) available from 6.45 p.m. Annual reports (6d.) to be ordered at this meeting. Committee meet at 2.45 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday previous, to G. F. Roome, 116, Denby Road, Northampton. 7658

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wimborne Minster on Jan. 28th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea for those who notify by Jan. 25th.—J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 7653

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, on or before 26th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7647

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Nominations for officers may be sent to I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham. 7600

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 28th. St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Chad's (12) 2.20 to 4.20 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30 p.m. Tea at County Cafe 5 p.m. Business in St. Chad's Parish Room 6 p.m. St. Chad's bells available

7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th, please, to Miss E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Shrewsbury. 7576

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Beddington, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Grange Mansion (price 2s. 6d.) at 5. Names, by Thursday previous, please, to F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington. Business includes nominations for general officers. Ringing until 8 p.m. afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7585

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Hastings, Jan. 28th. Bells, All Saints', 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells, St. Clement's, 6.30 p.m., if available. Names for tea by Jan. 25th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7658

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual ringing day and dinner, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Towers available: St. John's (6), 9 to 10; SS. Philip and Jacob's (8), 10.15 to 11.15; Lord Mayor's Chapel (6), 11.30 to 12.30; St. Stephen's (10), 2.15 to 3.15; St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12), 3.30 to 4.30; St. Michael's (6), 5 to 6. Service 6 p.m. Dinner, University Refectory, 7.15 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d.) now available from C. T. Blundell, 124, Richmond Road, Bristol, 6. All welcome. 7660

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual district meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Brodrick Hall. Names by 24th to H. A. Noble, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 7545

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Rededication of the bells at Old Alresford (6), Jan. 28th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Names, by Jan. 19th, please, to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 7615

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Cottage. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 24th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 7643

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting, Chobham, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 7638

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Feb. 4th. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3 to 4.30. Southwark Cathedral, 3 to 4.45. Service 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition in Chapter House, 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome. Practice 7.15, Monday, Feb. 6th.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 7662

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Preacher, Mr. H. J. Watts, B.Comm., F.C.I.I. Tea at the Waveney Tea Rooms, 5 p.m. Suffolk ringers cordially invited. Names for tea to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, by Jan. 31st, please. 7657

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual luncheon of this Society will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4th, in the Forum Restaurant, High Street, Oxford, at 1 p.m. for 1.15. Old members and others wishing to attend please contact Mr. D. H. Niblett, Pembroke College, Oxford. 7665

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, at St. Mary's, Peterborough (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. St. John's (8) bells available from 6.15 to 8.45 p.m. Names for tea most essential by Jan. 31st.—G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 7654

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham and North Notts Districts.—Joint meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), on Feb. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to Miss B. Forsey, 309, Alfreton Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.—C. W. Towers and H. Denman. 7644

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting to be held at Winchester, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available, St. Maurice's (6), 2.30. Service 4.15 in St. Lawrence's Church. Tea 5, in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by meeting. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 7651

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 68th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. Tickets, 15s. 6d.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 7659

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