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ENGLISH BELL RINGING AND MODERN CHURCHES

A NUMBER of interesting points have been raised by articles on this subject in recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' Much has been written and it seems likely that the latest letter will provoke yet more discussion. This is ever valuable, but whilst tower design and bell-frame innovations may be mooted for generations, we should not forget that a vast church-building programme is already under way, and that for words and ideas to be effective now they should be matched quickly by action.

Most architects are not naturally aware of the complexity of requirements for change ringing any more than they are naturally aware of the requirements of—say—a hospital operating theatre. In the latter example the architect will always be supplied with detailed information by his client, but I wonder how many parish councils include bells in their brief for a new church, giving their precise requirements?

A 'Brief' for a campanile from first principles could be as follows:

1. Number and weight of bells. These key decisions would heavily influence the design. A light ring of bells could be cast and hung for ringing for little over £1,000 and the cost of an efficient 'campanile' to hold them need only be a small fraction of the cost of most new churches.

2. Provision of adequate space for ringers, including bystanders (considerable numbers of whom accumulate during meetings). This space would preferably be at ground level as it allows the elevation of the bells to be low and the cost of supporting a heavy bell frame forms one of the major items of expense.

Access would be easy but lockable internally and externally. Adequate daylighting and multi-point artificial lighting at proper height would be required. Windows would not permit distracting viewing of or by ringers, who should not be set in silhouette one from another.

Heating and ventilation should be adequate and controllable (many new ringing rooms have insufficient ventilation).

The space should be designed and treated acoustically to eliminate all unwanted reverberation of sound from the bells. Regard must be paid to the shape of the space (v. Liverpool Cathedral, where the huge room causes multi-echoing) and to the nature of floor, wall and ceiling surfaces (v. St. Andrew's, Holborn—harsh sound reflection occurs off the concrete floor). The height of the ringing space would be determined by the draught of rope required (without guides) between ringers and ceiling.

3. Provision of a bell-chamber. Between this and the ringers' space there would be some sound insulating material. According to the weight of the bells, this may vary from a sound-deadening floor to a separate sound-reducing chamber. The former is acoustically more easy to manipulate, and also allows for the height of the bell frame to be kept low off the ground. Here, I would add, it is essential that the bell founders are called in at an early stage in the design. The bell frame which is eventually installed must produce a good rope circle for the ringers without (or with minimum) 'drawing' of any rope away from its free vertical fall from the pulley block.

The bell chamber would be provided with convenient access and floors at a convenient height for maintenance of the bells, also for entry of the latter.

Natural light here is desirable but not essential. Good artificial light and provision for a wandering lead is, however, required. Acoustically the bell chamber, like the ringing space, must be very carefully designed, both in shape and in the nature of its floor, wall and ceiling surfaces. It should not allow excessive resonance of other than the strike note of each bell, nor yet unduly deaden the overtones.

Emission of sound from the bell chamber generally should be directed upwards and outwards. Neighbouring high buildings may make it desirable to reduce or prevent sound being emitted in some directions. Always the sound emission should be controllable, to enable a larger volume for services and special occasions, and a minimum for practice nights.

Providing this kind of brief is adhered to, the architect is then afforded every opportunity of designing a campanile to his own architectural taste and to the requirements of his clients, the parochial church council.

This brief by no means answers all the queries, rather it deliberately raises many problems which have to be worked out and solved in each individual case.

The campanile could be a major feature of the design, or (like some South of England timber towers) it could be incorporated as just another item of equipment, at modest cost, within the overall body of the church.

With all due respect to the sketch which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of January 22nd, preconceived ideas of a non-architectural nature shown to an architect may well deter him from offering any solution, especially if he is led to believe he will only be asked to clothe some such engineered structure in appropriate architectural dress.

I feel that the greatest service ringers could do in the promotion of rings of bells for new churches would be to provide the church councils concerned—and thus the architects—with basic information like the above so that new designs for campaniles may be evolved.

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APPLYING TRUTH TO PEAL RINGING—By Rev. F. Rigby

Straight Words at Bristol University Dinner

ON January 23rd eight towers in and around Bristol were open to welcome the 163 ringers and friends who attended the U.B.S.C.R. annual dinner. Ringing ranged throughout the morning and afternoon from rounds to London Royal and Cambridge Maximus. This was followed by the annual service in the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without, where the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Vyvyan-Jones, welcomed the visitors and spoke of the problems caused by the expansion of the University. He nevertheless welcomed the change and challenged the members of the Universities not only to criticise the older generation within the church, but to take possession of the church so that the same criticisms might not be levelled at them by succeeding generations.

After the loyal toast, proposed by the president (Professor R. J. Brocklehurst), Mr. D. B. Williams (the secretary) proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He referred to the shadow under which the dinner was being held this year, the illness of Sir Winston Churchill, Chancellor of Bristol University. He asked those present to copy the example of his life, and especially to apply Sir Winston's vision of unity to ringing.

PURPOSE OF A UNIVERSITY

The reply to the toast to the visitors was made by the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (the Rev. F. Rigby).

Mr. Rigby said he believed the purpose of a university was to help members—first of all to discover the truth, and secondly, having found the truth, to pass it on to others. He found the discovery of the truth in anything exceedingly difficult. He read many articles in theological journals and had come to the conclusion that one half of the theologians did not know what the other half were writing about.

The discovery of the truth in mathematics is a little easier, but even so, there are so many branches of mathematics that an expert in one field may well find another branch of mathematics almost incomprehensible. A few months ago curiosity prompted me to buy a copy of the "Scientific American," a number devoted to mathematics. It made me realise that though I knew a little mathematics, it was indeed a little. I know of some of the new mathematics, for example what is known as "group theory" simply because that is what my son does. But there is far more mathematics which I do not understand than mathematics which I do understand.

Quite simply, the whole of the truth is far greater than we realise or are prepared to admit. That, incidentally, is one reason why I believe in God; there must exist somebody who knows the whole of truth, God Himself. If that statement is philosophically unsound, I apologise to the philosophers present.

TRUTH IN RINGING

Now what has all this to do with change ringing? Quite a lot. University men and women must have a concern for the truth, not only in their own field of study, but in so far as it affects their art or science of ringing. I think, too, I would like to ally the truth with beauty, for without the beauty of ringing which is shown in good striking the truth of ringing may not emerge. Let me explain a little more clearly.

Those who are clever enough can check the truth of the composition of a peal in advance but this is no guarantee that the truth which exists on paper will result in a true peal being rung in the tower. The truth is only achieved in the tower by good, continuous, accurate striking of the whole of the

peal; that is why truth must be allied to beauty in the ringing of a peal. Further, the truth of the composition must be known to the conductor and he must be able to translate the truth which appears on paper to be the calling of the truth in the tower. Truth and beauty together may result in a proper peal.

Now I suggest to you that not all peals published in "The Ringing World" are true peals even if they are based on paper truth. I once rang a peal which was supposed to be seven extents of Minor conducted by someone who has now rung more than a thousand peals. It duly appeared in "The Ringing World" but I did not put it in my own records. For this reason: If you are ringing at a certain speed you know that you cannot ring one of the 720's in several minutes less than the others. Something went wrong, as so often happens, and for some time there was a most ghastly row. The bells were called into a certain coursing order from the most awful mix-up and were eventually brought round, but all I am prepared to say about this particular extent was the length was (720-x). That which was recorded was not a peal.

Now I don't want to be pious about this sort of thing. The quickly corrected trip skilfully done we can all allow. But not all bad patches in peals are like this and many recorded peals are false peals and are known to be false.

So it amounts to this. The truth of a com-

position usually exists on paper. It also exists in the conductor's head and I would be the first to deny that he has a pretty difficult task. But the truth does not always emerge in the tower, yet often that which is printed in "The Ringing World" appears as if the truth had been rung. I like to think that God will have a sort of super-tape recorder with an infinity of tapes recording our peals so that we may continue our arguments about what went wrong and who went wrong in the next life. But this is a private fancy.

University men and women have a duty to seek the truth in all things; we should seek it in our ringing and help ringing generally by having high standards. All that glitters is not gold and neither are all peals which are recorded in "The Ringing World" true peals.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. S. E. Watters, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, who made a highly amusing speech and ended by wishing the U.B.S.C.R. every success for future years.

The Master (Mr. C. M. Foster) replied, giving details of the Society's activities, ringing and otherwise, during the last year, and introduced the new system which is being developed in the Society for teaching learners.

Social activity continued after dinner until midnight, when many were heard to resolve that they would be there again next year. We certainly hope so and look forward to an even more successful dinner day in 1966.

P.T.H., P. B.C.

HAPPENINGS IN SALISBURY GUILD

The Branch annual meeting was held at Dorchester on January 16th. St. Peter's bells being available from 2.30 p.m. and those at Fordington St. George in the evening.

The Guild service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector, Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, the lesson being read by the Branch chairman (Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Rector of Cattistock) and the address given by the Rev. E. D. Ginever, Rector of Maiden Newton. Mr. Harvey Easton was organist.

Tea was served in the Wessex Restaurant to nearly 50 members including the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. N. Longridge) and visitors from Somerset, North Dorset and Wimborne.

At the business meeting which followed the following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks; Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Rose; Deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. E. H. Amey and A. J. Slade; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Slade; assistant honorary secretary, Miss B. Dyke; committee members, Miss P. Boalch and Mr. G. Goringe. Mr. Richard Duke, who had been assistant honorary secretary for nine years and secretary for the past seven years, did not seek re-election. The chairman expressed appreciation to Mr. Duke, for his valuable work for the Dorchester Branch.

The honorary secretary reported a slight increase in Branch membership, which now stood at 150. Quarter peals had been rung at Abbotsbury, Cattistock, Charminster, Fordington, Preston, Wool and Wyke Regis during the year. Congratulations were extended to Mr. F. Stedman, of Wyke Regis, who had celebrated his 90th birthday during 1964, and who still rings regularly on Sundays and practice nights. The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £17 18s. 1d.

Quarterly meetings during 1965 were provisionally agreed to at Maiden Newton (by invitation), April; Piddlehinton, July; Cattistock in September. Subject to consent fortnightly Branch practices will be held at Wool (January 30th), Wyke Regis (February 13th).

Upwey (February 27th), Litton Cheney (March 13th), Piddlehinton (March 27th) and Cattistock (April 10th).

A. J. S.

Wimborne Branch

Sixty ringers from 15 towers energetically used the fine ring of 10 bells at Wimborne Minster on January 23rd on the occasion of the A.G.M. of the local Branch. The Guild Office was taken by the Vicar, Rev. S. M. Epps, who warmly welcomed all the ringers. An interesting sermon on the missionary work of bells in the 20th century was preached by the curate, Rev. J. Lewis, himself a ringer. Mr. G. Grant, a Minster ringer, played the organ. An excellent tea was provided by the Minster ringers and ably served by their wives.

At the lively business meeting, the Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer, welcomed the visitors and in particular the Guild Master, Rev. R. N. Longridge, who agreed to take the chair for the meeting. Officers for 1965 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer; Vice-chairman, Mr. C. E. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Robertson; Ringing Masters, Mr. R. G. W. Robertson and Mr. H. I. Pitman; Committee Members, Mr. C. Burt and Mr. M. J. Young.

Members stood in memory of Mr. A. Macdonald and Mr. C. Percy who died last March. Both were members of the old Poole band. The Secretary reported that there were 81 branch members and that meetings during the year had not always been well attended. However attendance had improved of late. 37 quarter peals were rung in the Branch ranging from obscure Doubles to Grandsire and Plain Bob Caters. The fortnightly Minor practices at Lytchett Matravers had been regular and good progress made. The Secretary also reported that four towers had a regular practice night and three more towers rang once on a Sunday. This was seven ringing towers out of a possible 16, a rather disturbing state for the Branch to be in.

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who died on January 24th, 1965, aged 90 years

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. I. Dear 1, E. Buck 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, P. Flack 4, L. Hughes 5, C. Harwood 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, S. Hurton 8.

BARMING, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Clisby 1, Sandra Gunner 2, W. T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser 4, J. H. Cook (first as cond.) 5, T. Crocker 6.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Brown 1, Mrs. J. Ratcliffe 2, Mrs. J. Ling 3, P. W. Cave 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, S. A. Nicholls 6, L. Ling (cond.) 7, P. Batchin 8.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Flint (first quarter) 1, Sheila 1 Smith 2, D. G. Carr 3, F. H. Briscoe 4, P. G. Smith 5, A. S. Smith 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet A. Fawcett 1, Sandra M. Pitman (aged 12) 2, B. W. Pocock (first 'inside') 3, M. A. C. Frewer 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, O. H. Saville (first quarter) 6, First in method 1 and 2.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Walker 1, R. W. Rice 2, M. Hebden 3, G. Hebden 4, W. S. Rice (cond.) 5, G. Robson 6, A. Fisher (first of Grandsire Triples) 7, E. Fisher 8.

COTTINGHAM, EAST YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. Fennison 1, Mrs. J. M. Pybus 2, R. D. Gibson 3, G. W. Pybus 4, J. I. Booth 5, C. M. Munday 6, P. Scrowston 7, C. C. Brown (cond.) 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Hall 1, G. C. King (first quarter) 2, P. J. Bloomfield 3, R. E. Copleston 4, J. Armstrong (cond.) 5, A. B. Cox 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Mrs. T. Cooke 3, Miss J. Cooke 4, Miss B. Cooke 1, E. Pannell 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

DERBY.—On Jan. 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Ballington 1, C. Royle 2, J. Whiting 3, W. Steen 4, J. Bailey (cond.) 5, A. Mould 6, R. Wallis 7, M. A. Willis 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Garlick 1, W. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, G. W. Bishop 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, E. G. Sawyer 8.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jacky Hedges 1, Beryl Platt 2, Sheila Moore 3, Teresa Langdon 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, D. Langdon 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, Gloria Simpson 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Michael's, Heavitree, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, Miss J. Smith 2, C. Reeves 3, Miss D. Lissenden 4, M. Lock 5, C. Yates 6, F. Wreford 7, P. Colton 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): K. Chapman 1, C. Richardson 3, E. Chapman 4, R. Cowley 5, E. Buckley 6, D. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Worley (covering) 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles (with 6, 4, 8 covering): Susan A. C. Roud (first quarter) 1, Vivienne M. Dye 2, Jane M. Hough 3, Deirdre R. Wellard (first quarter) 4, Rachel J. Sinden 5, J. F. Wellard 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, R. Mallett 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 25th, 1,241 Grandsire Caters: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, D. Hopkinson 2, G. Vinters 3, H. Ketteringham 4, J. W. Watson 5, P. A. Slight 6, F. W. Pinchbeck 7, K. Ketteringham 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. R. Holmes 10.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Keeble 1, P. M. Leech 2, S. T. Leech 3, R. J. Isgar 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. H. Isgar 6.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On January 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss L. Beeny 1, Miss S. Tomkin 2, W. Stepany 3, Miss R. Earle 4, B. Stepany (cond.) 5, E. Bred 6, A. N. Robinson 7, H. Goldsmith 8.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Stone 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 3, G. Norris 4, S. Malby 5, J. Malby 6, First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

First Instalment of Quarter Peals

HOLT, NORFOLK.—In the music school of Gresham's School on Jan. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. N. Mackley 1—2, R. A. J. Bower 3—4, P. S. Roys-Jones (cond.) 5—6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On January 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Mrs. R. B. Davy 1, W. Papworth 2, A. J. Davy 3, D. Papworth 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Cecil 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Fowler 3, S. Penfold 4, C. E. Wright 5, J. Stephenson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Walset (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 1, D. C. Birkinshaw 2, D. A. H. Bennett 3, Christine C. Macnair 4, D. T. Darby 5, Christine M. Bradburn 6.

KINGSLERE, HANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): G. Weston 1, Susan Rickard 2, Ann Frith 3, J. Pares 4, C. Butler 5, P. Murdock 6, D. P. Murdock (cond.) 7, B. Murdock 8.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): J. Fooks 1, A. Walker 2, Miss L. Moore 3, D. Appleton 4, H. P. Thompson 5, R. S. Jackson 6.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Powell 1, Miss R. Lee 2, Miss P. Lansley 3, R. Hayden 4, W. Gearing 5, G. Land (cond.) 6, First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

LINTON, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on back six, two trebles leading): J. Dale 1, G. Crowd 2, Brenda Hickmott (first quarter) 3, Shirley Town 4, I. Russell 5, J. Houghton 6, N. Mattingley (cond.) 7, P. Town 8.

LISS, HANTS.—On January 24th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Rosemarie Walton 1, D. M. Hughes 2, B. S. Gambrill 3, Lesley Read 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, M. Hourahine 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. G. Golder 1, S. J. Larcombe 2, D. Kay Moore 3, R. G. Paxton 4, E. W. Colley 5, M. W. Fairry (cond.) 6.

LLANBLETHIAN, GLAMORGAN.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Alexander 1, I. Davies 2, R. MacPherson 3, D. Barrington 4, C. Ricketts 5, E. N. Thomas (cond.) 6, First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4 and as conductor. First of Minor by Cowbridge Grammar School band, and on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. W. Howlett 1, A. E. Crowe 2, J. J. Brock 3, M. Meadows 4, C. M. Raphael 5, D. E. Carr 6, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 7, R. W. R. Coates 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. L. Marks 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, D. Gower 6.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Tranter (first quarter) 1, A. J. Molinoli 2, J. Tranter 3, T. S. Wilkes 4, F. W. Jones (cond.) 5, H. Hyde 6.

ORMSKIRK, LANCs.—At the Church of St. Peter and Paul, on Jan. 24th, 1,320 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brown 1, J. Dilworth 2, I. W. Eason (first quarter) 3, John Dilworth 4, W. G. Ellison 5, J. Ellison (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Price 1, Gerda Baresel 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, R. J. Cooles 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, L. W. Allen 6, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 7, Christine M. Cobb 8.

RUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Jarrold 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Whyte 1, R. S. Long 2, D. R. Armstrong 3, Miss P. Russell (first of Royal) 4, J. S. Senger 5, B. B. Henson 6, J. Hartley 7, B. Holland (cond.) 8, H. O. Chaddock 9, G. K. Chaddock 10.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Judd 1, W. Bains 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, R. Lord 4, M. Rose 5, M. Lings 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, E. Button 8, First of Stedman Triples 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's Church, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth M. Snell 1, C. A. Lomax 2, Kathleen M. Higgins 3, C. Adam 4, M. R. Meadows 5, T. G. Still 6, J. E. Chapman (cond.) 7, C. A. Friskney 8, First in method for the Guild. By Sheffield University Guild.

SMARTEN, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. W. Ring 1, Violet Relf 2, B. Johnson 3, J. Richard 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6, Also in memoriam Mr. Hatcher, local ex-ringer and sidesman.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, V. W. Rigg 3, C. W. Bragg 4, R. J. Cann 5, G. Palmer (cond.) 6, T. J. Warner 7, A. Crabtree 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Swain 2, W. Brown 3, L. Cooper 4, D. Taplin 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Munson (covering) 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: (Comp. C. H. Woodberry) G. Westwood 1, J. Warr 2, R. Smith 3, F. J. Vallender 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. D. Fellows 7, A. D. Fellows 8.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Hilary's Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Ulyatt (first quarter) 1, Margaret Webster (first 'inside') 2, J. Lochner (first as cond.) 3, Marjorie Webster 4, V. Boase 5, R. Humphreys 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Jan. 24th, at the Minster, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hawkins 1, P. Roynon 2, E. Norris 3, A. Bull 4, V. Bull 5, E. C. Shepherd 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, T. Maffard 8.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, D. J. White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Rees (first quarter) 1, R. Cox 2, M. Harmer 3, D. Smith 4, S. Howard (cond.) 5, C. Wheel (first quarter) 6.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford): Cynthia L. Ward 1, Pamela C. Clarke 2, T. G. Goodwin 3, T. O. Greasley 4, J. D. Clarke 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hillis 1, R. A. Gower 2, P. Richardson 3, M. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis 6.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): Betty Percy 1, G. Pullenger 2, Janet Percy (cond.) 3, Janet Biscoe 4, R. Percy 5, C. Percy 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Zass 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Lesley Eames (first 'inside') 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, Alison Mann 5, C. Mann 6, R. Bagworth (cond.) 7, A. Bishop 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Humphrey 1, B. R. M. Johnson (first quarter) 2, R. H. Youdale 3, D. Dyckhoff 4, C. W. Daws (cond.) 5, R. A. Freeland 6, First in five methods for all.

WITHYAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Heighes 1, Jean Osbon 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. Lewry (cond.) 4, D. Divall 5, C. Osbon 6, R. Osbon 7, F. I. Hairs 8.

WYELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. A. J. Knight 1, H. V. Young 2, G. Sparkes 3, A. F. Lewry 4, H. Purchase 5, F. Casley 6, H. Parkes (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Whittingham 1, Miss M. Coles 2, Miss V. Hope 3, Miss M. Longhurst 4, W. Pierce 5, K. Goddard 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, K. C. Begrie 8.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Ellway 1, Miss C. E. Taberner 2, M. Harrad 3, F. Chambers (cond.) 4, N. R. Ellway 5, E. R. Stockwell 6, First quarter 1 and 2.

Letters to the Editor

Fairy Bells

Dear Sir.—In answer to the query by Mr. Claude Rush (R.W.' 22.1.65) as to what fairy bells are my late father bought a set in London about 60 years ago which are now in the possession of my youngest brother.

The instrument consists of a sounding board over which the strings, 12 in number, are stretched. It is contained in a light wooden box-like apparatus, approximately 3ft. x 12ins. x 6ins., with a sliding front panel for tuning purposes, and a removable key as a dulcimer or zither. The strings are exposed at the top front for about six inches and the instrument is swung in a circular motion in front of the performer, the strings being plucked with the thumbs from the centre outwards. The effect is a most remarkable likeness to church bells, especially in rising and falling. Of course tunes are also played.

I recollect my father and his fairy bells being in great demand at concerts in the Knutsford, Cheshire, area 50 years ago.

In the Oxford Companion to Music, the bell harp appears to be the closest in description to the fairy bells.

I would like to thank Mr. Rush for his most interesting research into ringing and ringers of the early days.—Yours faithfully,

S. HOUGH.

Hazel Grove, Stockport.

Sevenoaks Application

Dear Sir.—May I be allowed space to comment on the replies of Messrs. P. A. Corby and M. F. Lock.

(i) I am not aware that Doris Colgate (to whom I wrote asking for the use of Sevenoaks bells) is the Rector of Sevenoaks, nor that Monday was the day of their practice; nor that the frame was in such poor state. For my ignorance I humbly apologise.

(ii) Mr. Lock can be forgiven his invective since he is naturally unaware of how I signed my letter; he can only see what the editor cares to put. In fact my signature was actually 'G.B.T. (Anarchist)' from which (had it been published fully) I think anyone interested could have easily identified me.

If only all the letters to the 'R.W.' were of the standard of Mr. Corby's—a delight to read, I shall put it in my scrap-book along with some of my peals!—Yours sincerely,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

Recordings at Standard Speed

Dear Sir.—If Mr. Ashcroft or any other ringer with a tape recorder would like a recording of St. Mary's or the R.C. Church, Cambridge, would they please send a suitable tape and stamps or postal order (to cover return postage) to address below.

I would suggest that all recordings are kept to a standard speed of 3½ i.p.s. as many people have only this speed anyway.

I. QUINNEY.

164, Hills Road, Cambridge.

Sound Control

Dear Sir.—Mr. Chaddock has written an excellent article on sound control and having myself examined at close quarters the equipment in use at Rotherham Parish Church I can vouch for it being fully effective. However, there is one point which I think has not been emphasised sufficiently and another completely overlooked in the article.

Firstly, when boarding or bricking up louvres practically all the louvre has to be covered before any effect whatsoever is noticeable. It is for this reason that bricking up the louvres to the spring of the arch is recommended. It has only a small effect but allows the movable part of the sound control to be made so much smaller.

The second point relates to that old chestnut—the damaging effect of bottling up sound in a tower. On at least two occasions I have approached vicars and tried to persuade them to install sound control. But for the fact that they had an unshakable belief in the damaging effect of the bottled up sound I think I would have succeeded. There is nothing about this topic in the C.C. handbook on preservation. Is it not about time the experts on the Towers and Belfries Committee pronounced authoritatively on it? Yours etc.—

G. A. H.

Badsworth Bells

Dear Sir.—Mr. Atkinson expresses the view that the history will never be known, but I trust our historians will reveal some useful data. The treble is reputed to be a Richard Mellour bell, 1488-1539, and he will be pleased to know that this founder was traced and was in business at Nottingham (1488) as 'Alderman and Belyetter.' He was twice Mayor, 1499 and 1506. He died in 1508 or 1509, and was followed by his son Robert.

On the 2nd, the S. S. Ebor, 1675 denotes a Samuel Smith casting from the York foundry. This founder recast York Minster bells in 1681 but they were not in tune for a peal of 12. He cast the tenor at Hedon (Yorkshire) in 1687 with S. S. Ebor inscribed, and although recast by Taylor's in 1919 the inscription was copied. Regarding the Oldfield family, of Nottingham, they were noted for producing many fine bells with fine lettering and decoration.

I have no notes of Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield, and it is a matter of regret to me that a book on 'Yorkshire Bells' cannot be produced with up-to-date information. The articles by J. E. Poppleton and Dr. Pauli seem to be the only writings on Yorkshire bells. Yours etc.—

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

St. Andrew's, Newcastle on Tyne

Dear Sir.—Apropos the letter from Mr. K. Arthur about St. Andrew's, Newcastle on Tyne, might I point out that it is not surprising that the Vicar is evasive.

The bells have been broken up and there is no hope whatsoever of their restoration.—Sincerely yours,

R. H. BEGRIE.

Holloway, N.I.

Grabbing is here to stay

Sir.—One is much intrigued by the letter in 'The Ringing World' of January 22nd, from Mr. Christopher Dalton, published under the heading 'Outings—good and bad points.' Although, no doubt, the author's sole aim is improving his skill, and not with any intention of 'scoring,' he must have become one of the biggest tower grabbers of them all!

This is by the way, and I would not wish to fault this entirely worthy aim, but at the same time feel that the condemnation, somewhere at the lower end of his letter, of the publication of the grabbers list in your journal must not be allowed to pass unchallenged. His suggestion, that with their elimination the Exercise will be strengthened, is nothing short of arrant nonsense.

Tower grabbing and 'scoring' have been going on far longer than either Mr. Dalton or myself have been involved in the Exercise and with improving mobility it is bound to increase. Whether or not lists are published in this, or any other, journal, people will still try to gain high totals in the same manner that peal ringers amass large numbers of peals.

In their efforts to gain these figures, ringers are bound to choose for their outings bells that need ringing, bells that are little used and they will also have to support practice and service ringing. Few need encouragement to improve the standard of their own ringing, and one way to do this is by ringing over as wide a range of bell weights and hanging methods as possible. Sometimes too, before a tower can be gained some elementary steeple keeping is called for, and who can say what the resulting and unfamiliar sound of ringing bells may do for a village with a struggling, or no band at all.

Visiting on 'grabs' from tower to tower, Guild to Guild, and county to county is the life blood of the Exercise—your correspondent will, and indeed does, testify to this—let us have more of it, and let the people who are prepared to go on tours, to find out the rough and unwanted rings, be given the same recognition as their brethren whose efforts fill the peal columns.

Indeed, to add to the variety why not have the list divided into separate columns for the various numbers of bells, so that we may see at a glance who has the most 'fours' and who the most 'eights' or 'twelves' to his, or her, credit. Perhaps too we may look forward to the time when an enlightened Guild or Association will publish its own list in its report.

Grabbing, sir, despite its unfortunate title, is here to stay, and I might add that thirty minutes' ringing in a village where the bells are infrequently heard is far more welcome than three hours' ringing inflicted on unwilling and powerless listeners. I make this point with no intent to cross the peal ringing fraternity—there is I hope room for us all in the Exercise—but trusting that it will serve to show that grabbing and grabbers are not as black as they are painted.

In conclusion I would just say that if a bell is being rung then it is certainly being used—let's be practical—and tender apologies to Mr. Dalton in case it is after all Mr. Christopher Dutton's letter which is under consideration.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN C. SAWTELL.

Holt, Trowbridge.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Farnham District

The Farnham District held its annual meeting at Farnham on January 23rd, which was well attended. Ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Rector, Rev. Hedley R. Wilds, who took for his theme 'Unity and Loyalty.'

Following tea, the business meeting was held in the Queen of Hearts restaurant. The District Master (Mr. Tom Page), in his report, referred to his remarks made last year as shock treatment which had only temporary results, and went on to describe the district as being in deep coma. He issued a challenge in five questions: (1) Have I made any progress?; (2) Have I learnt any new methods?; (3) Have I studied at home?; (4) Have I pulled my weight?; (5) Are you proud of your achievements in 1964 or does your conscience smite you? Some members had made progress but the rate was disappointing. Advanced practices were disappointing.

Mr. Page said he would like to see many more peals rung in simpler methods, enabling more ringers to take part and not just a luxury for the few. This should lead to much better striking. He passed on to a review of the 15 towers in the district. Two were dead with little or no ringing. Most of the remaining ones were criticised for striking. Bentley received top marks. 'A good steady tower where striking is good and a pleasure to listen to.'

The strongest criticism was reserved for his home tower, Aldershot. It would appear prosperous on paper with 25 ringers. Until about 8.20 p.m. on practice nights the bells are kept going by visitors. Sunday ringing consists of five or six until ten minutes before service time. With a ring of bells he described as 'God's gift to bellringers' there could be no excuse for such very poor striking. He concluded with this motto: 'If a job is worth doing at all it's worth doing well. This is a job worth doing—if you put a lot into it you will get a lot out of it.'

Officers re-elected were: District Master, Mr. T. Page; Assistant Master, R. Clist; Secretary, D. P. Elsmore; Auditor, Mr. W. Viggers; Treasurer, Mr. K. Williamson, (vice Mr. R. Mills).

Mrs. J. Kippin raised the matter of ringers arriving for tea without previous notification. Forty names had been received; 62 were present. It was imperative that names be received not later than the Wednesday previous if catering was to be adequately performed.

Ringling then continued at St. Andrew's Church until 9 p.m.

Next practice meeting, at Bagshot, on February 27th, 6 to 9 p.m. R. B.

A HANDBOOK OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

A SECOND edition of this splendid little book, first published in 1958, is now again available as a Central Council publication. There is little change in content, but having been printed in letterpress its format is neater and less bulky.

This is not a book for the student looking for a new collection of compositions. It contains only one 'on so easy a plan that we cannot but recommend it to all young bob-callers as it will not only suit their purpose but also some more proficient, who may not choose to burthen their memory with a composition more curious and difficult to retain,' as the authors of the 'Clavis Campanalogia' described one of their productions.

But here, in the compass of 12 pages, is a group of 77 touches including seven musical quarter peals of merit which will satisfy most conductors who delight in the music of Grandsire Caters; here is a full list of the titum and inverted titum opening courses and turning courses from titum to handstroke home; here is a complete transposition table showing calls that leave the back three bells undisturbed; here are notes on the proof of the method and, new to this edition, a lucid description of the most baffling feature of Grandsire Caters—its notation. N. G.

ARCHWAY OF ROPES AT HYTHE WEDDING



[Photo by Jack C. Adams, Hythe.]

The wedding of Miss Myrtle J. Cook and Mr. Norman J. Butcher took place on Saturday, January 16th, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent.

The bride wore a full-length white duchess satin dress and carried a bouquet of white freesia, the two bridesmaids wore short dresses of cornflower blue velvet and carried posies of pale lemon carnations.

In the morning a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Stephen's Church, Lympne, where the bride is vice-captain. In the afternoon a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as the couple left the church, the ringers coming from six local towers.

An archway of bell ropes was formed by members from Lympne and Burmarsh.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Maidstone District

The first quarterly meeting of 1965 was held at St. Nicholas', Lynton, on January 9th. Ringing of a good standard was forthcoming both afternoon and evening.

Forty ringers attended the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Elliott) and supported by Mr. W. Mattingley (organist) and full choir.

After tea in the Village Hall, provided by local ringers and ladies, the Vicar took the chair for the business meeting.

Items discussed included the minutes of the October meeting; the District party on November 20th at St. Michael's, Maidstone; the annual general meeting at Canterbury on Easter Monday and a report on the committee's views on Mr. A. Fry's (Leeds captain) finance proposals.

The District secretary, Mr. M. Howe, requested an early payment of overdue subscriptions. Tentative inquiries were made by Mr. Howe as to the possibilities of hiring a coach to help ensure a full District representation at the annual general meeting.

Mr. P. Carter expressed the meeting's thanks for the new, heavily-bound and embossed attendance book made and produced by the District Secretary. Mr. A. Waddington proposed the votes of thanks.

Perusal of the tower visitors' book since the meeting revealed the presence of eight ringers from Essex during the evening, and I thank them for calling in and helping with the ringing. P. M. T.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT ANNUAL

The bells of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's churches, Guildford, were rung half-muffled at the A.G.M. of the Guildford District on January 30th, as a mark of respect to Sir Winston S. Churchill. The service in Holy Trinity Church was conducted by the Rev. Michael Hocking (Rector) and tea provided by Mrs. Ponting and ladies connected with Holy Trinity tower.

Mr. S. G. Ponting presided at the business meeting and the accounts showed that the District had raised £206 for the Cathedral bell fund. Miss E. Stevinson, the retiring hon. secretary, reported a membership of 127 and that 34 quarters had been rung during the year with 12 different conductors. Monthly beginners' practices were held.

New officers of the district are Mr. W. Savill (Stoke-next-Guildford) Ringing Master; Mr. S. G. Ponting (assistant Ringing Master); Mr. John Payton (Chiddingfold), hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. Housden (Shalford) hon. auditor.

It was decided to hold a striking competition at Putterham, if permission is granted, in July.

MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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CHURCHSTON, DEVON

(apparently Churchstow).
1 May 1878, six bells reopened with two 720 Grandire Doubles.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Committee is desirous of finding some competent ringer to act as Instructor to the Guild. No salary, except when training bands, can be guaranteed, but every assistance will be given to such a person in obtaining employment in Exeter.

ST. MICHAEL'S, HEADINGLEY, LEEDS

10 April, 1878.—Bells reopened after overhaul and repair by Mr. T. Mallaby, of Masham.

SEDGEFIELD, DURHAM

16 Nov., 1878, five Stockton and Hurworth ringers rang Plain Bob and Grandire Doubles; the first time change-ringing has ever been heard on these bells which are in a minor key. Tenor 15 cwt.

CREWE, CHESHIRE

16 Nov., 1878. Peal of Grandire Triples, 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. This is the first peal rung on these bells.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET

In 'Church Bells' there was much controversy about the frame, or cage, installed in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, for the twelve new bells there—that it touched the walls, etc. A correspondent in 'Church Bells' of 30 Nov. 1878, J. H. Langdon Fulford, M.A., of Woodbury, Devon (perhaps the Vicar there.—C.R.) where the cage for Cattistock is being constructed by Messrs. Hooper and Stokes, bell-hangers, writes:—'I have seen the plan of the architect, which consisted of a frame nine feet high, standing upon set-offs specially constructed for it in the tower of which the timbers were to be not less than a foot square, and into this frame the bell-cage was to be bolted. Now, when it is remembered how quickly a cage carrying a ring of fair weight begins to "rake," does it seem probable that an erection of about three times the height will remain firm? I do not believe it any more than I believe many other foibles of architects who think themselves capable of preparing plans for bell-hangers.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

North-East District

A record number of 80 ringers attended the A.D.M. of the North-Eastern District at Colchester on January 23rd. Ringing took place at St. Leonard's-at-the-Hythe and on the new light six at All Saints', Shrub End. A service was held at St. Leonard's, where the choir, consisting mostly of ringers, rendered an anthem.

At the business meeting Mr. F. B. Lufkin was again elected Master. Mr. Peter Pitt was elected Deputy Master. Sixteen new members were elected, including six from All Saints', Shrub End.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 28 peals and 21 quarters had been rung in 1964. Six members had rung their first peal, including four from St. Leonard's. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained. In ten towers the bells were rung at least once on a Sunday, and at five towers the bells were rung less frequently on Sundays, perhaps once a month. There were five silent towers where there was no local band.

It is, he said, most encouraging to see so many young people taking their ringing seriously and improving so rapidly, especially at Kirby-le-Soken and at the Hythe. These two towers have established bands to teach them. It is also good to see signs of learner activity at some of the struggling towers where conditions make it more difficult to teach a band.

Thanks were expressed by the Master to Mr. F. Oliver and the Hythe ringers for coping so successfully with such a large attendance.

F.H.E.

SEMLEY, WILTS.

23 Nov., 1878—New ring of 6 by Mears and Stainbank opened. On this as on other similar occasions, there were not wanting persons to predict that the bells when replete from the founders' matrice would prove a failure; busybodies, who somehow felt a delight in meddling with a branch of scientific industry they could not in the least degree understand, were indefatigable in promulgating the idea that a ring of 6 bells of the calibre of those at Semley could never be rung by any body of men, and that an attempt to do so would prove disastrous to the fabric. These pedantic opinions, these lugubrious prophecies have, however, been effectively shattered by the results of last week. . . . Nearly 3,000 changes of Kent and Oxford were rung; and next day more half-pull ringing, which was entirely new to the neighbourhood.

Mr. Bennett-Stapford, Hon. Member for Shaftesbury, greatly assisted in the bell project. He and his lady . . . bravely ventured to the summit of the steeple while the ringing was in progress, which suggested to the minds of those below that the prognostications of the wise men (not from the East) who foretold the downfall of the tower when the ringing commenced were viewed with feelings of the most sublime indifference.

Previously there were 4 bells, tenor about 11 cwt. and fractured, but about 1874 the rector had them taken down and instructed the founders to recast and augment to 6 with a 12 cwt. tenor in G. Later he determined to retain two of the old bells as treble and 2nd of a new ring, the old tenor recast to make the 3rd and add 3 new bells, the present grand ring of six, tenor 26 cwt., 12 lbs. in D is the result. They are hung in two tiers. With very little difficulty two trebles could be added. If this is carried into effect, there will be few better rings of 8 in the country. The whole of the fittings are entirely new, the frame-work is of English oak.

Opened by a select band of the Ancient Society of College Youths'. Mr. Vincent of the Whitechapel Foundry has bestowed the greatest care in the work entrusted to him.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Mainly the same officers are back in office as the result of the A.G.M. of the Northern District at Hethersett on January 16th. The re-elections were:—Mr. G. Sayer, Chairman; Mr. L. Bailey, Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, Secretary; Messrs. W. Clover and B. Willgress, Standing Committee. Mr. R. Lubbock was elected to the Branch Committee and Messrs. R. Duesbury, D. Pardon, R. W. Wiles and W. Hohl were re-elected. Belfry elections of Richard Bower and Peter Mackley, of Gresham School, were ratified and Mr. G. Sparks was re-elected.

The Association Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Goodman, after the meeting had discussed the striking competition, said meetings would be arranged for the coming year. The President, Mr. F. N. Golden, hoped this would help improve ringing in general but this also would bring bands together and the social side in itself was a good thing.

Subject to permission, meetings were planned for April 24th. Mulbarton; July 17th. Paston and Knaption; October 23rd. Aylsham or Dereham; the A.B.M., January 15th, Wymondham. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, said the possibility of a builder in Holt in removing the bells prior to adding three more was being considered.

The Chairman thanked the Rev. D. J. Turner, for conducting the service, Mrs. Alborough, for playing the organ, and 'someone' for an excellent free tea. The President thanked all officers for the good work during the past year.

C. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held in St. Albans on January 16th. The Cathedral bells were available in the afternoon, followed by a short service at St. Stephen's, the Vicar playing the organ. Tea was prepared by the ladies of St. Stephen's in the Cavalier Hall.

At the start of the meeting, presided over by the Association President, Mr. G. W. Critchley, Mr. G. W. Debenham referred to the passing of Mr. C. F. Sayer, late of St. Peter's and he was remembered in silence by the District.

There were nine probationary members and ten full members elected, and five transfers from probationary to full membership.

Mr. R. D. R. Brown, of 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead, was elected secretary. Mrs. Amy Coburn was sincerely thanked for all the work she had put into the District as Secretary, and a small token of appreciation was handed to her. Other officers elected were:—Ringing Master, Mr. G. Penney; 'Ringing World' Representative, Miss J. A. Fellows; District Committee, Mrs. Coburn, Misses C. M. Rimmer, J. A. Fellows, Messrs. G. Dodds, J. D. Chamberlain, G. Penney, K. Walpole; General Committee, Mrs. Coburn and G. Penney. Mr. John Cull was thanked for his services on both the District and General Committee, and Mr. J. D. Chamberlain was congratulated on his readable 'Ringing World' accounts.

It was decided that the following propositions would go forward from the District to the A.G.M.:—

That the annual subscriptions be raised to 5/-.

That the non-resident life membership subscription be raised to 7/6d.:

That peal booking fee should be 1/- a head. After the news that Wheathampstead bells were available for the meeting on February 20th, the President drew the meeting to a close. The evening ringing was at St. Stephen's

J.A.F.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch

The annual meeting of the Cary Branch was held at Ditchet on January 23rd, when about 60 ringers attended the service which, due to the illness of the Rector (Preb. J. A. Ll. Armstrong), was conducted by the branch chairman Rev. G. S. Robinson. A collection for the Association Bell Fund amounted to £3 1s. 7d.

The Parish Room was filled to capacity for tea and the business meeting. Members stood in silence, in memory of the following members who had passed away during the past year:—Messrs. P. March, F. Reakes (aged 90) and O. J. Woodbourne, all of Evercreech, and S. J. Pound (Templecombe).

The secretary's report and balance sheet, which showed a slight drop in membership in spite of the election during the past year of 20 new members, was adopted. All the officers were re-elected, viz.:—Chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson; Vice-chairman Preb. O. H. Skipwith; Ringing Master, Mr. D. M. C. Hill; and Secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie.

Eleven new members were elected from Charlton Mackrell, Bruton, North Cheriton, Queen Camel and Wincanton, and Association certificates were presented by the Chairman to six members from Ditchet.

Meetings were fixed (subject to permission), for Horethorne, West Lydford and Charlton Horethorne, with next year's annual at Evercreech and Branch practices at Castle Cary, Bruton, West Camel and Horsington. Preliminary plans were made for the Branch Corporate Communion, and for a day's outing to the Dunster Branch in the autumn.

An appeal from the peal secretary for peals and quarter peals, to mark the 75th anniversary of the Association (founded May, 1890), was announced.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, organist and local captain, and to the ladies who had prepared and served tea, before a return to the tower. Ringing ranged from rounds to Kent Treble Bob Major.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Newark District**

It is customary now to hold the annual meeting at Newark, and the one held on January 16th proved to be the best attended for several years, with over 50 people present for tea and the business meeting. There were members from all the other four Districts of the Guild, including the general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton, and members of Nottingham University. The ringing also was some of the best heard at a meeting, and the methods rung included Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

The Curate, Rev. J. P. Stone, conducted Evensong, and after tea in St. Mary's Rooms the District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, presided over the business meeting. Members were asked to stand in silence to the memory of those who had died during the year.

Both from the statement of accounts and the Secretary's report for 1964, it was evident that new membership did not make up for losses, caused by several reasons, and the Secretary felt that recruiting members should be everyone's concern in the coming year. Four new members were elected at the meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, and the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Reed, were re-elected, with joint Ringing Masters, Messrs. A. E. Chilton and David Parsons, Committee member—Miss Margaret Chilton.

The main item of interest was that Coddington's five bells were being taken to the foundry for re-hanging and retuning by the end of the month. The local ringers had already raised a considerable sum of the total cost and a frame for six bells was to be installed.

During the evening the Vicar, Rev. E. J. Kingsworth, paid a visit to the ringing room to apologise for his absence at tea, due to a previous commitment, and to welcome all present most warmly.

Bingham District

An encouraging year was reviewed by Miss R. Blackshaw in presenting the annual report of the Bingham District to its annual general meeting, at Bingham on January 9th. Membership now totals 104, a gain of 15 during 1964: 15 towers were visited with good attendances at 12, and fair at the other three. The chairman and secretary were re-elected, Messrs. B. Buswell and H. Hanson elected Ringing Masters and W. Harrison to the committee. Two new members from Bingham and one from East Bridgford were elected.

**COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR
SCHOOL BAND**

Cowbridge Grammar School ringers have for the first time produced a Minor band. Although they had rung only one touch previously, they successfully scored a quarter peal of Plain Bob at Llanblethian on January 25th. This was rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Winston S. Churchill.

Four of the band were ringing their 'first of Minor,' and one of them, Robert MacPherson (13) his first on a working bell. Treble ringer John Alexander is also 13. It was Ellis Thomas' first of Minor as conductor, and first of Minor on the bells.

The school band numbers ten boys and one master. All ring regularly for service at both Llanblethian and Cowbridge. One of the boys, David Barrington, writing under the pseudonym 'Ken Tenor' now contributes a regular weekly article under the headline 'Belfry Gossip' (acknowledgments to 'The Ringing World') to the school's weekly magazine, 'The Lion.' The following are extracts from the current issue:—

'The week's work for the C.G.S. Bellhangers Ltd. was to grease, or rather castor-oil, the Llanblethian bearings, adjust the ropes, and tallow the Cowbridge ropes.'

'Would any reader who has heard of a tower with exactly four bells in it, apart from Llan-carnan, Llangyfelach, St. Mary's Church and Laleston, please contact me or Chris Ricketts, as we are doing a survey of bells in Glamorgan.'

Chris Ricketts himself is making great progress and recently rang in a peal of Double Oxford Bob Minor. Ellis Thomas has had a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. These two and David Barrington hope soon to go for a peal of Minor 'in hand.' I.D.

**PRESENTATION TO RINGING
PARSON**

At a monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch at Cromhall, Glos, on January 9th, a presentation was made by the ringers to the Rev. W. A. Peel on his leaving the district for the parish of Adbaston, in the diocese of Lichfield, Staffs.

Mr. Peel, who is himself a ringer, has been Vicar of Tortworth for 33 years and was chairman of the Wotton-under-Edge branch for more than ten years.

The presentation of the book 'The Sound of Bells,' and a cheque, was in appreciation of his services to bellringing in the branch, and it was suggested that he use the cheque to buy something for Mrs. Peel who has been tireless in support of his ringing and other activities.

After the presentation, the ringers listened to the record from 'The Sound of Bells' before resuming ringing at the church. During the afternoon a quarter peal was rung at Tortworth in honour of Mr. Peel's services to the Branch.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN
GUILD**

Wellingborough Branch

The Wellingborough Branch at its A.G.M. at All Hallows' Church, Wellingborough, elected a new secretary in succession to Mr. A. R. Elliott, resigned. He is Mr. R. Cowley, of 45, Milner Road, Finedon. The other officers were re-elected.

All the towers of the Branch, except two, were represented at the meeting and visitors were present from Northampton, Kettering, Rugby and Bedford areas. A company of 60 sat down to an excellent tea prepared by Mrs. Murdin and friends.

The meeting stood in silence as an act of remembrance to the Rev. C. Ford, of Higham Ferrers, who was killed in a road accident.

A feature of the ringing was a band of ladies ringing these heavy bells to rounds, with Miss Jean Marlow on the tenor.

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By C. KENNETH LEWIS

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. Bird asks us to state that his address is 27, St. Andrew's Avenue, Thorpe, Norwich, and not as given in 'The Ringers' Diary.'

Mr. Roy H. Jones thanks those who sent him information concerning Reading and Newbury Doubles.

Mr. Leslie Hunter, of Shalford, is in the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, recovering from an operation for a duodenal ulcer.

Correction.—Our correspondent asks that the title of the peal rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs (page 82), should be altered from 5280 Lambeth Surprise Maximus as submitted, to 5040 Plain Bob Royal.

The peal at Wincanton on January 23rd is believed to be the first of London Surprise Major for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association by a resident band, since before the war, according to Mr. Ronald G. Beck, who took part in the previous peals.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, writes making a correction to his letter on the Marbury peal. The letter should end: 'I have seen one or two isolated reports of peals of Doubles in excess of 42 six-scores as, for instance, the 15 possible six-scores of Stedman Doubles each called thrice (5,400 changes).'

The peal rung at Salford on January 16th (see page 82) was rung for the Manchester University Guild and not for the Lancashire Association. It was, in fact, the first peal rung by an all-resident band of the University for two years.

Lanchester, Co. Durham, rang their half-muffled quarter peal for Sir Winston Churchill from 12.05 to 12.55 p.m. on the day of his death. While they do not claim to be the first quarter rung on this sad occasion, they feel that they are very well up on the list.

Mr. David C. Brookes, of Putney, who states that he has been on two of Mr. Dove's outings, disagrees that the rules suggested by Mr. Maybrey in his letter (p. 864) were observed on these occasions. He concludes that as an outing organiser he tries to abide with the procedure suggested by John Maybrey.

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43 Years in Office

At the annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Ringers, Ipswich, the resignations of Messrs. Charles J. Sedgley, treasurer, and George E. Symonds, secretary, were courteously received. Each had been in office for 43 years. (The following were elected for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Leslie N. Melton, Master; Percy May, Deputy Master; Neville Whittell, Steeplekeeper; R. John Munnings, Auditor, and Alan R. Bridges, Secretary and Treasurer.

Exmouth Ring Televised

The lightest ring of tower bells in the world, those hung in the garage of Mr. F. Mack, of Exmouth, Devon, were recently featured in a television programme on the West of England frequency. The ringers were televised ringing Grandsire Doubles and Mr. Mack was then interviewed. The band included Norman Mallett of Exeter, two young local ringers and Mr. and Mrs. G. Eyles from Wiltshire. A sound programme on the same bells followed the next day on 'Today.'

The Liverpool Triumph

'The Liverpool Echo' of January 25th gave prominence to the peal of 5,039 Grandsire Cinques rung at the Cathedral. According to the report the ringing started at 9.15 a.m. and finished at 1.20 p.m. One of the ringers, Mr. Jack Brown, in his 60's and a former well-known soccer referee, is quoted as saying: 'The bells are claimed to be the heaviest ring in the world. We are proud of the achievement which now constitutes a world record.' The peal was scored at the fifth attempt.

The Exercise, we are sure, will congratulate Mr. Joseph Ridyard, of Southport, and his band on a very fine achievement. It is certainly a highlight for the Lancashire Association.

1965 Peal Recorders

Mr. D. John Hunt, of Bristol, and his fiancée, Miss Gillian Hussey, have offered to prepare the list of leading peal ringers for 1965, and the Editor has accepted their offer with gratitude. It will not be quite so comprehensive as that Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor have undertaken but will include the number of peals rung and conducted by everyone.

Mr. Hunt writes: 'It is up to all peal ringers to try to publish their names in the same manner each time if their totals are to be correct and also for female peal ringers to publicise their new name when they get married.' Mr. Hunt's address is 58, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5.

Marlborough College Enthusiasts

The peal of Royal at Trowbridge was organised by Messrs. R. M. Garrett, R. A. G. Inglis and R. H. Green, of Marlborough College. They collected ringers from Swindon, Melksham and Warminster, to join them in the venture, and with Mr. Robert Quartley kindly standing in at the last minute a good peal was rung. The conductor would like to thank the organisers for giving him the privilege of 'directing the operation.'

Cup for Striking Contest

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight is now in ward T2, of Brook General Hospital, Woolwich, and would be pleased to hear from friends. He was recently elected Master of the Canterbury District of the K.C.A. and has given a cup as a perpetual trophy for a District striking contest. This will be held at Great Mongeham on May 8th. The gift of the challenge cup was received with great acclaim at the District A.G.M. on January 23rd, and a sincere vote of thanks was passed to the donor.

Dublin University Society

Current issue of 'Irish Bell News' tells of the enthusiasm of Dublin University Society of Change Ringers inspired by Mr. Colin Lewis of National University and individual ringers from Dublin District. A set programme is arranged whereby Plain Bob is rung at one tower, Grandsire at another and Stedman at a third. On Mondays at lunch hour, Cambridge Surprise is practised at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Those taking part feel it worth their while to do without lunch for this weekly occasion! The article quotes that two ringers who knew nothing about change ringing, and one of them could not handle a bell 18 months ago, can now ring Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise.

All Singles Bob Major

In view of the large number of peals of Bob Major now rung, Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd suggests that one containing all singles would be of interest to the Exercise. He asks if any composer could oblige.

Promising New Peal Ringer

Congratulations to Andrew White on ringing his first peal, one of 13 methods of Doubles at Rewe, Devonshire. Our correspondent informs us that the band was 'really shaken' when they learned that it Andrew's first peal. If he continues to progress in this way—Andrew is only in his mid-teens—he will be an acquisition to peal ringing in the Devon Guild.

Marston Ringers' Social

Marston (Oxford) ringers' social on January 15th was a great success and some 50 ringers attended from neighbouring towers including Abingdon, Radley, Headington, N. Hinksey, Northleigh. About 80 per cent of those present were under 21 years of age, and the programme, arranged by Mr. Roy H. Jones, was planned for their enjoyment and included a cine show, games and 'twisting.' The support of Miss Marie Cross and Miss Daphne Pollard was much appreciated and it is hoped to make the social an annual event.

A Treasured Telegram

St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, ringers have a treasured telegram. Following their peal for Sir Winston Churchill's 90th birthday, Mr. Norman Harding received the following telegram: 'Captain of Bellringers, St. Margaret's Parish Church, King's Lynn — I am most grateful to you all and send you my warm good wishes.—Winston S. Churchill.'

Portrait of a Fen Church in America

One Sunday during last summer two American tourists visited St. Wendreda's Church, March, displaying considerable interest in the building, which is said to be featured in Dorothy Sayers' 'Nine Tailors.' They were particularly interested in the tower and bells.

Recently a letter was received from one of the visitors requesting colour slides of the church with particular emphasis on the ringers and bells. Accordingly, arrangements were made and photographs taken on a recent practice night showing shots, etc., of bells and youthful boys and girls in action. It is understood that the slides are required for lecture purposes.

The lecturer writes to the effect that she visits schools and lectures to American boys and girls on the finer points concerning English churches. 'Our young people,' she writes, 'have no idea how English bells are rung, and cannot imagine a turret stairway. Slides illustrating English boys and girls indulging in the fascinating art of bell ringing will be much appreciated, and will help me immensely in my work.' Happy to oblige!

Turramurra Again

Turramurra is in the news for Australian quarter peals, having rung two within eight days. Because of other church activities, it is only on Sunday evenings in January that the band, writes Mr. Walter Knight (hon. sec.), is able to indulge in this form of midsummer madness.

The quarter we publish this week was conducted by Mr. Tom Goodyer, and was Christine James' first quarter. She has now started her training at Camperdown Children's Hospital which is close to St. Mary's Basilica. It was also Graeme Drew's first on a working bell.

Bury the Hatchets

Mr. F. Hodgson has forwarded to us a letter written by Arn Aitch Dec, bearing a Leeds postmark. We do not propose to publish it. Mr. Hodgson concludes: 'If any of my comments have been devoid of substance, a matter I will leave for others to decide. I tender my apologies to the wronged ones, but I would also suggest that hatchets be buried and once more let the Leeds tower and ringers take up a proper position in ringing circles.'

Young Band's Call-Change Tribute

The young band at St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, although not yet skilled enough to ring a quarter peal, did, nevertheless, pay tribute to the late Sir Winston Churchill, in the afternoon of January 24th, when they rang, half-muffled, 200 call-changes in 45 minutes. All the skill which they have attained in their four months of ringing was put together in a concentrated effort to make this performance worthy of being their last token of respect.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble | John H. Taylor 5 |
| Richard J. Bowden 2 | Peter Bridle 6 |
| Michael J. Hobbs 3 | Ronald H. Bullen 7 |
| *Alan Tubb 4 | D. John Hunt Tenor |

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Rutland.

WINCANTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 29 lb.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *Edward Goater .. Treble | ††David A. Burt 5 |
| †Charles Jones 2 | George W. Massey 6 |
| †Alan F. Lee 3 | Ronald G. Beck 7 |
| David J. Orledge 4 | John H. Gilbert Tenor |

Composed by Stephen Iviv. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal. † First of London. ‡ 25th for the Association.
25th peal as conductor for the Association.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Treble | Ralph G. Edwards 5 |
| Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2 | Robert C. Kippin 6 |
| Frank D. Mack 3 | Rodney B. Meadows 7 |
| Kenneth J. Hesketh 4 | Wilfred Williams Tenor |

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal in the method on the bells.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Being 42 extents. | |
| *Jennifer Poppelstone .. Treble | Mrs. E. M. Williams .. 4 |
| Philip Poppelstone 2 | *Leonard Hellings 5 |
| *Christopher Rixon 3 | *Ian Atkinson Tenor |

Conducted by Philip Poppelstone.
* First peal. First as conductor.
First peal by the Sunday Service band.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. Treble | *J. B. Cooke (Queens') .. 5 |
| C. G. Williams (Newnham) 2 | R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) 6 |
| F. C. Hobson (St. John's) 3 | R. M. Damerell (Corpus) 7 |
| V. Nutton (Selwyn) 4 | S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. Tenor |

Composed by H. Poynor. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. S. Freestone, churchwarden of this church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Robert B. Smith .. Treble | John Worth 6 |
| Peter J. Staniforth 2 | †A. Peter Whitehead .. 7 |
| *Derek F. Yates 3 | †Alan McFall 8 |
| Harold C. Lonyon 4 | Alan A. Potts 9 |
| C. Kenneth Lewis 5 | Basil Jones Tenor |

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' † First of Stedman Caters.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 79 lb.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Richard S. Starkie .. Treble | Tudor P. Edwards 5 |
| Philip G. K. Davies 2 | Derek Butterworth 6 |
| John Worth 3 | John Robinson 7 |
| Anthony D. Sansom 4 | Denis Mottershead Tenor |

Composed by Stephen J. Iviv. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

BUCKFAST, Devon.—At the Benedictine Abbey Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Frank D. Mack .. Treble | Colin Reeves 7 |
| *Norman Mallett 2 | *A. William Myers 8 |
| †William A. Theobald .. 3 | †Alan Carveth 9 |
| Margaret A. Bould 4 | Robert A. Southwood .. 10 |
| †Martin F. Lock 5 | D. Roy Bould 11 |
| †Frederick E. Day 6 | †Philip Mehew Tenor |

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* 150th peal. † First of Plain Bob Maximus. ‡ First of Maximus.
First twelve bell peal as conductor. Ringers of 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12 have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.
Rung with best wishes to Reuben Sanders for his 91st birthday.

REWE, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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| Being 3 extents each of Shipway's Place Bob: Westminster II Bob; Blackburn Place Bob; New Bob; Huntspill Bob: Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob; St. Nicholas Bob; Winchendon Place Bob; St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's Bob, together with 4 extents each of Plain Bob; Grandire and Stedman each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. | |
| Charles J. Turner .. Treble | *Andrew White 4 |
| Cyril C. Deem 2 | R. John Quick 5 |
| Sidney Skinner 3 | †Brian Coles Tenor |

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.
First in 13 methods for all, for the Guild and in the county.

KINGSKERSWELL, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *Peter J. S. Shipp .. Treble | Gregory J. Roberts 4 |
| †Keith Fursdon 2 | Donald J. Roberts 5 |
| Peter A. Lock 3 | John Kelly Tenor |

Conducted by Donald J. Roberts.
* First peal away from tenor. † First 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the ringing of three six scores of Grandsire Doubles on the bells of Kelly, Devon, being the first peal in the county on which such changes were scored by natives of the parish on January 21st, 1865.
First peal on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WILLINGHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

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|---|------------------------------|
| Being one extent each of Netherscale, London, York, Beverley, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. | |
| Mansfield Ginn .. Treble | Donald F. Murfet 4 |
| Kenneth J. Hesketh 2 | Geoffrey A. Lucas 5 |
| Geoffrey Pearson 3 | George E. Thoday Tenor |

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
Rung to welcome the Rev. John Sims Francis, M.A., inducted as Rector prior to the peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *Lesley Ward .. Treble | †Stephen D. Humphrey .. 5 |
| Neil V. Avis 2 | †Brian J. Vaughan 6 |
| †John Avis 3 | Peter G. Pitt 7 |
| *Robert J. Isgar 4 | Frank B. Lufkin Tenor |

Composed by J. W. Barker. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2 720's Oxford Bob and 5 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| *Robert J. Isgar .. Treble | Brian J. Vaughan 4 |
| Lesley Ward 2 | Frank B. Lufkin 5 |
| Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3 | Peter G. Pitt Tenor |

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MARSHFIELD, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble | Michael J. Hobbs 5 |
| Jennifer M. Taylor 2 | James R. Taylor 6 |
| *John H. Taylor 3 | D. John Hunt 7 |
| Alan Tubb 4 | Robert C. Kippin Tenor |

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First of Lincolnshire.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

LIVERPOOL, Lancs.—At the Cathedral.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 4 tons 2 cwt. 11 lb.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Thomas Hesketh Treble | Thomas Horridge 8 |
| Ronald Kenrick 2 | Jack N. Brown 9 |
| Alexander J. Martin 3 | Edwin C. Birkett 10 |
| John Bibby 4 | Joseph Ridyard, } 11 |
| David V. Jenner 5 | Dennis Jones } |
| William E. Court 6 | Stewart H. Bailey } Tenor |
| Terence Fitzgerald 7 | Walter Allman } |

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
First peal on the bells.
Rung for the Diamond Jubilee of the Cathedral, also as a welcome to the Dean, the Very Rev. Edward H. Patey.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

No. 3 Version.

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| Tudor P. Edwards Treble | Philip G. K. Davies 6 |
| *Richard S. Starkie 2 | Derek Butterworth 7 |
| *John A. Booth 3 | Frederick Shallcross 8 |
| Neil Bennett 4 | Neil D. Lomas 9 |
| *Anthony D. Sansom 5 | Denis Mottershead Tenor |

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 42 lb. in D.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Neil Bennett Treble | Richard S. Starkie 6 |
| Malcolm A. Phillips 2 | Christopher K. Cooper 7 |
| Hazel A. Arrowsmith 3 | John H. Fielden 8 |
| V. David Jenner 4 | F. John Nelson 9 |
| *David G. Wilford 5 | Jeffrey J. Fox Tenor |

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Grandsire.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 31 lb. in E.

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Derek Butterworth .. Treble | *Geoffrey Cheetham 5 |
| *Norman Smith 2 | †Richard J. Parker 6 |
| J. Colin Ashworth 3 | Jeffrey Kershaw 7 |
| Margaret E. Fort 4 | Neil Bennett Tenor |

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal of Glasgow. † 100th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Jan. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

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| Christine Andrew .. Treble | Robert B. Smith 5 |
| *John A. Booth 2 | Neil Bennett 6 |
| *Dennis Latham 3 | Alan McFall 7 |
| Peter J. Wycherley 4 | Derek Butterworth Tenor |

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. This composition is now rung for the first time.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Jan. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

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| Christine Andrew .. Treble | Richard J. Parker 5 |
| Derek Butterworth 2 | Dennis Latham 6 |
| John P. Partington 3 | Jeffrey Kershaw 7 |
| Margaret E. Fort 4 | Neil Bennett Tenor |

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
25th peal as conductor. First in the method for all the band except the tenor ringer.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

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| *Patricia Farmer .. Treble | Arthur E. Rowley 5 |
| Mary Barrass 2 | Michael J. Roberts 6 |
| Stephen Hall 3 | C. William Hall 7 |
| †Ronald D. Hughes 4 | John E. Manners Tenor |

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by C. William Hall.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First of Triples as conductor.
First in Plain Bob Triples by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Jan. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| John Hall Treble | Michael W. Crowder 6 |
| Jack Bray 2 | *John H. Parker 7 |
| Ronald Chafer 3 | W. Arthur Crowder 8 |
| C. Aubrey Harrison 4 | Frank Kennington 9 |
| *John M. Blaikie 5 | Arthur Pashley Tenor |

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a farewell to Canon G. W. Markham on his departure from this parish to Morland, in the Diocese of Carlisle.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Wed., Jan. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5072 CAMBRIDGE COURT MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

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| Brian Harris Treble | Derek J. Jones 5 |
| Denis Woods 2 | Cyril R. Burrell 6 |
| Ronald C. Noon 3 | Raymond H. Daw 7 |
| Edwin T. Chapman 4 | George W. Massey Tenor |

Composed by G. Hayward (C.C.C. [1908] No. 42 adapted).
Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method by all the band.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

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| Harold Judd Treble | C. Aubrey Harrison 5 |
| Ronald Chafer 2 | Jack Bray 6 |
| *William Bains 3 | John Hall 7 |
| Michael Crowder 4 | Philip Barnes Tenor |

Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal of Major.
In memoriam Rupert Richardson and John A. Freeman.

SUTTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 QUANTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

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| Frank Taylor Treble | Ronald C. Noon 5 |
| Denis Woods 2 | Raymond H. Daw 6 |
| Derek J. Jones 3 | Cyril R. Burrell 7 |
| George W. Massey 4 | *Brian Harris Tenor |

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 300th peal of Major. First peal in the method.

GOXHILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Bourne Surprise and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

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| Septimus Neave .. Treble | John H. Parker 4 |
| Arthur Pashley 2 | W. Arthur Crowder 5 |
| Eric Hotine 3 | Michael W. Crowder Tenor |

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

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| Jean H. Woolford .. Treble | *Richard A. Hunt 4 |
| Ronald G. Russell 2 | Harry Barnes 5 |
| James A. D. Woolford 3 | James H. Musson Tenor |

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal in seven methods.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Barnes, wife of the ringer of the fifth.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

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| Anthony H. Smith .. Treble | Roger D. Bailey 5 |
| Barbara G. Dale 2 | Robert E. J. Dennis 6 |
| Yvonne Edwards 3 | Richard O. Humphries 7 |
| Timothy G. Pett 4 | Roger W. Powell Tenor |

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

QUANTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR:

x 38 x 16 x 56 x 38. 14 x 14. 58. 14 x 12. 58. 2nds lead 18674523.
4ths place bob. For composition see 'R.W.' August 11, 1961, p. 539.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HACKNEY, E.8.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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| Elizabeth M. Emmett .. Treble | Robert J. Moore .. 5 |
| *Dorothea M. Robotham .. 2 | Bryan C. Burrough .. 6 |
| †Frances I. Studley .. 3 | Leonard J. North .. 7 |
| Clive W. Simpson .. 4 | Bernard E. Matthews .. Tenor |

Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Jan. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 OTLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

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| Freda Clayton .. Treble | H. George Hart .. 5 |
| Elsie K. Hart .. 2 | John Hill .. 6 |
| Eric Edmondson .. 3 | John R. Mayne .. 7 |
| Ruth M. Foreman .. 4 | Gerald Penney .. Tenor |

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SHEPPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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| *Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble | Dennis Knox .. 5 |
| Joan Beresford .. 2 | G. William Critchley .. 6 |
| John Hill .. 3 | Thomas J. Lock .. 7 |
| Alick Cutler .. 4 | John R. Mayne .. Tenor |

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 100th peal on these bells. The conductor has now rung peals in 250 different Surprise Major methods. First in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

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| Arthur Cooper .. Treble | J. Barry Pickup .. 5 |
| George W. Howlett .. 2 | William B. Duncan .. 6 |
| Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3 | A. William Bird .. 7 |
| Thomas J. Brock .. 4 | Stephen F. High .. Tenor |

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup

WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Jan. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

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| *Richard C. Best .. Treble | *Peter Bower .. 4 |
| Andrew J. Harrison .. 2 | Roger B. Lubbock .. 5 |
| *David P. J. Bird .. 3 | A. Frederick Boyce .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. Frederick Boyce.

* First peal † First of Minor.
Rung to the Glory of God and as a thanksgiving for the rehanging of the bells.
First peal by a local company since 1953 and also a compliment to the conductor, who taught the band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

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| In 27 methods, being one extent each of St. Paul, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, April Day, Kennington, Little Aston, Seighford, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columba, Southrepps, Tichborne, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Ali Saints, Marchington, Litchurch, St. David, Old, two each of Rushall, St. Helen, St. Anne, Newborough, four each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, and six of Grandfire. | |
| Garth A. Porter .. Treble | Roy H. Jones .. 3 |
| Leonard R. Porter .. 2 | Noel D. Deam .. 4 |
| Alec Gammon .. Tenor | |

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Rung for the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

SHEPPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR :

34. 56. 38. 6. 58—12. 36. 12—14. 3. 16—16. 7. 2nds place l.e. 4ths place bobs.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

GRETTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandfire and Plain.

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| Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat. | |
| Ronald Russell .. Treble | Gerald W. Reynolds .. 3 |
| *Keith R. Davy .. 2 | †Alan G. Payne .. 4 |
| J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor | |

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles 'inside.'

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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| Norman J. Goodman .. Treble | Edward W. Colley .. 7 |
| Susan Funnell .. 2 | Martin D. Fellows .. 8 |
| John C. Eisel .. 3 | Michael J. Fellows .. 9 |
| Frederick Shallcross .. 4 | David J. Purnell .. 10 |
| George E. Fearn .. 5 | J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11 |
| Vivian Nutton .. 6 | Peter Border .. Tenor |

Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LYDDINGTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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| Martin D. Fellows .. Treble | Edward W. Colley .. 7 |
| Frederick Shallcross .. 2 | George E. Fearn .. 8 |
| Susan Funnell .. 3 | Norman J. Goodman .. 9 |
| Roderick W. Pipe .. 4 | David J. Purnell .. 10 |
| Michael J. Fellows .. 5 | J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11 |
| John C. Eisel .. 6 | Peter Border .. Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

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| Robert C. Kippin .. Treble | George E. Fearn .. 5 |
| David R. Ingram .. 2 | J. Alan Ainsworth .. 6 |
| Jennifer M. B. Cook .. 3 | Clifford Barron .. 7 |
| Susan Funnell .. 4 | John McDonald .. Tenor |

Composed by George Baler. Conducted by John McDonald.
With best wishes to Philip J. Rothera and Susan Funnell on their engagement.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Alwicks, Warkworth, Newcastle, London, Surfleet, York and Cambridge. Tenor 28 cwt. 35 lb. in D flat.

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| Maurice G. Ingram .. Treble | Roderick W. Pipe .. 4 |
| Edward W. Colley .. 2 | Frederick Shallcross .. 5 |
| Robert E. Hardy .. 3 | J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey Davies and Elizabeth Gardiner, who were married later in the day at Coventry.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

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| *Richard M. Garrett .. Treble | Eric Sutton .. 6 |
| Edgar C. Shepherd .. 2 | †Norman N. G. Knee .. 7 |
| †Michael D. Penney .. 3 | †Richard H. Green .. 8 |
| †Peter Minchin .. 4 | Laurence E. Hitchens .. 9 |
| †Robert D. Quartley .. 5 | †Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.

* First peal. † First of Royal in the method. ‡ First of Royal.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

CODSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

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| Philip R. Johnson Treble | Remi M. Hodister 5 |
| D. Kay Moore 2 | Michael W. Fairey 6 |
| Lucy Smith 3 | Clive M. Smith 7 |
| David J. Bates 4 | Philip G. K. Davies Tenor |

Composed by W. Royle. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
First in the method as conductor. First of Kent Major by all, except ringers of 7 and 8.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Wed., Jan. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| S. Jane Dowse Treble | C. Raymond Larkin 4 |
| Robert D. Marsh 2 | W. L. Exton 5 |
| Ruth Blackshaw 3 | Maurice W. Harrison Tenor |

Conducted by W. L. Exton.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Tinsley.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

COPDOCK, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| Robert E. Lester Treble | Lawrence R. Pizzev 4 |
| *Peter G. Pitt 2 | Frank B. Lufkin 5 |
| Neville F. Whittell 3 | Walter Arnold Tenor |

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

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| Michael J. Howes Treble | *Lawrence R. Pizzev 4 |
| Alan J. Munnings 2 | Robert E. Lester 5 |
| Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3 | Neville F. Whittell Tenor |

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

* 25th peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 NETTLEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

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| Martin L. Howe Treble | Graham C. Paul 5 |
| John R. Ketteringham 2 | David S. Osenton 6 |
| Roger D. Bailey 3 | Bernard F. L. Groves 7 |
| Cyril S. Jarrett 4 | Christopher T. Osenton Tenor |

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

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

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

PENZANCE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

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| Frances M. Rickard Treble | William A. Theobald 5 |
| Douglas Burnett 2 | Alan Carveth 6 |
| Anthony J. Davidson 3 | D. Roy Bould 7 |
| Anthony Locke 4 | Robert A. Southwood Tenor |

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Alan Carveth.

Rung as a welcome to Lucinda Mary Sargisson, daughter of the Rev. C. R. and Mrs. Sargisson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| Kay Winterbourne Treble | Michael S. Holbrook 5 |
| *Philip Murduck 2 | Reginald F. Crook 6 |
| Denby P. Murduck 3 | *Geoffrey K. Dodd 7 |
| Bradley Murduck 4 | Paul G. Holmes Tenor |

Composed by F. E. W. Meadows. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* 300th peal together.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Linda E. Holmes, sister of the tenor ringer, and Anthony Pritchard.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 42 methods, being 120 each of Abergavenny, Abingdon, Albanian, Banbury, Belgrave, Bromsgrove, Cambridge, Clifton, Coalbrookdale, Diseworth, Enniskillen, Goldsborough, Gosforth, Haslemere, Inveraray, Langley, Leek, Limerick, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, London No. 3, Marsden, Minehead, Mirfield, Oakham, Ossett, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Ranmoor, Rutland, Selby, Snewsbury, Solihull, Staffordshire, Sunderland, Wembley, Whithy, Wrexham, Yeovil, York and Yorkshire, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 34½ cwt. in D flat.

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| Neil Donovan Treble | J. Henry Fielden 6 |
| Jeanne E. Bottomley 2 | Gordon Benfield 7 |
| W. Eric Critchley 3 | Wilfrid F. Moreton 8 |
| Donald H. Niblett 4 | John N. D. Chaddock 9 |
| Vernon Bottomley 5 | Norman Chaddock Tenor |

Composed by Donald H. Niblett. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
The most methods rung to a peal of Royal.

NEW METHODS:

GOSFORTH: 30—50. 14—12—30—14—50. 14. 36—70—38. 14. 90.
l.h. 12. 1426.
MINEHEAD: —30—16—50—16—70—18—36—50—18—30.
l.h. 12. 1426.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Beverley and District Society.)

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Graham K. Smith Treble | *Septimus Neave 5 |
| †Howard C. Palmer 2 | David S. Johnson 6 |
| Michael W. Crowder 3 | *Ronald Ducker 7 |
| Arthur B. Cooper 4 | Ian G. Campbell Tenor |

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ian G. Campbell.
* First of Cambridge Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'
First peal as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| Paul K. Williamson 1—2 | Hubert E. Ashley 5—6 |
| Frank W. Perrens 3—4 | *Geoffrey Pratt 7—8 |
| | Hubert G. Summers 9—10 |

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Tues., Jan. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 640 each of Bristol, London, Rutland and Watford. 320 each of Ealing, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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| S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2 | Roger Baldwin 5—6 |
| John R. Mayne 3—4 | *Gerald Penney 7—8 |

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of 12 Spliced.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.

On Fri., Jan. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

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| Julia A. Fellows 1—2 | Geoffrey Dodds 5—6 |
| Gerald Penney 3—4 | Joyce Dodds 7—8 |

Composed by Tom Chapman. Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
Rung in memory of Charles F. Sayer, of St. Peter's, St. Albans.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER.—At 'The Wayside,' 150, Narborough Road South.

On Sun., Jan. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| *Robert B. Smith 1—2 | Alfred Ballard 5—6 |
| Peter J. Staniforth 3—4 | John A. Acres 7—8 |

Composed by F. H. Dexter (No. 1). Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Herrick B. Rowley and Robert B. Smith.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire.—At 20, Edward Avenue.

On Wed., Jan. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor size 24 in D sharp.

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| *Tom Chapman 1—2 | Frank C. Price 5—6 |
| Margaret A. Chapman 3—4 | *David J. Forder 7—8 |

Composed by J. Parker. Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

LONG LENGTH

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 21st, 3,000 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Massey 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, D. R. Saunderson 3, T. R. Hatchett 4, G. E. Bonham 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Lewis 1, Wendy C. Wallace 2, Carol Cousins 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. Also on Jan. 24th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor in six methods (Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Bourne): R. Rayfield 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss C. Mitchell 1, Miss J. Webber 2, D. C. Hawkins 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, C. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell (first quarter) 6. First in four methods for 1, 2 and 3.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Spree (first quarter) 1, W. W. Ring 2, Violet Relf 3, P. J. Jarvis 4, J. Richards (cond.) 5, L. Sweetman 6. For Evensong.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Williamson (cond.) 1, Barbara Orlop (11, first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Williamson 3, Mrs. B. Stocker 4, R. C. Kift 5, R. Symons (first quarter) 6.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Lawrence 1, Sylvia Sayce (first 'inside') 2, Marilyn Jackson 3, Anna Sadowska (first as cond.) 4, P. Robertson 5, F. Whitaker 6. Rung for the 60th anniversary of Pates' Grammar School for Girls, Cheltenham, by four members of the school society and two relatives.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Weal 1, I. H. Payton 2, M. J. Bura (first as cond. in two methods) 3, T. J. Wellen 4, M. D. Fuller 5, L. Connor 6. For Evensong.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—At 23, Willersley Road, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Parsons (first quarter 'in hand') 1-2, Miss V. Willard 3-4, P. T. Hurcombe (cond., first quarter 'in hand') 5-6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Clayton 1, R. Coles 2, A. Mann 3, C. Mew (cond.) 4, R. Stevens 5, M. Uphill 6, P. Bushell (first of Surprise) 7. A. Patterson 8. First in method for 2, 5 and 6. A.M.D.G.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, G. Collins 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Coggins 1, T. Hester (first in method) 2, L. T. Olliffe 3, W. Clarke 4, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 5.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Griffith 1, Mrs. D. B. Belcham 2, P. J. Perkins 3, C. J. Belcham 4, M. J. Hallett 5, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 6. Rung after the baptism of Angela Diana, daughter of 2 and 4, grand-daughter of 4, and godchild of 1.

EAETER.—At Cathedral on Jan. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Maximus: W. Harvey 1, Miss J. Smith 2, H. C. Spencer 3, Miss D. Lisenden 4, Truman 5, G. Eyles 6, C. Yates 7, F. Wreford 8, C. Reeves 9, C. Bryant 10, C. P. Yates 11, F. Mack and N. Mallett (cond.) 12. For Evensong.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: F. G. Bearie 1, W. J. H. Parker 2, C. Fennell 3, M. W. Mason 4, J. Mason 5, R. H. Bearie (cond.) 6. Rung in memorial to Robert N. Elliott, tower foreman of St. James', Finchampstead.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Mann 1, G. Barnard 2, W. J. Ridman 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling (cond.) 5. For the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Woollven 1, P. E. Wells 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Christmas Day, 720 Ipswich and Cambridge 540 Plain Bob: P. E. Wells 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, H. S. Peacock 5, P. Woollven (cond.) 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dawn White (16), I. Sandra Weaver (14) 2, Ernest Penney (15) 3, Edward Penney (16) 4, Jennifer Durston (15) (cond.) 5, N. Perkins (19) 6. Rung by a teenage band as a compliment to Norman Perkins for his birthday.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Barnes 1, J. E. Newman 2, Mrs. P. Harris 3, J. D. Johnson 4, Mrs. J. Thomas 5, R. Harris (cond.) 6, W. Newman 7, G. Freeman 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mrs. A. E. Rowland, mother of the ringer of the 3rd who was interred earlier in the day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Overs (first quarter) 1, A. Grainger 2, S. Penfold 3, J. McDonald (first 'inside') 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, J. Stephenson 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church on Nov. 1st, 720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Marybelle Nisly 1, R. Bellamy 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, G. E. Bonham 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, M. E. Nisly 2, P. Woollven 3, J. K. A. Cook 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Half-muffled during last hour of 1964.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather J. Freeman (first attempt) 1, D. Pearson 2, Jennifer Pearce (first in method 'inside') 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, A. C. Benton (cond.) 5. Rung on the 700th anniversary of the Convocation of the first English Parliament by Simon de Montfort.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. N. Stubbs 1, D. T. Darby 2, M. N. Bland 3, Christine M. Bradburn 4, Christine C. Macnair 5, D. A. H. Bennett (cond.) 6, I. Smith 7, D. C. Birkinshaw 8.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. E. Johnson (first quarter) 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss L. Moore 3, D. Appleton 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. S. Jackson 6. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: M. E. Johnson 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss L. Moore 3, R. S. Jackson 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Thomson 6. Both for Evensong.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Knipe 1, A. T. Shekon 2, Joan Hanning 3, C. J. N. Dalton (first 'inside') 4, K. G. Game (cond.) 5, Mary E. Robinson (first quarter) 6. For carol service.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, R. Smith 2, D. Ellison 3, A. Faulkner 4, K. Warner 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. Willington (cond.) 7, C. Hughes 8.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 31st, 720 Norwich, 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. J. Ridman (cond.) 1, G. E. Bonham 2, T. R. Hatchett 3, H. S. Peacock 4, M. Orme 5, J. Meredith 6.

LONDON.—On Dec. 20th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. Bagworth 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, P. Chapman 3, A. Millidge 4, D. Hewitt 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6, M. Bangham 7, R. Stevens 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on Jan. 18th, 1,344 Double Oxford Bob Major: M. Popleston 1, S. Humphrey 2, R. A. G. Benfield 3, Miss S. Popleston 4, P. Humphrey 5, B. S. Payne 6, G. A. Dawson 7, G. R. Edwards (cond.) 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Elaine Dixon 1, Rachel Sinden 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, B. Marks 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, Crawford Hillis 6. A compliment to Miss M. Cook, vice-captain of the local band, on her wedding day.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Honeywood 1, D. A. Fairhead 2, N. V. Avis 3, P. G. Pitt 4, J. A. Avis 5, S. D. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First quarter as conductor, aged 12 years.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, A. Thatcher 6. A farewell to the Rev. L. B. McCarthy.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W.—On Dec. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. N. Miller (first of Minor) 1, Sandra J. Clark 2, G. A. J. Langshaw 3, R. W. Ferris 4, R. L. Clark 5, R. K. Russ (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of Graeme Langshaw's wedding.

PEMBROKE, PEMB.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Norris 1, E. Lingard 2, P. R. Huntbach 3, Mrs. P. C. Rogers 4, Miss N. M. Rosen 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant (covering) tenor. First of Minor 1, 2, 5 and tenor. First of Minor as conductor. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Fry 1, P. L. King 2, R. N. Marlow 3, W. T. Perrins 4, W. E. Cheater 5, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 6, J. Hartless 7, G. E. Turner 8. Also 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): P. L. King 1, R. N. Marlow 2, A. W. Fry 3, W. T. Perrins 4, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 5, L. F. Cobb 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. After a peal attempt, by the local band, had failed.

SHEPshed, LEICS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Farmer 1, Mary Barras 2, S. Hall 3, J. E. Manners (cond.) 4, G. Butler 5, M. Roberts 6, E. Walley 7, C. W. Hall 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1, 2, 3 and 6. For United Denominations service.

STOCKLAND, BRISTOL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Smith 1, B. Wyld (cond.) 2, C. Clarke 3, Barbara Wyld 4, G. Davis 5, M. Stone 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, H. Trewin (cond.) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, H. Heard 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, R. C. Cann 8. A compliment to Penny Stacey and Brian G. D. Vince, on their engagement.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Jan. 1st, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,320 Netherseale Surprise Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, W. D. Watson 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, R. L. Clark 4, R. K. Russ 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all the band and in Australia.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila M. Dobbie 1, Ann Jenner 2, I. C. Carpenter 3, S. Jenner 4, W. Rogers 5, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 6, L. T. Pope 7, V. J. Benning 8. For Evensong.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 21st, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rudd 1, Miss M. Bushby 2, Mrs. H. Hood 3, Miss M. Russell 4, B. Shingler (first as cond.) 5, J. Good 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles to be rung in Devon by a resident band.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rainsford 1, K. Stacey 2, Miss C. James (first quarter) 3, W. Knight 4, G. Drew (first quarter 'inside') 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Johnson (first quarter) 1, A. Dun-Birch 2, Miss L. Gott 3, P. Woodward 4, D. Banks 5, J. White 6, W. F. Morcon (cond.) 7, R. G. Corby 8.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, W. A. Yates 2, R. A. Vickers 3, C. Gough 4, B. Ealesfield 5, A. H. Wood 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. H. Yates 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clarke 1, T. Hester (first of Triples 'inside') 2, I. J. Hill 3, I. F. Olliffe 4, B. J. Coggins 5, D. J. Smith 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7, R. Coster 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial to C. Buckle.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Brighton 1, R. Brighton (first quarter) 2, A. J. Wright 3, L. Brighton 4, J. M. Roffe (cond.) 5, Jennifer Brighton (first quarter) 6. For the christening this day of Carol Gwendoline, daughter of the conductor.

YASS, N.S.W.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: J. A. Martin 1, W. D. Watson 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, R. L. Clarke 4, R. K. Russ 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all the band and in Australia. Also 1,272 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. K. Russ 1, Sandra J. Clark (first of Treble Bob) 2, R. L. Clark 3, Enid L. Roberts 4, J. A. Martin 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. A. Price 1, M. Hebdon (first of Major) 2, R. W. Rice 3, P. Gifford England 4, G. Pullin 5, G. Robson 6, S. Smith 7, W. S. Rice (cond.) 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gloria Lias 1, R. Bath 2, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell 3, Gwendolen Marshall 4, M. Church 5, R. Clist 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, F. Farr 8. First of Triples 1 and 5. Half-muffled in memorial Edwin Hunt.

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'Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.' (Ecclesiastes vii, 10.)

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LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL. — There will be no practice on the evening of Monday, February 8th next. 6176

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY. — Annual dinner ringing arrangements: February 13th, Bulwell (8), 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Baxford (8), 11.30–12.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (10), 3.30–5.00 p.m.; Beeston (8), 5.30–6.30 p.m. 6225

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Lillington, Saturday, February 6th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon. 6126

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-LONDON ASSOCIATION. — A practice meeting of the Western Branch will be held on Saturday, February 6th, at Workington. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to L. Bournemouth Esq., 35, Brigbourne Drive, Seaton, Workington, before February 3rd, please. 6206

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham (6), Saturday, February 6th, Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Important meeting concerning striking competition. Special methods: Double Oxford and Annable's London. 6198

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Barnwood on Saturday, February 6th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names to P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec., 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos. (all welcome). 6190

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting at Leatherhead on February 6th, Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 6154

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, February 6th, Watford, Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names essential to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel Watford 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6132

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham on February 6th, Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. F. J. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6182

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting February 6th, at Hathern. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 4.30, service at 6 p.m., tea in Church Rooms. Names for tea not required. 6127

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District.—February 6th, Heston. Bells (8) from 3, service 4.30, tea to follow in Church Hall. Subscriptions now due to Miss Horsforth, please.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Sec., 12, Cardinal Walk, Hampton, Middlesex. 6164

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice February 6th, at Newport Pagnell. Bells (8) from 6 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Stamford, Saturday, February 6th, Bells, St. Martin's (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) available in evening. Names for tea to J. H. Bluff, 81, New Cross Road, Stamford.—R. H. Daw, Sec.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting at Dundee, on Saturday, February 6th, Ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral from 2.30 and later at Old Steeple. No arrangements are being made for meals. 6232

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting Killmarsh, February 6th, Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names please to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield, 3.—J. Seager. 6197

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 6th, Crawley. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who notify Mr. G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 6166

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting St. Mary's, Portsea, February 6th, Bells 3.30, service 5, tea 5.30 in Youth Centre. Evening ringing at Cathedral 7.15 till 9. Names for tea to Mrs. Siddorn, 134, Church Road, Portsmouth.—L. Duguid. 6173

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting at Barnsley, Saturday, February 13th, Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Rectory Rooms, 5. Please notify, not later than February 9th, Mr. Eric Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley. 6220

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Clifton, Sat., Feb. 13th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. onwards, Service 4.30. Tea 5. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 6209

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting, Beverley, Sat., February 13th, Bells: Minster (10) from 2.30; St. Mary's (10) after tea. Service in Minster, 4. Tea in Cross Keys Hotel, Lairgate, 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, without fail, by previous Thursday to Mr. A. T. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 6212

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Davenham, Saturday, February 13th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. H. W. Howard, 'Beverley,' Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich. 6222

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Sunderland (St. Ignatius), Saturday, February 13th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than February 10th to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 6214

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting on February 13th, at Speldhurst (8) 3.5 and 6–7 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Alternative evening ringing will be arranged. Names for tea by February 11th to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 6168

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Feb. 13th, Lydiard Millicent 3–5 p.m. Tea, Red House, Purton, 5 p.m. Purton 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6211

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, February 13th, Bells from 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea and meeting after. Names for tea by 10th to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. Phone 521. 6171

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hereford St. Nicholas', on February 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, business meeting to follow. Ringing in the evening from 6.30 to 8.45 at Hereford Cathedral (10) and also St. Nicholas'. Names for tea by February 10th to R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford. 6231

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (10) minster District.—Annual meeting at Leominster on 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea after service.—J. F. Fox. 6219

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting at Church Stretton, Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 6221

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, February 13th. Names for tea, please (3s. 6d. each), by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. W. Mansley, 286, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, Preston. (Preston-Blackburn Old Road, bus 158, also from Preston buses P26 and P29 to Mill Tavern.)—L. Walmsley. 6218

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Evening meeting at Milrow, Sat., February 13th, at 6.30 p.m.—G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 6217

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting in Syston District at Birstall (8). February 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, in School Room 5 p.m. Nominations for Guild Officers and C.C. Delegates, and any proposed alterations to rules, must be made at this meeting. After the meeting Peter Staniforth will show the film he took during his Washington visit. Names for tea by Feb. 10th to Julian Morley, 1, Heathgate Close, Birstall, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6183

LLANDEFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m., service at 4 p.m., tea and business to follow. Names for tea by February 8th, to Mr. W. J. Goodfellow, Sec., 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff. 6169

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, February 13th

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside 2-3; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4-5.30; service 5.30 followed by tea and meeting George Hotel, Strand. Handbell Competition. Social Evening. Names essential to Miss M. E. Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4, KEL 2390. Annual Dinner February 27th, 1965. Tickets at A.G.M.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, S.W.6. REN 4423. 6189

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—North and East District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, February 13th at Barnet. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Further ringing until 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6229

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting Great Yarmouth, February 13th. Bells (13) from 2.30 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 10th certain please, to Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, 23, Barnard Ave., Gt. Yarmouth.—N.P.J.C. Branch Sec. 6053

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Great Yarmouth, February 13th. Bells (13) from (please note) 3.30 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 10th, certain please to Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—N.P.J.C. Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M. will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 13th. St. Giles' 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's 3.45-4.30 and 6.30-7.15; St. Laurence's 7-9. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Mary's Church House, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. A. Diserens, 15, Hartsbourne Road, Earley, Reading. Tel.: Reading 81818. 6230

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, February 13th. Important. Names for tea to me not later than Monday previous please.—F. W. Hancock. 6179

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Orston on February 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Owen's', Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 6208

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6) on Saturday, February 13th. Bells 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6184

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting and social on Saturday, February 13th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon. Bells 6.30 p.m. Social 7.30 in Church Hall. Refreshments 2s. 6d. Names to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Croydon, by previous Monday, please 6187

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting on Saturday, February 13th, at Arundel. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please notify for tea, by Wednesday previous, R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Tel.: Sidlesham 325. 6213

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting of the Winchester District will take place at New Alresford on February 13th at 2.30 p.m.—R. Collis, Sec. 6175

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley, Saturday, February 20th. Bells (6, tenor 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Homewood, The Street, Pluckley, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 6223

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District social will be held at St. Michael and All Angels' Parish Hall on Saturday, February 20th, commencing at 7 p.m. Association and District members and friends very welcome. Tickets 2s. 6d. Please apply Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6227

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A.G.M. at Boston, Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, February 15th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 6226

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at Beccles (10), Saturday, February 20th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 17th, to Mr. R. Bickers, 6, Ballygate, Beccles. 6210

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

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The Salisbury Branch held its annual meeting on January 23rd. The service in St. Paul's Church was conducted by the Rev. T. Dohson, and the Rev. Gordon Baverstock, a member of St. Paul's tower, gave the address. Tea followed at the Church Hall, kindly prepared by the wives of local ringers.

At the meeting, the secretary (Mr. G. A. Trimby) reported that membership of the Branch showed an increase of 38 over the previous year. Officers elected were Mr. H. A. Rol's, chairman; Mr. R. C. Mundy, vice-chairman; Mr. G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. M. Edwards, auditor; Ringing Masters, A. Haines, C. Haines, R. Jones, L. Page, together with J. Baverstock and A. Newman on the committee.

Meetings arranged for the coming year are at South Newton, Codford, Hindon, Winter-slow, Durrington, Amesbury, Dinton, Damerham, Fittleton, Fovant and Barford St. Martin. Ringing continued afterwards at St. Paul's and St. Thomas' towers during the evening. G. A. T.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

At the annual meeting and dinner of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, on January 18th, the Rector (the Rev. Michael Hocking) congratulated the Society on the high standard of ringing and regretted that the Parochial Church Council was not in a position to meet the cost of £464 for the renovation of the bells and providing ball bearings because of the extensive repairs to St. Mary's Church roof—that would cost over four figures.

Mr. David Tubbs was elected Ringing Master and Miss Pamela Gough deputy Ringing Master. Mr. S. G. Ponting continues as hon. secretary and treasurer, and was thanked with the other officers for his work during the year.

QUARTER PEALS

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Woodbridge 1, Marion Addy (first quarter of Triples) 2, N. Wright 3, J. R. Norris 4, D. McLean (first quarter of Triples) 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6, W. Ledward 7, D. Thorpe (first quarter of Triples) 8. To mark the induction on December 16th of Canon T. R. Franklin, A.K.C., formerly Rector and Rural Dean of Hurstpierpoint, as Rector of Uckfield, Isfield and Horsted Parva.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Jan. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Hingley 1, G. Darlington 2, A. Hubble 3, H. Morton 4, D. Willets (first on 10) 5, R. Staite 6, A. Hingley (cond.) 7, B. Morton 8, P. Bryan 9, M. J. Poulton (first quarter) 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. A. B. Lavelle, former Vicar. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Turner (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, D. Willets (first of Stedman) 2, P. Bryan 3, M. Turner 4, R. Staite 5, M. Cadwalader 6, B. Morton 7, A. Hubble 8, A 17th birthday compliment to the conductor.

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LATE NOTICES

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Swaffham Prior (6) and Bottisham (5), Saturday, February 13th. Swaffham Prior bells 3 p.m. Service at Swaffham Prior 4.30 p.m. Tea at British Legion Club, Bottisham, 5.30 p.m. Bottisham bells after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6236

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, February 13th at Christ Church, Bootle. Tower open at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Dennis, Christ Church Vicarage, Bootle 20, Lancashire.—G. I. Howlett, Branch Sec. 6235

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Tuxford on Feb. 13th. Bells 3 n.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Names for tea by February 10th, please, to Mrs. T. W. Swift, The Vicarage, Tuxford. 6234

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