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## RESOLUTIONS

Most of us are familiar with the saying that good resolutions serve as paving stones on the road to hell. A New Year is sometimes more than an adjustment of the calendar. To many it is symbolic of a fresh start, and it is in the planning of this new beginning that the old adage becomes operative. Don't believe the satanic reference. Even the striving after checking a particular weakness has merit. We ringers have our own weaknesses; we are a peculiar people in the eyes of the world. Exercise or entertainment with a ball is understandable by the public at large, but with a rope and a bell ten thousand times' no.

The first resolution on my list is walking circumspectly in the eyes of the public. In the midst of our enthusiasm for ringing is there not a danger of over keenness? The Church and the world do not revolve around ringing. Ringing has to be dovetailed into the scheme of things. Each tower situated in a centre of population should be examined as to the effectiveness of its louvres and whether the bells are likely to give offence to the non-bigot. (There is a section of the public who will attack bells and anything connected with the Church, whatever the circumstances, and it is impossible to cater for these people.)

When ringing a peal where the bells are heard by a large number of people there should be some purpose for the peal, and it is useful propaganda if this reason, provided it is a good one, could be published, even after the event. It should not be difficult to compile an appropriate list on a sufficiently broad basis to be understandable by the non-ringing public. With a purpose, ringing then becomes to them an understandable thing.

Another difficulty is over practices. These should be held on a regular evening each week with a limitation of time. People living around would know when to expect the bells and arrange their own recreations accordingly. We heard recently of a musical appreciation class which met to listen to gramophone records at the same time as the bells of the Parish Church were being practised on. The class could not be held. A meeting between representatives of the ringers and the class has resulted in an understanding being reached.

The fact that a practice is being held is no excuse for an absence of disregard for those who might hear the bells. The conductor should not hesitate to call 'stand' if the ringing degenerates into a type that is



likely to give offence to the outside public, rather than give a display of his own consummate skill in unravelling ringing tangles. Two things are invariable at the bottom of such ringing—lack of knowledge of the method, or as someone remarked, 'absence of pencil and paper,' and lack of confidence as displayed in the inability of the individual to master his bell. There is a quotation of John Selden that runs, 'Never tell your resolutions beforehand,' but then it is the exception that proves the rule!

## TEN BELL PEAL

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*Mrs. K. F. J. PARR...Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 7
GEOFFREY DOODS ... 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 8
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 9
ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 5	†DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells. First of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung in honour of the 51st birthday and the tenth anniversary of the proclamation of H.M. King George VI.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., Dec. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ...Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.  
\* First Surprise peal. First peal of Bristol as conductor and by all the band except 4 and 8.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Annabell's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WM. THORLEY ...Treble	*GEORGE SKELLAND ... 5
†SYDNEY FLINT ... 2	*ROBERT GUY ... 6
THOMAS FOSTER ... 3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 4	†WILLIAM H. DEACON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. DEACON.  
\* First peal of Major. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method. First of Major on the bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SITCH ...Treble	ALBERT PRYKE ... 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 2	HARRY TURNER ... 6
HENRY T. WILSON ... 3	FRANK V. GRANT ... 7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Composed by the late E. BARNETT. Conducted by H. TURNER.  
Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*LEONARD GERARD ...Treble	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... 5
THOMAS D. LEASK ... 2	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3	JAMES THORLEY ... 7
ERNEST THORLEY ... 4	CHARLES THORLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

\* First peal on eight bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN SCOTT ...Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 5
RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. J. B. HADDEN.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL ...Treble	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 5
*WILFRED W. RING ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal in the method.

BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE ...Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
JAMES HIGGINS ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
BETTY SPICE ... 3	RICHARD A. POST ... 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDK. B. STEDMAN ...Treble	HARRY G. KEELEY ... 5
FREDK. PRECEY ... 2	CECIL L. GUY ... 6
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 3	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 4	SERG.-MAJOR P. TOCOKCK Tenor

Composed by J. S. BURTON. Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal on the bells after restoration. Rung in honour of King George's birthday.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT ...Treble	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 5
KENNETH FORD ... 2	DAVID MACKAY ... 6
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
THOMAS HARRIS ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

The 50th tower in which D. G. Clift has rung a peal.



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## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's No. 35.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*SYDNEY T. HOLT ... Treble		*DENNIS R. MORRIS ... 5	
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2		REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6	
THOMAS HEMMING ... 3		†GEORGE AMBLER ... 7	
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4		WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... Tenor	

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

\* 100th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Triples. The conductor's 100th peal on the bells. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to William Potter and to mark the completion by him of 50 years as a service ringer at Brierley Hill.

## ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 11 cwt.

*E. CHARLES TURNER ... Treble		†KEITH HUDSTON ... 5	
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 2		JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 6	
*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 3		ALFRED BALLARD ... 7	
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 4		†JACK BAILEY ... Tenor	

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † First peal. ‡ 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Ballard, J. Bailey and J. W. Cotton.

## BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST B. BETTS ... Treble		†HERBERT W. BROUGHTON ... 5	
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 2		†NORMAN LING ... 6	
TOM SCOTT ... 3		HAROLD SENIOR ... 7	
*ERIC BALDWIN ... 4		FRED HODGSON ... Tenor	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. SENIOR.

\* First in the method. † First peal.

## CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... Treble		BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5	
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2		EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6	
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3		*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 7	
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 4		ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by E. E. SPEAKE.

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

## CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Treble		HENRY SQUIRES ... 5	
*HARRY L. SQUIRES ... 2		ARTHUR MACKEARNS ... 6	
ARTHUR W. WARD ... 3		JOHN CRAGG ... 7	
FRANK PROCTOR ... 4		†GEOFFREY HUXLEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARNS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of the 6th and 7th bells.

## MOOSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWSON ... Treble		ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5	
STEPHEN I.L. PARRY ... 2		IVAN KAY ... 6	
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 3		FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7	
*HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 4		ISAAC GARTSIDE ... Tenor	

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft.

## GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

‘The Barrabool Peal.’		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
HARRY MORGAN ... Treble		†JOSEPH LUNN ... 5	
JOHN T. BARTRAM ... 2		*GEORGE ARRAND ... 6	
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3		†NOEL B. THURLBY ... 7	
*BERNARD O. MANN ... 4		G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... Tenor	

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* First eight-bell peal. † First peal of Bob Major ‘inside.’ ‡ First peal of Bob Major.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES;

In the Ilkeston Variation, on the Margaret eight. Tenor 16 cwt.  
\*JOHN BRAMLEY ... Treble | JOSIAH MORRIS ... 5  
\*GORDON OLLIFFE ... 2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 6  
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7  
\*MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... 4 | \*EDWIN CATTELL ... Tenor

Composed by G. S. MORRIS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First ‘spliced’ peal. † First ‘spliced’ peal on the bells and for the Guild. Rung on the birthday of both composer and conductor.

## HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 21½ cwt.

KENNETH FORD ... Treble		DONALD G. CLIFT ... 5	
JOHN THOMAS ... 2		DAVID MACKAY ... 6	
*THOMAS HARRIS ... 3		RONALD G. BECK ... 7	
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 4		WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

THOMAS SPARROW ... Treble		HARRY D. LISTER ... 5	
LESLIE G. FOSTER ... 2		SIDNEY W. ARBON ... 6	
MISS JEAN FREER ... 3		ROBERT J. STED ... 7	
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4		OLIVER G. BARNARD ... Tenor	

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.

A birthday peal for the conductor, also for ringer of the seventh.

## LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble		WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 5	
JOHN D. ROCK ... 2		AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 6	
GEORGE DAVIS ... 3		JOHN J. WEBB ... 7	
LESLIE EVANS ... 4		WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor	

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE (C.C.C. No. 114).

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

## OLNEY, Bucks.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.		Tenor 25 cwt.	
*ARTHUR H. STAPLETON Treble		†REGINALD G. ABRAHAM ... 5	
FRED J. MYNARD ... 2		FRANK BOSWELL ... 6	
†VICTOR S. ADAMS ... 3		ARTHUR A. FREEMAN ... 7	
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4		REGINALD H. HOWSON Tenor	

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight.



## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. Treble	JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 4
*SIDNEY TUSON ... .. 2	JOHN JACKSON ... .. 5
THOMAS BARKER ... .. 3	ARTHUR HATCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

\* First peal of Minor.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise; (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Double Court; (7) Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 or. 23 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON ... 4
*JOHN E. COOK ... .. 2	*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 5
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal in ten methods. Rung on the anniversary of the King's accession.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.On Wed., Dec. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents differently called. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FRANK SHARPE ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 4
*GEOFFREY W. HAIR ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
*WM. F. WOODWARD ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

\* First peal of Minor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.On Wed., Dec. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

*LEONARD A. HICKS ... Treble	WM. J. PUDDIFOOT ... 4
†EDWIN J. UPTON ... .. 2	WM. C. HUGHES ... .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The extent each of Single Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

WORCESTER.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(Western Branch.)

On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

ALLEN MORGAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4
*WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5
DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 3	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First seven-method peal 'inside.'

## CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 4
*JOHN R. MAYNE ... .. 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. PRICE.

\* First peal of Minor on tower bells.

## GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WILFRED E. GEARY ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4
*TERENCE E. GARDNER ... 2	DEREK DODSON ... .. 5
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung on the anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Geary, of the local society. The same conductor called their wedding peal on the same bells 34 years ago.

## STANWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire with 10 different callings, and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob.

*EDWARD KNIGHT ... Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3
WM. J. WHITMORE ... 2	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 4
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by E. E. WHITMORE.

\* First peal. First peal of Double as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 9th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Whitney.

## WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*EDWARD W. ELSIGOOD Treble	*VICTOR A. PERRY ... .. 4
*JAMES G. WEBB ... .. 2	*WILLIAM J. ELSIGOOD ... 5
*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 3	ERIC NOBLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the King's 51st birthday.

## KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*SIDNEY G. J. WEBB ... Treble	E. PETER ROCK ... .. 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

\* First peal.

## HANDBELL PEAL

## HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes.

AT 74, CLARENDON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Stedman and St. Simon's, and 720 each of April Day, Morning Star, London, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. ALFRED JORDAN ... .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3-4

WALTER J. CLOUGH ... .. 5-6

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

First peal of Doubles in eight methods by all.



## OBITUARY

### MR. FREDERICK HARWOOD.

By the death of Mr. Frederick Harwood, of Preston, the Lancashire Association loses a life ringing member and the Preston Branch one of its past stalwarts. In his 80th year, Fred, as he was popularly known, was taken ill on December 20th and he died on December 24th. He retired from active ringing some eight years ago, but always liked to talk of old times.

The interment took place at the Church of All Saints, Higher Walton, on December 28th, this being his native village, and where he learned to ring over half a century ago. He migrated to Preston, where he was connected with St. Mark's for about 10 years and then with the Parish Church of St. John for over 30 years. Owing to the two-day absence of newspapers, it was impossible to arrange any tower bell ringing for the funeral, but the handbells were rung in rounds over the open grave by four of his old friends.

No record of his peals exists, but he must have rung about 40. They included several of Minor, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob Major and Superlative. He was a regular and punctual service ringer, a safe ringer in peals and a cheerful companion at all times. R.I.P.

### MR. WESLEY WATSON.

Mr. W. Keeble, Severalls Hospital, Colchester, writes:—

'May I be allowed to pay a passing tribute to the late Mr. W. Watson, of Romford, whose death was recently reported in "The Ringing World"? Although, like myself, of humble birth, he was a perfect gentleman. He would never enter into any dispute: always had a cheery smile and was a model to all. Ever ready and willing for a touch or a peal, he was equally willing to umpire. We were close friends for many years. Would that there were more like him.'

### MR. E. J. CHINERY.

The recent death of Mr. Edward James Chinery, of Bury St. Edmunds, after a long illness patiently born in St. Mary's Hospital has deprived the Suffolk Guild of one of its best ringers. He was a noted ringer of some 50 years' standing and before the birth of the present Suffolk Guild was a member of the Ely and Norwich Guilds. He rang a considerable number of peals for the three Guilds, and for the past 20 years up to 1943, when ill-health overtook him, he was district secretary for Bury St. Edmunds District.

On December 23rd he was buried at the cemetery at Bury St. Edmunds, and a service was held at St. Mary's Church, where a number of his ringing friends paid their last respects to his memory. The same evening half-muffled touches of Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung on the bells of the Norman Tower by members of the Bury St. Edmunds company of ringers. A.G.

## CHRISTMAS BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—Your last issue of 'The Ringing World' mentions the forthcoming broadcast of the bells of two churches. One on the Midland programme from Alesley Parish Church, and the other from East Hagbourne. But on what wave length could the latter be heard? It was not mentioned in 'The Radio Times.'

Would it be possible to have all broadcasts of interest to ringers mentioned in 'The Ringing World' each week—tower bells, handbells and talks—with the metre of the wave lengths on which they can be heard, and the day and time?

I was told Shaftesbury bells were 'on the air' one evening, also some handbell ringers were televised, but neither programme was mentioned in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours truly,

AUDREY M. LOOK (Miss).

Sutton, Ditcheat, Bath.

## Grundisburgh Bells Fund

Dear Sir,—The kindness and help I received from ringers during this festive season deserves public mention.

My warmest thanks go out to E. W. Pye, Hilda Snowdon, E. Jennings, L. Wiffen, Stedman Symonds, A. Pritchard, J. Raithby, R. Daniel, H. S. Morley, R. H. Howson, Ron Steward, E. Treagus, Joan Betts, H. C. Hill-yard, W. J. Root, Dan Cooper, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, A. D. Barker, B. Key, C. Gimbert, R. D. Langford, H. Baxter, H. Denman, Alan Andrews, C. J. Ball, E. Short, F. Wallington, J. Crampton, W. A. Richardson, H. Curtis, H. Rogers, H. Lofthouse, J. A. Brown, Percy Yeo, E. Taylor, B. Ashford Joe Corder, G. Goody. These ringers will have helped repair a badly cracked tower and the rehanging of our peal of eight bells.

Prize-winners in the competition were: E. E. Parker (24); H. Knight (99) (no address and unclaimed); G. Dodds (159); Frank Reed (797); E. Colinson (1097); H. Carter (1099); D. Forrest (1295); Mrs. A. J. Coldrick (1336); Maurice Symonds (1629); Hilda Snowdon (1725); I. Jarrold (1797); O. Barker (1992). Private donations, profits from competition and results of my carol party brought in £60, which raises my total to £190.

I have only another £810 to find! Will I do it? I've got to do it. This little parish has been milked dry and I wonder where the next drop is coming from. But who knows what is round the corner? In conclusion, my sincere thanks to everyone, and if I have omitted a helper's name, please forgive me.

When yar wanten a peal in Suff-olk bor (or mor) less hev a loine en will see wut we c'n dew. If yar want good and heavy bell's we're got um an we c'n stroike um along er the next. Un if yar never heard a borrb really called dew yon come to Ipsidge un you'll hear ut.

Thanks a lot, and a happy New Year to all.

CECIL W. PIPE.

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New Year's greetings to  
all readers and especially  
those who are joining 'The  
Ringing World' family of subscribers with this  
issue. We can still take subscribers for 1947.  
For subscription rates see column 1 of this  
page.

Most ringers cherish secret ambitions. Mr.  
W. J. Robinson, of Guildford, has 'ticked off'  
one by conducting a peal at Olney, Bucks. It  
was here that he learnt to ring, but although  
he has called many peals from Superlative  
downwards, this is the first he has called in  
his native village.

Just a word to district secretaries who send  
in notices. The rate is one penny a word for  
a single insertion and this has been in operation  
for two months. Count your advertisement  
as you would count your place in ringing.  
Two 'bobs' will produce a 'maximus'  
of 24 words!

The Spliced Treble Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was composed by G. Stedman Morris at the age of 16, and is now rung for the first time 23 years later! It was appropriate for W. P. Whitehead to call it, for he was born on the same day as the composer. By this peal Mr. Josiah Morris—'Old Joe'—has attained his ambition to ring all the 13 bells in this tower to peals.

Golden wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennison, of Bulwell, Notts. On December 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples were rung in honour of the event by R. Harrison 1, T. Jennison 2, E. Pickering 3, J. Hayes 4, A. Scott 5, F. Smith 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, W. O'dham 8.

No one who participated in the 1,260 changes of Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire) at Brockenhurst, Hants, on December 13th, had reached 'sweet seventeen.' These local ringers were Stella Purkess 1, Brian Tiller 2, Myra Tiller (first quarter as conductor) 3, Frank Gilbert (first quarter) 4, John Purkess (first quarter) 5, Beryl Purkess 6.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

On Christmas morning Mr. Frank N. Sinkins completed 70 years as a bell-ringer at St. Mary's, Slough. Although he will celebrate his 82nd birthday on January 30th, Mr. Sinkins is still most regular in his attendances. A peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event was lost after 2 hours 50 minutes' ringing.

Another Slough ringer, Mr. George Barkus, on Boxing Day celebrated his golden wedding. The two churchwardens visited the belfry on Christmas Eve to congratulate Messrs. Sinkins and Barkus and to present the latter with a monetary gift subscribed for by churchwardens and bellringers.

The news from Surfleet this week is not good. Mr. Rupert Richardson is not so well.

Mr. Walter Thomas, a veteran member of the Chester Guild, celebrated his 84th birthday on December 11th by joining in a couple of 720's on the back six at Farndon. The toast at the 'local' afterwards was 'Many happy returns,' and participated in very heartily by a few of his old cronies.

The Editor notes with satisfaction that the Whites are holding their own. At Appleton, Berks, was rung on December 1st 1,259 Grandsire Caters by F. White (first of Caters) 1, C. G. White 2, A. G. Holifield (first inside) 3, F. A. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. C. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (conductor) 8, E. White 9, F. Drewitt 10.

Of the notable peals of 1946 mention should be made of the peal of Stedman Cinques on Victory Day at Lincoln. It contained short courses throughout and had only once been rung before at Newcastle Cathedral, in February, 1921, conducted by W. H. Barber. The peal at Lincoln was conducted by John Freeman and the composition is by J. W. Parker.

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## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bedfordshire is a county with a long tradition of change ringing. The first record of change ringing dates back to 1655 as testified by a manuscript preserved in the Bodleian Library at Oxford and written about that date. The enthusiasm of John Bunyan as a ringer at Elstow is additional evidence of the popularity of ringing in those early days. In his book, 'Grace Abounding,' Bunyan's conscience pricked him on the matter of ringing, for he wrote:—

'I thought that such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it; yet my mind hankered; wherefore I would go to the steeple-house, and look on, though I durst not ring.'

The association was formed at a meeting in Bedford on March 13th, 1882, when the following officers were elected:—

Patron: The Lord Bishop of Ely.

President: The Ven. Archdeacon of Bedford.

Vice-presidents: The Rev. R. E. R. Watts (Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford), Mr. C. L. Higgins, of Turvey Abbey, and Mr. T. Bagnall, of Milton-Ernest.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. L. G. Elger, of Bedford.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. Herbert, of Woburn.

The committee consisted of eight members 'of whom four shall be performing members.'

The first rule reads: 'That the society be called the Bedfordshire Association of Change Ringers. That it have for its objects the promotion of belfry reform, and the cultivation of scientific change ringing, and shall consist of honorary and performing members.'

In the first year there were 19 honorary and 29 performing members. The highest membership was achieved in 1931 with a total of 241, namely, 18 honorary and 223 performing.

Subsequent presidents were:—

Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker	1910
Rev. Canon Albert Rust	1929
Miss Evelyn Steel	1946 to date

## Secretaries:—

Rev. W. W. C. Baker	1887
Rev. A. Rust and Mr. Isaac Hills	1903
Rev. Albert Rust	1909
Mr. E. P. Duffield	1919
Mr. A. E. Sharman	1921
Mr. F. J. Plummer	1938 to date

Mr. H. D. Harris, of Woburn, was acting hon. secretary from 1940 to 1946 during Mr. Plummer's absence on active service up to the end of 1945.

## PEAL RECORDS.

The number of peals rung by the association totals 1,050. The longest is a peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1894. A 10,080 of Minor was rung in 1923. There is no twelve-bell tower in the county, but a twelve-bell peal was rung by the association on handbells in 1903, consisting of 5,016 of Bob Maximus.

The first peal by the association was a 5,040 of Bob Minor in 1884. Other 'firsts' were Grandsire Triples 1885, Bob Triples 1886, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major 1887, Stedman Triples 1894, Double Norwich 1895, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1890, Grandsire Caters 1896, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1897, Superlative Surprise Major 1897, Stedman Caters 1902, Cambridge Major 1913, Bristol 1925, London Major 1927, Little Bob Major 1929, Little Bob Royal on handbells 1931.

The first recorded peal in the county was a 5,040 of Bob Major at Dunstable in 1776 by the College Youths. The College Youths also rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Leighton Buzzard in 1801. The greatest number of peals rung in any one year was in 1937, namely, 45.

In 1882 there were eight rings of eight bells in the county, 13 of six, 47 of five, 18 of four, 18 of three and eight of two, total 112. At the present time there are two rings of ten, 12 of eight, 32 of six, 26 of five, 14 of four, 18 of three, and 8 of two, total 112. It will thus be seen that considerable augmentations



MR. CHARLES HERBERT,  
of Woburn

have taken place during the 64 years of the association's existence. The most ancient bell in the county is the sanctus bell at Dunstable, traditionally reputed to have been cast about the end of the eleventh century.

When the Ely Diocesan Association was formed in 1882 the committee of the Bedfordshire Association placed before their annual meeting 'certain resolutions providing that for the future the society shall exist as the Bedford Archidiaconal Branch of the Ely Diocesan Society.' There apparently the matter ended as there is no further reference to the subject in subsequent minutes. The Bedfordshire Association is now in the St. Albans Diocese, of which there is no Diocesan Association, although tentative suggestions have been made from time to time to this end. In 1932 the association celebrated its jubilee by a luncheon in Bedford and an officers' peal at Biddenham, where the first peal was rung.

## OUTSTANDING PERSONALITIES.

Of outstanding personalities, Mr. Charles Herbert naturally takes pride of place. He may truthfully be described as the 'father' of change ringing in Bedfordshire, and with the help of Canon (then Mr.) W. W. C. Baker, Mr. Edwin Ranson and Mr. Isaac Hills, started the association on its successful career, from which it has never looked back. In the preface of North's 'Church Bells of Bedfordshire' he receives an acknowledgment of his help towards the completion of that work, and amongst other of his activities in his endeavour to further the science of change ringing and belfry reform to the fore, he wrote out the full peal of 40,320 of Bob Major in order to convince a sceptic. This manuscript is now in the possession of the Central Council Library. Mr. Herbert died in 1923 in his 80th year.

In another sphere the name of Mr. Charles W. Clarke stands out as easily that of the leading peal ringer and conductor. He joined the association in 1883 and soon came to the front as a conductor and applied all his energy and spare time to teaching young bands, starting from scratch in every case. He rang altogether more than 700 peals, of which he conducted over 430. His death took place in January, 1942, at the age of 77 years.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LUTON.

where Surprise methods are invariably rung for Sunday Services. The eight-bell peal at this tower will shortly be replaced by a new and heavier peal of ten.



The Bedfordshire Association enjoys the unique distinction, for the first time in its history, of having a lady as its president in the person of Miss Steel, who was elected at the annual meeting on Easter Monday in the place of Canon Rust, who resigned on account of failing health. Miss Steel, as is well known, is also president of the Ladies' Guild, an honour of which the Bedfordshire Association feels justifiably proud. Miss Steel scored many peals during the years between the wars, especially in a great variety of Minor methods, and probably holds a record in this respect.

The association suffered a severe blow by the untimely death in the 1914-1918 war of John William Barker, of Bedford, who would undoubtedly have made a great name for himself had he lived, both as a conductor and composer. He had already a number of meritorious compositions to his credit.

Of other leading conductors during various periods the following deserve honorable mention: Mr. Alfred King, senior vice-president, Mr. L. A. Goodenough, both of the Luton tower; Mr. A. E. Sharnan, vice-president, Dunstable; the late Mr. C. Herbert, of Woburn, both hand and tower; and Mr. E. J. Hobbs, of Husband Crawley.

The other vice-presidents are Mr. J. Nicholls, of Leighton Buzzard, Mr. E. Herbert, of Woburn, Mr. W. Stapleton, of Bedford, and Mr. G. W. Heley, of Dunstable. The completion of 25 years' service by Mr. C. J. Ball as local secretary of the Biggleswade District is noteworthy.

The association, which is divided into three districts, suffered a slump during the war years, but is now almost back to its pre-war strength, thanks to an influx of young recruits. A local secretary is appointed for each district, who undertakes to arrange a meeting once a month. The annual meeting takes place on Easter Monday in Bedford, and a summer festival is held annually, usually on the first Saturday in July, in various suitable centres in the county. H. D. HARRIS.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD HISTORY

Appropos the history of Oxford Diocesan Guild, Canon G. F. Coleridge writes:—

I had to cut out a lot, but utterly failed to remember special mention of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch. I hear this morning that it existed two years at least before the Guild started, which was quite new to me, though I should have remembered its jubilee in 1929 at Boyne Hill, as I was present at it.

It was probably a printer's error in the note under the photo of Appleton Church, which cut off 5,041 changes and made the real 10,000 instead of 15,041, which surpassed the Cheltenham one of 13,043, in which I also rang the 9th a few months previously for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Two of my old Oxford University friends were in it—G. H. Phillott and C. D. P. Davies—who founded the Gloucester and Bristol Association; they insisted on my standing in.

## AUDLEY BELLS RESTORED

Audley bells, Staffordshire, formerly an old mixed ring of six, have been recast and augmented into a fine ring of eight with tenor of approximately 15 cwt. and the total weight approximately 62 cwt., by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon. The bells have been hung with the latest modern fittings in a new welded steel frame.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. E. S. Woods). After the ceremony the bells were rung by the local band, consisting of Messrs. J. Jebb (captain), Reg. Proctor, Fred Millington, John Proctor, Hector Millington, R. Rowley, W. Millington and Ralph Proctor. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., were represented by Mr. Don Bradford.

## Beverley & District Society

### BROCHURE TO HELP BEGINNERS.

Despite the fog, there was an attendance of about 60 for the monthly meeting of the Beverley and District Society, held on Dec. 14th at St. Mary's Church, Beverley. Towers represented were Beverley Minster, Beverley St. Mary's, Bridlington Priory, Cottingham, Hesse, Hull (Holy Trinity), Hutton Cranswick, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Middleton-on-Wolds, Nunburnholme, North Cave, Pocklington and Sutton-on-Hull.

The ten bells were kept going to various methods and a very good touch of Grandsire Caters preceded a short service conducted by Canon Tardrew, who in his address said that bellringers were carrying on the tradition of John the Baptist, in that the bells which they rang were voices calling people—all too often in the wilderness—to worship.

Mr. F. Dale (vice-president) took the chair at the meeting which followed tea at the Rambler Cafe. He was supported by Canon Tardrew, the Rev. G. S. Storer, Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master) and Mr. Albert E. Sellers (hon. secretary). Apologies for absence were from the president and ringers from Hedon, Patrington and Middleton.

The Ringing Master reported that he had produced a brochure on ringing to help those just beginning, and the committee had sanctioned it being printed, the society bearing the cost. Copies were presented to those present in the hope that they would be of real help and benefit to the individuals and their respective towers.

Canon Tardrew was elected an honorary life member on the proposition of Mr. G. Braithwaite, seconded by Mr. F. Dale. Sutton-on-Hull was proposed for the January meeting and Pocklington for February.

The customary vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who helped with the meeting was proposed by Mr. F. Dale and carried with applause. Thanks to the local company were voiced by Miss Thompson and Mr. P. Daggett. Mr. G. Braithwaite, in reply, stressed the importance of sending early notice of attendance for teas to make it easier for catering. A notice of alteration of rule to be presented at the annual meeting, 'that the entrance fee to active membership be 2s. and an annual subscription of 1s. each year after,' was moved.

Mr. Glenn proposed and Miss Heal seconded that a recommendation be made to all members that the Church Office (or prayers) be offered each Sunday before the commencement of ringing. This was carried unanimously.

The company then adjourned to St. Mary's tower for more ringing, which included Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Royal, Major and Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Doubles and rounds. The society has now 114 members from 18 towers.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION MEETING AT BROCKDISH.

The South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association held their last meeting for 1946 at Brockdish on December 7th, which was attended by members and ringers from Attleborough, Bergh Apton, Brockdish, Carbrooke, Diss, Hardwick, Long Stratton, Mendham, Mulbarton, Norwich, Redenhall, Saxlingham and Yaxley. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Lee Dodds), with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ.

Tea and the business meeting followed in the Parish Hall, Mr. W. L. Duffield being in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), the Rev. Lee Dodds, Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. C. E. G. Banham and C. Loomes (members of committee).

The annual branch meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, March 1st, 1947.

## Southwell Guild at Home

### NEWARK DIOCESE FORMED.

The Southwell Diocesan Guild's first visit to Southwell on December 14th (deferred till now on account of the difficulties of ringing when the Cathedral is thronged with visitors in the summer months) took the form of a special meeting to deal with rule revision and the opening of the Newark district, not a long agenda, but doubtless an early turning point in the Guild's history.

The bells were available for one hour before service, which was attended by about 30 members and conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood. Tea, which followed the service, was augmented by later arrivals to the number of 40, not a poor attendance considering the weather.

Business followed under the capable chairmanship of the Provost, and was speedily dealt with. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the Guild president, the Bishop of Southwell, due to prior engagements, and from Miss I. B. Thompson, hon. treasurer, owing to illness. Best wishes were sent from the meeting for her speedy and complete recovery.

A few minor alterations to rules were needed to complete the fusion of the North Nottingham and the Guild, and as these had been thrashed out in committee a single resolution sufficed to complete this item. The meeting then ratified the findings of the Elston meeting, which voted for the formation of a Newark District and selected the district officers on November 23rd last, and the chairman formally declared the district opened and wished the newly-elected officers well in their new venture.

As this now made the Guild into three districts, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., asked for members of the Nottingham District to elect a district secretary immediately in order to relieve him of district responsibilities while drawing up the first report. This was responded to by the nomination of Mr. T. V. Jennison, who was unanimously elected.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, also to Messrs. Foster and Pickard (of the local company) for their arrangements for tea and meeting concluded the business.

The tower was re-visited, all classes were catered for from rounds to Cambridge with varying degrees of success, but the 'yawning chasm' gradually lost its terrors for those unused to these peculiar conditions, and ringing concluded at 8.30 p.m. with two well-struck touches, one of Stedman and one of Grandsire Triples.

## SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### PROSPECT OF A NEW RING AT BRAYTON.

Owing to the very inclement weather, there was only a small attendance at Esrick on December 14th. Towers represented were Hemingbrough, Howden, Goole, Selby, Sherburn, York and the local company.

An excellent tea was provided by ladies of the parish, which came as a pleasant surprise. Immediately after tea short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells.

Some useful work was accomplished at the business meeting, presided over by the society's chairman, Mr. H. S. Morley. A set of rules was very carefully considered, amended where necessary, and is to be recommended to the society at the annual meeting. The secretary reported that there was the possibility of a new ring of six bells at Brayton, near Selby as a memorial to Brayton men and women who fell in the war, and it was decided that this appeal, along with that of Carlton, should come before the annual meeting for consideration. In the meantime the secretary was asking the Vicar of Brayton for particulars of his scheme.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. B. Trollope) for the use of the bells and the local company and the ladies for the excellent arrangements.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Composer Wanted

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Major to which Mr. Lewis refers was rung at St. Mary's, Debenham, on June 7th, 1897, as the composition of Horace Howlett, of Framingham.

Those taking part in the peal were: William Oster treble, William Groom 2, A. W. Grimes 3, John Self 4, William C. Rumsey 5, Horace Howlett 6, Samuel Garnham 7, William Grimes tenor. Conducted by William Grimes.

With the passing of W. C. Rumsey I think the only one of the band still with us is my old friend Bill Groom.—Yours sincerely,  
GEORGE H. CROSS.

Barnehurst, Kent.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the enquiry by Mr. E. H. Lewis, the peal in question is, I think, by Horace Howlett. It was published in the B.U.R.G. Ringers' Directory in September, 1931, the singles being placed at the end of the second and fifth courses.

In addition to being a simple peal to call, it is good to listen to, as it contains the usual satisfying features. Only 4-5-6 are in sixths at course ends and the 2nd is never above fourths. The 2nd, incidentally, plays a part in all calls except the middles and is at home every part end. It is, therefore, a good observation bell for a ringer who cannot manage a heavy bell.—Yours sincerely,

OLIVER G. BARNARD,

Stowmarket, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,—I have a peal composition which I believe is a transposition of the one called by Mr. Lewis. The composition is the following:—

	5,040			
23456	W	M	H	
64235	—	—	—	—
62435	—	—	—	S
46235	—	—	—	—
24635	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	S

Eight times repeated omitting the hob at Middle except in 4th and 7th parts.

The peal is composed by Horace Howlett, and I found it in the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' Directory, issued September 1931.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.

30, Lower Mounts, Northampton.

[Mr. R. E. Cross, of Hove, also recalls Horace Howlett's peal.]

## SURPRISE METHODS EXTENSIONS

Dear Sir,—I have several methods, chiefly of the Surprise class, which extend perfectly on all numbers from 6 to 12, i.e., Minor, Major, Royal, Maximus. Three of these are first class and maintain coursing order on all numbers almost, if not quite as well, as in Bristol Surprise Major, which is, I think, of the highest importance in Royal and Maximus. As you are aware, Cambridge below the treble is very deficient in this respect, especially in Royal and Maximus. Yorkshire Surprise behaves rather better, but it is not very popular, perhaps because it is a makeshift for Cambridge. I could pass the methods to any interested company.—Yours faithfully,

W. TAYLOR.

2, Cop Lane, Penwortham, near Preston, Lancs.

## NO. 377 HAS 1,092 VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—Re the question of when the peal No. 377 by A. Knights was first rung.

It was first rung at Penwortham on Feb. 21st, 1931, and was conducted by Mr. B. A. Knights and was a Preston Branch peal.

The composition is to be found in the Lancashire Association report (1930-31). The report says by the use of alternative calling, which may be used 38 different ways and its reverse. 1,092 variations may be obtained of this peal.  
Chorley, Lancs.

F. RIGBY.

## Slough Bells

## BRICK UP THE LOUVRES.

Dear Sir,—It was with regret that I read in 'The Ringing World' Mr. Birmingham's letter containing the complaints that have appeared in Slough's local paper.

Having rung there many times and also having listened to them from various points in the town, I am afraid I am inclined to agree with the complainants; the bells are very noisy in the immediate vicinity. To remedy this would it not be possible to brick up the louvres? I should imagine that this would kill the harshness, and as the tower has a stone spire with several openings higher up, these would only allow a moderate amount of noise in the locality and perhaps give the bells a chance to sound further away.

I really do think that the matter of noisy bells will have to be looked into or, as Mr. Birmingham remarks, the bells will only be rung subject to by-laws.

I really don't see how we can compare aeroplanes, motor horns and pneumatic drills with bells, as the former are really a necessity in our modern life and are thought of as such by the local population, whereas bells are considered an unnecessary noise (unless quietened) by the vast majority.—Yours faithfully,

F. H. HICKS.

21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, Sussex.

## 'SALUTE THE HAPPY MORN!'

Dear Sir,—Can any readers beat this 'exploit'? On Christmas morning two ringers arose at 4.45 a.m. and cycled over six miles to a neighbouring tower to ring at 6 a.m. for a service at 7 a.m. and afterwards rang at two local towers at 9.15 a.m. and 10 a.m.—Yours faithfully,

Canterbury, Kent.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS AT A RAILWAY STATION

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to the readers of 'The Ringing World' to know that a model church, standing 8ft. to top of spire, was built in the workshops of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) and placed in the concourse of the Railway Company's station, Great Victoria Street, Belfast. The church has a tower with spire, on the south-west corner of the body. An electric clock is fitted in the tower and there are 'stained glass' windows in the church, which is internally lighted.

Loudspeakers have been concealed under the tower and chancel so that the travelling public may be entertained to gramophone records of carols and bells. When the church was 'opened' a record of bells and carols by St. Margaret's, Westminster, was played. The writer advised the Traffic Department that there were other records of bells, and by a strange coincidence, after telephoning most of the music shops, a H.M.V. record C.2093, with Grandisire Caters on one side and Stedman Caters on the other side, by St. Margaret's, Westminster, was located.

This record had arrived in Belfast an hour previously and the shop owner was going to send it back as he could see no hope of a sale for it. After this record was played there were regular demands for the bells. The idea was originated by the traffic manager, Mr. H. S. Knott, and the church designed by the company's mechanical engineer, Mr. H. R. McIntosh, and built by his staff. The lighting of the church and installation of clock and gramophone apparatus was the responsibility of the writer, who is the company's electrical engineer.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES, Hon. Secretary.  
Irish Association of Change Ringers.  
Jenkinson, Dundalk.

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Very best New Year wishes to all my friends in the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and in Sussex.—Rev. Noel E. Hope.

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## ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Frank Hopgood, of Southfields, S.W.18, and Mary Cole, daughter of Canon and Mrs. G. L. Cole, of Oatlands Park, Weybridge, Surrey.

## IN MEMORIAM

GOODWIN.—In loving memory on this, his 26th birthday, Jan. 7th, of Sergt. Stanley Goodwin, R.E., of Trumpington, Cambridge, who lost his life in an air crash in Burma, Sept. 7th, 1945. Buried at Mewaing. —Hilary and Mother.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. G. Radley is now 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Practice at Withyham, 7.30, commencing Jan. 3rd, on 1st and 3rd Friday each month. Meeting at Sevenoaks, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Andrews, 175, London Road, Sevenoaks, by Jan. 7th.—C. A. Bassett.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 4th. Ringing at St. Martin's, 4 to 6 p.m. Meeting at Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, City, at 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cheltenham Branch. — Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—S. Taylor.

**KENT ASSN.**—Tonbridge District. — Meeting Edenbridge (8), Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. — R. A. Whitehead, Sec., Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.E. Division. — Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at Thorrington (6). Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—Leslie Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec., Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting at Audley (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th, not Jan. 4th, as previously announced. Names for tea to Mr. R. Rowley, Swanley, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—District Annual Meeting.—Watford (10), Saturday, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Odeon Cafe, High Street, 4.45 p.m. Please help caterers by notifying S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford, Herts.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Bridgwater Deanery.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Saturday, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity.

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Annual meeting, Selby, Jan. 4th. Tea 3s. Notify T. H. Foster, 3, Richardson's Yard, Church Lane, Selby.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch. — Branch annual meeting at Burton Latimer on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Wigan Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Cambridge Royal. All welcome. Tea at local cafe.—N. Heaps.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting at Loughborough, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells of All Saints' and Messrs. Taylor's Campanile available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. Mvatt.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill, 3 p.m., Jan. 4th. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District. — Annual district meeting at Winchester, Jan. 4th.—W. G. Goodchild.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting Jan. 4th, St. Matthew's, Cotham. Usual arrangements. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m.—C. H. Wood, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Meeting 3.30 p.m. Bells 4 to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Monday, Jan. 6th. Practice at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, 6.15 to 7.30 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—Tenbell practice at St. Paul's on Monday, Jan. 6th. All welcome.—B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Saturday, Jan. 11th. St. Mary's, Battersea, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business and handbells 6 p.m. Further ringing 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Chester Branch. — Annual at the Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea provided if notified by previous Wednesday.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District. — Meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District. — Annual meeting (district) at Metheringham, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only. Bring own food.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Crewkerne Deanery. — Annual meeting at Ilminster (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Jan. 7th for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Jan. 11th (Lloyd Street entrance), 3 p.m. No tea. Cafes nearby. Will lady ringers please make a special effort to attend. All welcome.—Mary Elkins.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—The

annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting at Woodbury, Jan. 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names by Jan. 6th to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon.

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Ross District.—Annual, Ross, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names by Jan. 9th to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Canon J. L. Cartwright, Oundle Vicarage, Peterborough, by Jan. 8th.—Robt. G. Black, Guild Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Hertford, on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea for those who notify me by Jan. 8th.—G. Radley. Future address: 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 11th, Bath Abbey (10 bells), 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, not guaranteed unless notification received by Jan. 2nd.—S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Jan. 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Jan. 8th to John W. Adshead, Hon. Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual district meeting, St. Michael's, Southampton, Jan. 11th, 2.30. Names for tea by Jan. 8th to G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Annual district meeting, Syston, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. All members please attend. Names for tea to H. Humphreys, Barkby Lane, Syston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch. — Annual meeting at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.



**ELY ASSOCIATION.** — Wisbech Branch.—Annual, Walpole St. Peter (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring food; Cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.** — North Norfolk Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Mulbarton on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. F. C. Goodman, The Dell, Mulbarton, Norwich, by Wednesday, Jan. 8th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** —Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open 2.45. Service 5. Cups of tea provided.—G. R. Newton, Newton, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—Annual meeting at West Ham (10), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—Annual meeting, Eardisland, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (small charge). Numbers for tea not later than Jan. 8th to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee 4. Tea, 5.30, Parochial Room. Please notify for tea by Jan. 8th.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.** — North Notts Branch. — Meeting, Bawtry (6), just rehung by Gillett and Johnston, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Pigot, Station Road, Bawtry, Doncaster, by Jan. 8th.—H. Denman.

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.** — Sutton-on-Hull, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea in Church Hall for all who notify by Jan. 8th: C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull.—Albert E. Sellers, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** —Meeting, St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting at Barnsley, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Jan. 8th. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield Branch. — Annual, Staveley, Jan. 11th. Election of officers. Names to Mr. A. Parsons, 40, Circular Road, Staveley.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** —Furness and Lake District Branch. — Next meeting, St. George's Church, Millom, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Slater, 8, Egremont St., Millom.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.** — An evening meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Monday, Jan. 13th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** —Maidstone District. — West Mall- ing (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Northern District. — Annual district meeting at Braintree (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., Black Notley.

**DEVON GUILD.**—S.W. Branch. —Annual meeting, South Brent, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., The Royal Oak. Names by Monday, 13th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Howden Institute. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, on or before Jan. 14th. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards (Howden Institute). — L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30. Names most essential by Tuesday previous. — Arthur Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District. — Annual general district meeting at Galleywood on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, please. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry (8), Jan. 18th. Names for tea early to Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North and East District. — Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. More details later.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** —Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, to W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.** — Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells at 3. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5.30, over Milk Bar, near Church.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**BOURNEMOUTH.** — A Ringers' Rally and Dinner will be held on January 25th, 1947, under the auspices of the Winchester and Portsmouth and the Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. The Lord Bishop of Winchester has promised to preside at the dinner in St. Peter's Hall (6.30 p.m.). Application for tickets, price 8s. 6d., with remittance, should be made to the undersigned within seven days. Closing date Jan. 11th. —Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

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## CARICATURE

In more than three million homes in this country the Exercise was associated with the incoming of 1947. On New Year's Eve the 'Daily Express' published a belfry scene as the subject matter of Giles' cartoon on current events and by permission of that newspaper we reproduce it in this issue. We were not flattered, but the privilege of caricature is such that to be featured in 'Punch' is a stepping stone to fame, and to be noticed by the most popular daily newspaper in this country is undoubtedly some recognition. The question ringers will be asking is where does caricature end and ridicule begin?

Now it is a maxim of art for the cartoonist to use exaggeration to emphasise points of personality. The creatures of fantasy that Giles pictured in his ringing chamber as the companions of bats are devoid of personality and in true keeping with the words of the caption. Ringers are all too familiar with the gnomelike mockery. Incongruous situations cause many a smile, hence the Exercise will take the joke against themselves in good part. Caricature is no modern thing: King Rameses V. of Egypt, as early as 1100 B.C., was caricatured, and in the introduction of printing this art quickly flourished. The first printed caricature of 1460 depicts a group of richly-clothed ladies scrambling for the possession of a pair of trunk hose held aloft in a garland of two winged genii. To-day's caption would undoubtedly be 'Nylons'—so history repeats itself!

Virginia Woolf, in one of her essays, wrote: 'If you say to the public with sufficient conviction, "All women have tails and all men humps," it will actually learn to see women with tails and men with humps, and will think it very revolutionary and probably improper if you say, "Nonsense."' The same observation might equally apply to 'Bats in the Belfry,' as, unfortunately for us, there is a substantial section of the community who invariably associate the decrepit and the half-wits with bellringing. 'Bats in the Belfry' is a phrase most ringers have had hurled at them by the uninitiated, and it is popularly held that the intelligence ratio of bellringers is subnormal. It is only when the critic starts to explore the hidden intricacies of bellringing that an appreciation is gained of the concentration and high mental faculties required, and mathematical, too, if the art of composition and proof is registered.



There are, however, hidden joys to ringers in Giles' cartoon as revealing heights of absurdity unbeknown to the ordinary individual. Perhaps this humour was unconscious. 'The Ringing World' refrains from offering a prize for the maximum number of absurdities or impossibilities spotted by readers. Six ropes in a straight line, for example, make one wonder how Giles' phantoms mastered the principle of rope-sight. The length of rope below the sallies of elephantine proportions conjures up a series of problems as to what sort of a contraption was at the other end of the rope. 'Caricature, to be an art at all, must always be allowed its own way,' wrote an authority. The sore of ridicule is healed by the balm of absurdity, and our readers will laugh with the millions of others who look to the 'Daily Express' for their news and views.

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Tenor 24 cwt.

*NOEL J. DISERENS ... Treble	*PHILIP WALKER ... 7
*MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 8
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 9
RICHARD A. POST ... 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 10
*JAMES HIGGINS ... 5	WALTER JUDGE ... 11
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 6	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. A. POST.  
\* First peal of Cinques. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*MRS. ENID WAYMAN ... Treble	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 8
MISS M. M. LYON ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 10
†JACK F. HODSON ... 5	H. LESLIE PASK ... 11
RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 6	JOHN WALDEN ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.  
\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS BEVAN ... Treble	THOMAS R. DENNIS ... 6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 2	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
THOMAS G. FOX ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 8
THOMAS A. BLOW ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 9
THOMAS E. SONE ... 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by THOMAS GAY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL (CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

JOHN PINFOLD ... Treble	LEONARD TREVOR ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 5	JOHN S. MASON ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.  
\* First peal of Royal on tower bells. First peal of New Cambridge Royal for the Guild and by all the band excepting the ringer of the 8th.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... Treble	†ALAN F. THIRST ... 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2	†DENNIS G. BROWN ... 7
*ERIC A. DENCH ... 3	§WM. J. RAWLINGS ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	†PERCY J. SPICE ... 9
†LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Surprise Royal. § First peal of Surprise.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	†GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
*ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 2	†SYDNEY BARRON ... 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... 3	†ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 8
†KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 4	FREDK. SEAGER ... 9
†ALFRED ASHTON ... 5	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.  
\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

MISS JILL POOLE ... Treble	HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
GEORGE A. HOLLOCK ... 4	WILLIAM HECTOR ... Tenor

Composed by F. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal of Stedman.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*LEONARD G. TOOKE ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5
†GORDON F. HURN ... 2	PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
ROBERT G. FISHER ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by H. TOOKE.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.  
Rung in honour of the installation of the Rev. F. Jarvis, Vicar of Wymondham, as Hon. Canon of Norwich Cathedral.



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## RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES WARD ... Treble	*JOHN ORME ... 5
THOMAS H. MATHER ... 2	*ERNEST H. HUGHES ... 6
*ROBERT B. P. HULSE ... 3	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

\* First peal in the method. First of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung for the retirement of Canon H. N. Perrin, Vicar of this parish for 35 years and Rural Dean of Frodsham.

## WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	*PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* First peal of Superlative. Farewell peal to Philip C. Bicknell, who is leaving Suffolk.

## ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Irregular Ten-part.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 5
MISS JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... 6
GEORGE N. NEWTON ... 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	THOMAS LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON ... Treble	JOHN E. PLANE ... 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
KENNETH ARTHUR ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... 7
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 4	JACK A. WAUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. E. Plane on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Vivian Hutchinson, of Newcastle.

## EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

VICTOR R. WOODARDS Treble	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5
*ALAN WHITE ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
LUCILE H. HUBBERT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH

## LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 6
SYDNEY H. BARRON ... 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... 7
ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

First peal in these two methods by all the band.

## SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE CHURCH ... Treble	*FRANK HOUSE ... 5
*MORRIS THOMAS ... 2	*ROBERT CHALLEN ... 6
ROBERT PRIDGEON ... 3	FREDK. PAGE ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	HENRY STALLHAM ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by HENRY STALLHAM.

\* First peal of Major.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael at Coslany,

## A PEAL OF NORFOLK IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F. sharp.

REV. J. E. TREDENNICK Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
HENRY TOOKE ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 6
JOHN MOOR ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7
GEORGE SAYER ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Remigius,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble	*KENNETH L. BROWN ... 5
DR. FREWIN MOOR ... 2	†JACK KING ... 6
*MRS. FREWIN MOOR ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 7
JOHN MOOR ... 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 5
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 2	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 6
JAMES HIGGINS ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
ALBAN R. POYNIZ ... 4	SYDNEY TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* 50th tower-bell peal during 1946.

## BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Edburg,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble	*SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 5
JAMES HIGGINS ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGGS ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
LEONARD TREVOR ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method.

## LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... Treble	*FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 5
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 6
WALTER TAYLOR ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 4	GEORGE DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight bells as conductor.



## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

*EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 4

CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. W. COUSINS.

\* First peal of Doubles.

WHILTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*S. M. RUDDLESDEN ... Treble	VICTOR A. PERRIS ... 4
JIM H. WEBB ... 2	ERIC NOBLES ... 5
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 3	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.

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

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

VALENTINE TURRELL ... Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4
FREDK. TURRELL ... 2	*PETER N. BOND ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	CECIL A. LONGHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

\* First peal of Minor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WM. A. STOTE ... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4
L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2	GEORGE GARDNER ... 5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR.

IPTON RISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*RAYMOND A. BREWER ... Treble	MATTHEW H. EARLSTONE ... 4
*CHARLES G. JONES ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 5
*REGINALD I. BREWER ... 3	REGINALD T. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. WEBB.

\* First peal.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ANTHONY FLINT ... Treble	†WM. R. DURY ... 4
*MISS JEAN TAYLOR ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
GERALD F. BALL ... 3	CECIL E. CARR ... Tenor

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dury, parents of W. R. Dury.

DEEPPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN ... Treble	CHARLES PERKINS ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... 5
KEN DUFFY ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by F. TAYLOR.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. L. C. Perfect).

ASHBRITTLÉ, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

S. N. BRISTOW ... Treble	G. ALDERMAN ... 4
*R. ALDERMAN ... 2	*H. BRISTOW ... 5
D. PARSONS ... 3	†R. YARD ... Tenor

Conducted by S. N. BRISTOW.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal as conductor. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Bullock.

FISHLAKE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Doncaster District Society.)

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

DEREK REED ... Treble	HERBERT COOPER ... 4
ERIC W. CRITCHLEY ... 2	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 5
ROLAND HIRST ... 3	FRANK REED, R.A.F. ... Tenor

Conducted by F. REED.

First peal on the bells since 1910.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

*FREDK. JACKSON ... Treble	FRANK REED, R.A.F. ... 4
RONALD LUNN ... 2	HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
ROLAND HIRST ... 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since being recast and relunged. The only other peal was rung in 1926.

## HANDBELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 3, 1946, in One Hour and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents.

PETER NIX ... 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 3-4
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KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 5-6

Conducted by PETER NIX.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 16, 1946, in Two Hours,

AT BROAD ROAD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

*THOMAS BIRD ... 1-2	ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4
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OLAVE BROYD ... 5-6

Conducted by O. BROYD.

\* First peal in four methods 'in hand.'

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE

On Fri., Dec. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT 74, CLARENDON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

ALFRED JORDON ... 1-2	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 5-6
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ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	*E. CHARLES TURNER ... 7-8
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Conducted by F. K. MEASURES.

\* First peal of Triples 'in hand.' First peal of Triples 'in hand' in Hinckley.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT 459, DUDLEY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 extents of Stedman, 12 extents of Plain Bob and 20 extents of Grandsire.

ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 1-2	ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3-4
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\*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 5-6

Rung non-conducted.

Witness: K. CHILTON.

\* First peal 'in hand.' First non-conducted peal for all.



**ACTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. L. Brown 1, C. E. Lankester 2, D. R. Judd 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, M. Hodgson 5, A. Cutler 6, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 7, F. A. Finch 8.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 22nd at St. Margaret's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, D. Beard (first quarter inside) 2, W. Beard 3, F. Groves 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, S. J. Holgate 6, E. G. Cottis 7, C. E. Faulkner 8.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. A. Hickman 2, A. Anstey 3, J. E. Ballard 4, J. Weaver 5, D. H. Anstey 6, C. W. Munday (conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

**BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lench 1, O. Castleman 2, P. Smith 3, J. Udale 4, R. Barrow (conductor) 5, N. Abell 6. First quarter-peak for ringers of 1 and 6, aged 13 and 14 respectively.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Dec. 15th at All Saints', 1,264 Bob Major: L. Trevor (conductor) 1, Margaret Beamish 2, A. H. Beamish 3, J. E. Moreton 4, J. F. Clarke 5, J. Draycott 6, H. Harris 7, J. Thompson 8. Rung prior to the ordination of the Rev. J. B. Jones to the curacy of All Saints' by the Lord Bishop of Coventry. First quarter in the method for M. Beamish.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's Church for Confirmation service on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, F. W. Richardson 2, P. G. Parrott 3, R. G. Long (conductor) 4, J. Dafters 5, A. F. Bennington 6, J. E. Warner 7, R. E. Last 8.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, Miss June East 3, Miss Joan White 4, W. Hibbert (conductor) 5, J. Wilson 6, E. Sneller 7, F. Carter 8. Rung with memories of the many happy Christmases spent with R. T. and W. Hibbert in this village.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—At St. Peter's on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, W. Simmonds (conductor) 2-3, H. Colcombe 4, G. Curtis 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. Gill 7, F. J. Dodson 8.

**KNEBWORTH, HERTS.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,248 Double Norwich: B. A. Cornell 1, W. J. Arnold 2, D. Bayles 3, L. Hansell (first quarter in method) 4, T. J. Southam 5, R. W. Darvill 6, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 7, H. V. Frost 8.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Dec. 15th at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss Ann Thomas 1, C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, E. S. Hawker 6, H. G. Keeley 7, C. E. Tett 8.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,512 Stedman Triples: T. Grice 1, H. Coast 2, L. Head 3, G. Collins 4, E. Spiller 5, R. Rich 6, B. Baker 7, F. Thwaites 8. Also on Dec. 24th a date touch, 1,946 Stedman Caters: E. Spiller 1, T. Grice 2, G. Cantrill 3, L. Mannering 4, H. Coast 5, L. Head 6, F. Leeson 7, R. Rich 8, B. Baker 9, H. Smith 10. Both conducted by L. Head.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hunwicke 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, F. Casley 4, C. Ward 4, W. Vince 5, H. S. Arbin (conductor) 6, W. Langley 7, D. Tinsley 8. First quarter by Miss Hunwicke and D. Tinsley.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 15th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Doubles: G. Winnicombe 1, A. Hicks 2, C. Taylor 3, J. Hicks 4, F. Sangwin (conductor) 5, L. Duke 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 4 and 6.

**MONMOUTH.**—On Dec. 7th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Price 1, S. Goodwin 2, R. T. Jones (first quarter of Triples) 3, H. Fryer (first quarter) 4, G. Hanks 5, J. J. Webb (conductor) 6, L. H. Jones 7, T. Castree 8.

**NEWMARKET, CAMBS.**—On Dec. 17th at St. Mary's, on handbells, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3-4, J. A. Acres 5-6, S. Forwood 7-8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Dec. 15th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, L. P. Cook 2, J. D. Harris 3, P. Speck 4, H. A. Nobes 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawry 8.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 22nd, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples: L. Harris 1, G. Gale 2, J. Green 3, D. Reed 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, H. Kerley 8.

**SHROTON, DORSET.**—On Dec. 10th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles as a welcome home to Gerald A. Harvey from the Navy and Eric Harvey from the Air Force: R. Martin 1, W. G. Damen (conductor) 2, E. Chant 3, R. Woodland 4, G. W. Dennis 5, Alan Woodland (first quarter) 6.

**SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.**—On Dec. 15th at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Theobald 1, S. Macey 2, F. E. Manns (conductor) 3, J. Sutton 4, E. Smith 5, G. Smith 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. G. C. A. Smith.

**THURLBY, Lincs.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles, comprising 480 St. Simon's, 240 Grandsire (Morris) and 540 Plain Bob: N. Ward 1, Ray-Wade (aged 10) 2, N. Horton 3, C. Wade 4, B. Wade (conductor) 5.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—At the Minster Church of St. Denys, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: V. Bull 1, R. Newton 2, R. Gould 3, E. Norris 4, H. Blanchard 5, P. Merritt 6, N. Knee (conductor) 7, E. F. White 8. Rung to the memory of Sidney Cousins, killed in action in Normandy, 1944, by his tower comrades on his birthday.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 8th, 1,269 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Norrice 1, Miss B. Mathieson 2, C. Hughes 3, S. Webb 4, A. Bass 5, H. Carney 6, J. H. Crampion (conductor) 7, E. Seabrook 8. First quarter by the ringers of 1, 2 and 8.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Family tradition has  
been followed by 15-year-  
old Harry Briggs, who  
rang his first peal at Stoney Stanton, Leicester-  
shire. His great-grandfather, grandfather and  
father also rang their first peals in this tower.  
The first two named were for many years  
captains of the local ringers.

Within the past seven days we have received  
73 peals. A publication delay is bound to  
arise as we cannot go to a larger size of  
'Ringing World' until our next consignment  
of 16-page paper arrives.

By ringing his first peal of Little Bob Major  
at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln, Mr. Sydney A.  
Chambers has now circled the tower.

Mr. Leonard Trevor, by a peal of Cambridge  
Surprise Minor at Allesley, Warwickshire, has  
rung from Minor to Maximus.

Broughton Astley ringers' golden wedding  
peal for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dury was accom-  
plished after a number of setbacks, including  
the fifth casting a rope at back-stroke. They  
thank Mr. and Mrs. Dury for their hospitality.  
The peal was an occasion of determination  
winning through.

There was only one peal on Christmas Day—  
at Ashbrittle, Somerset, which was completed  
in time for the 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
service.

Salisbury Guild announce two augmenta-  
tions. Two new trebles have been added at  
Downton, making a ring of eight, and one  
treble at Codford, increasing the be's to six.

Northampton ringers and friends' annual  
Boxing Day tour was highly successful. Ring-  
ing took place at Oundle (with its difficult  
circle of eight), Cotterstock (a light ring of  
five), Massington (with its steeple built in three  
sections), Elton (with a good ring of five) and  
Warmington (a handy ring of six). Mr. Frank  
C. Tysoe was thanked for making the arrange-  
ments.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

If your friend has missed  
his 'Ringing World' this  
week it might be through  
the late arrival of his subscription. His copy  
is with Mr. Eldred awaiting the receipt of the  
remittance.

Edmonton ringers expressed their affection  
to Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas on their departure  
for Worcestershire by a farewell peal on  
December 21st.

Indisposition of one of the band prevented a  
Thomas name peal attempt at Beddington on  
St. Thomas' Day, December 21st. With the  
help of a Frederick, however, a peal was suc-  
cessfully rung, and the remainder of the band  
wish to thank him for the interest he took  
in the effort as planned but not accomplished.

There is no change in the condition of Mr.  
Rupert Richardson from last week's bulletin.

More Yorkshire news. Mr. E. D. Tune,  
of Hemingbrough, writes commending St.  
Clement's Minor for service touches in six-bell  
towers. Two 720's—one with 22 bobs and 38  
singles and the other with 30 bobs and 30  
singles—were rung last month by the Misses  
E. W. and E. B. Tune, Messrs. E. D., T. W.  
and J. J. Tune and Mr. F. Terry. Tune and  
method combined!

Another progress report from Whiston, near  
Rotherham, Yorks. Since our last report in  
our issue of December 13th the following  
local ringers have rung their first 720 from  
treble: George Preston (14), Bryan Thomas  
(15), Tony Willis (16), Jack Curwin (13), Mal-  
colm Head (15). George Preston, Philip Coote  
and Mr. T. Cutts have also rung their first  
720's on a working bell. If all Yorkshire  
towers enjoyed the enthusiasm Mr. N. Chad-  
docks imparts, its reputation as champion  
county would be unassailed!

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## Forty-two Years on

### HARLINGTON BELLS AUGMENTED.

History has repeated itself at Harlington, Middlesex. On December 21st, 1904, the Bishop of London, according to a brass tablet on the west wall, rededicated the six bells at SS. Peter and Paul's Church (although frost and fog prevented him from attending). Forty-two years later to the day the bells, retuned and augmented to eight, were dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. Hector W. Reindorp, M.A.).

The bells, previously a light and not too tuneful ring of six, with a tenor of about 7½ cwt., have now been immensely improved, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on providing a really tuneful and well-running peal of eight. Of the two additional bells one is in memory of Harriett Georgia Eason, who for 51 years was a worker in the parish, 11 of which she was churchwarden. The other bell was a thankoffering to God for the victory given to our arms in the late war.

The Rector, in his address, said that Harlington Church had had its bells for over 500 years. In Henry VIII's reign a bell weighing over 900lb. was sent to John Fford, bellfounder, of London, to be recast and tuned with the other bells numbering four. But the churchwardens omitted to take a receipt from Fford, who immediately proceeded to melt the bell down, but died a few weeks after. His widow denied all responsibility, consequently the bell was never returned. The case was taken to the High Court of Chancery, from which our record is taken, but the outcome and verdict has been lost, as was the bell.

In 1779 Thomas Mears, now Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, recast five bells and added one more, making six in all. In 1893 the tenor bell, weighing 7 cwt., which had become cracked, was recast.

The Harlington bellringers desired to add a chiming apparatus, and collected the necessary funds, and to erect a tablet to two of their ringers who fell in the last war, Lionel Leonard Beale and Cyril Arthur Winter. The chiming apparatus would not be heard that evening as some adjustments had to be made. Nor must that tablet recording the two names be taken as a parish memorial to those who fell in the late war; that would come after.

The Rector then dedicated the bells, after which he requested the captain of the bellringers, Mr. J. Nelhams to unveil the tablet, which the Rector then dedicated.

Following the dedicatory prayers, the following members of the Middlesex County Association rang a few rounds: E. C. S. Turner (treble), T. G. Bannister 2, J. F. Lewis Cocker 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, J. J. Pratt 5, C. Imfrey 6, W. H. Coles 7, J. A. Nelhams tenor. At the close of the service, the first touch, one of Stedman Triples, was called by Mr. J. J. Pratt, of St. John's, Hillingdon, who it is interesting to note was one of the band who opened the old six after restoration, 40 years previously almost to the day. Mr. T. J. Clark deputising for Mr. Nelhams. Further touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

The whole of the local company have joined the Middlesex Association.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### MEETING AT HELLINGLY.

A meeting was held at Hellingly on December 28th, when ringers from Mayfield, Rotherfield, Wadhurst, Chiddingly, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and Christ Church), Hailsham, Heathfield, Hastings, St. Albans (Mr. T. J. Southan) and the local tower attended. Carols were sung during the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Shaw).

By kind invitation of the Vicar and the local ringers, a good tea was enjoyed. At the business meeting Hellingly was elected an affiliated tower. The next practice will be at Pevensey in January and the annual meeting at Eastbourne in February.

## Valuable Addition to South Yorkshire

### DEDICATION AT THRYBERGH.

On December 14th, the ring of six bells was dedicated at St. Leonard's Church, Thrybergh, near Rotherham. There were five bells previously. Of these the fourth is inscribed with the date 1586 and the tenor is believed to be much older, probably at least 500 years old. These two were retuned only and the original canons retained.

The remaining three of the old five, also very old, dated 1609, 1638 and 1687, have been recast. Their dates and inscriptions have been reproduced in facsimile and the year of recasting is recorded on each of them.

A new treble, given by an anonymous donor, has been added and the whole rehung on ball bearings in an iron frame, making a very handy and tuneful peal of six, tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. with the assistance of Messrs. Belden, Ltd., of Thrybergh.

The new treble was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield (the Rt. Rev. L. S. Hunter) and the old five by Canon G. H. C. Bowen, Rector of Thrybergh from 1901 to 1944.

The opening touch was rung by the following members of the Yorkshire Association: Colin Harrison treble, W. Eric Critchley 2, Arthur Firth 3, John J. L. Gilbert 4, Sidney F. Palmer 5, Norman Chaddock tenor. Mr. Harrison, who was representing the bellfounders, kindly stood in at the last minute owing to the unexpected illness of one of the original band.

About 25 ringers were present from the surrounding district to test the 'go' and the tone of the bells. Criticisms were very favourable and this ring has made a fine addition to the towers of South Yorkshire.

Ringings continued during the afternoon and evening. The Rector very kindly provided a free tea, which was very much appreciated. To end the day a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by John H. Brothwell 1, Gordon Briggs 2, T. Colin Ryde 3, George Tuke 4, Tom Cutts 5, John J. L. Gilbert tenor, this being the first 720 of Minor on the bells.

### ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

About 40 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Guild at the Parish Church, Llanelly, on December 14th. The bells were available from 2.30 p.m. and the service was conducted by the Rev. D. Reece (assistant curate), who deputised for the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Jones). For the first time the Guild's form of service, which has been sanctioned by the Archbishop of Wales, was used. Members were afterwards entertained to tea at the Church Institute.

At the business meeting the Rev. D. Reece, who presided, gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Llanelly. An apology for absence was received from the treasurer, Mr. E. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen, owing to the illness of his wife.

Elections included seven life ringing members and nine members. In recognition of his services in the interest of campanology, life membership was conferred on Mr. William Robbings, of Llanelly. Ill-health has, unfortunately, compelled him to give up ringing for the time being, but everyone was pleased to see him at the meeting, and wishes for a speedy return to health were extended to him.

A very hearty welcome was extended to the visitors—Mr. E. Stith (Aberavon), Mr. and Mrs. F. Roderick (Porthcawl), Mr. Hannington and Mr. Wood (Wigan), also to Mr. A. Hoare (Swansea) and the Rev. S. Rees (Burry Port).

The next quarterly meeting will take place at Burry Port in March. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 12s. 6d. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Rev. D. Reece and also to the ladies, who provided tea. Methods rung included London, Cambridge, Plain Bob, Grand-sire and rounds for the learners.

## A New Oxford Eight

### DEDDINGTON COMPLETES THE OCTAVE.

A large congregation, including about 100 members of the Oxford Guild, assembled in the 13th century SS. Peter and Paul's Parish Church at Deddington, Oxon, on December 14th, when the Lord Bishop of Oxford dedicated two new bells recently added to complete the ring of eight in the tower, which with its crown of vane topped pinnacles is a notable landmark for miles around.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. Frost), the Rev. B. R. Buchanan and the Rev. R. C. West reading the lessons. The Lord Bishop gave the address. After the impressive dedication the two new bells were rung by E. C. Pearson and L. J. Malings, and the whole eight were then heard for a few moments rung by the local band of Sunday service ringers. After the service a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by Miss M. Cross, Mr. A. E. Locke, Capt. A. R. P. Poyntz, Mr. W. Hibbert, Mr. R. White, the Rev. H. Benson and Mr. F. Sharpe, conducted by Miss S. Davis, of Reading.

The company were entertained to tea, the Lord Bishop being present. Dr. G. M. W. Hodges, Vicar's warden, expressed the gratitude and thanks of all present to the private generous donor of the new bells, to the Lord Bishop for his presence and to the Vicar for the tremendous amount of work he had done in connection with the day. He congratulated the bell founders (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) and Messrs. R. White and Son, of Appleton, on the excellent tone and the hanging of the new bells.

Capt. A. R. P. Poyntz (Deputy Master of the Guild) also congratulated the Banbury and District Branch in getting two new bells, completing the octave in one more tower, and for the service that day. After tea the bells were put to good use in touches from rounds to Major to suit all ringers who had come to hear and try the now very nice ring of eight. Messrs. R. White and Son rehung the six in 1929, making them an oak frame to take eight.

A collection taken for the General Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £8.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Nearly 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Blandford on December 14th, the towers represented being Blandford, Sturminster Newton, Stalbridge, Okeford Fitzpaine, Shroton, Buckhorn Weston, Kington Magna, Lydlinch, Childe Okeford, Whitechurch, Buckland Newton, Hazelbury Bryan, Templecombe, Lytchett Matravers, Salisbury, Semley, Amesbury and Leighton.

At the Guild service the Rector of Blandford (Canon B. T. Rosson) preached. The business meeting followed tea. Reference was made to the deaths of Mr. J. Braddock, prominent Gillingham ringer, who had acted as a bell inspector for the Guild, and Mr. H. Woolridge, for many years captain and instructor of the Fontmell Magna team. The gathering stood in silence.

Officers re-elected were: Chairman, Dr. E. W. J. Hellins; vice-chairman, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; secretary and treasurer, the Rev. W. Uphill; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. Shute, L. Perrett, E. Coward and E. T. P. Field; committee, Messrs. J. Ralph and B. Ridout.

It was arranged to hold the spring meeting at Motcombe, summer meeting at Hazelbury Bryan, autumn meeting at Shroton, and the winter meeting at Gillingham.

The following new members were elected: Ringing members, Mr. A. Bollen (Stalbridge), Mr. A. Rothwell (Gillingham), Miss M. Davidge, Miss L. Davidge, Miss A. Davidge and Miss R. Short (Sturminster Newton); hon. member, the Rev. R. M. Taylor (Shroton); non-resident life member, Miss D. Webb (Templecombe).

A grant of £2 2s. was made to the appeal for the bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CAMPANOLOGISTS AND ABSENTEEISM

Dear Sir,—Someone once asked, 'What is a campanologist?' After a little thought I replied, 'It is a curious bird seen flying from a belfry as the later worshippers enter the church.'

It is nice to know Mr. R. A. Post is an exception to this rule and also nice to know he does not 'hide his light under a bushel.'

On reading the life of John Bunyan, I discovered he was a ringer, but when converted thought it very wicked to ring bells. So he gave it up, thinking an angry God would cause the tower to fall on him.

To my surprise, on reading his 'Pilgrim's Progress,' he writes in the last chapter about the pilgrims entering heaven. 'Then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the city rang again for joy.' I thought to myself, 'Well, John, you think it very wicked to ring bells on earth, but up yonder it is quite all right and you think we shall have plenty of bellringing in heaven.'

Some people love bells, some don't. One of the latter said to me one day, 'I hate the sound of bells.' I replied, 'You won't get to heaven, for John Bunyan says there will be a lot of bellringing in heaven.'

Though the bad old days of the leather bottle in the belfry have faded away and we still have all sorts and conditions of ringers, yet there is something that binds us all together, and on the whole I find them a lovable lot and desire they may all 'hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life.'—Yours faithfully,

J. MAURICE TURNER, President.  
N.E. Devon Guild of Ringers.

## TWO SYDNEY TOWERS REOPENED

Dear Sir,—During Christmas two of the Sydney towers have been put in order and opened again.

On Sunday, December 22nd, the bells of St. Jude's, Randwick, were opened, after being out of order since before the war. The bells are a ring of eight by Vickers, Ltd., and are cast steel with a tenor of 21 cwt. The tenor has been put on rollers and a price has been accepted to put the 5th, 6th and 7th on rollers also. I was taught to ring in St. Jude's tower and it was good to hear the old bells going again.

The other tower is Christ Church St. Laurence, George Street, City. These bells, a ring of six with a tenor of 13 cwt. by Taylors, have not been rung for 25 years. The same old story, the tower was not safe. A little pushing by the N.S.W. Association and great enthusiasm from a newly-formed Christ Church Society eventually persuaded the authorities to get an architect to inspect the tower, which he passed as safe for ringing! In fact, there was no reason for them ever to have stopped.

The Christ Church ringers then got to work and dismantled the existing clavier, and after 12 months' hard work have the bells swinging again. They were opened on Christmas Eve for the midnight service. The ringers taking part were as follows: J. Campigli (capt.), K. Miller, R. Jones, P. Davis and W. M. Rowe from Christ Church, J. B. Watts and D. McGrainger (Tarramurra), H. Short (St. Mary's), L. Orme from St. Paul's, Melbourne.

With the addition of these two towers we now have six towers with swinging bells in Sydney, three 8's and three 6's.—Yours, etc.,  
W. ROWE.

## 'THE STRANGE GOD CAMPANOLOGY'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Post in his letter states that only 20 per cent. of ringers attend divine service. I presume he has come to his figures from his own area. When I was a resident at Over, Cambs, and a member of the Over St. Mary's Society, at the five principal festivals we rang the bells for 45 minutes before the 7 a.m. Holy Communion and sometimes we have met 12 and 12 have stopped and partaken in that service. Very often two ringers, several being sidesmen, took up the collection.

Here at St. Ives, Hunts, our local captain, Mr. L. Fisher, assists at the altar table and sometimes 100 per cent. of ringers stay for service.

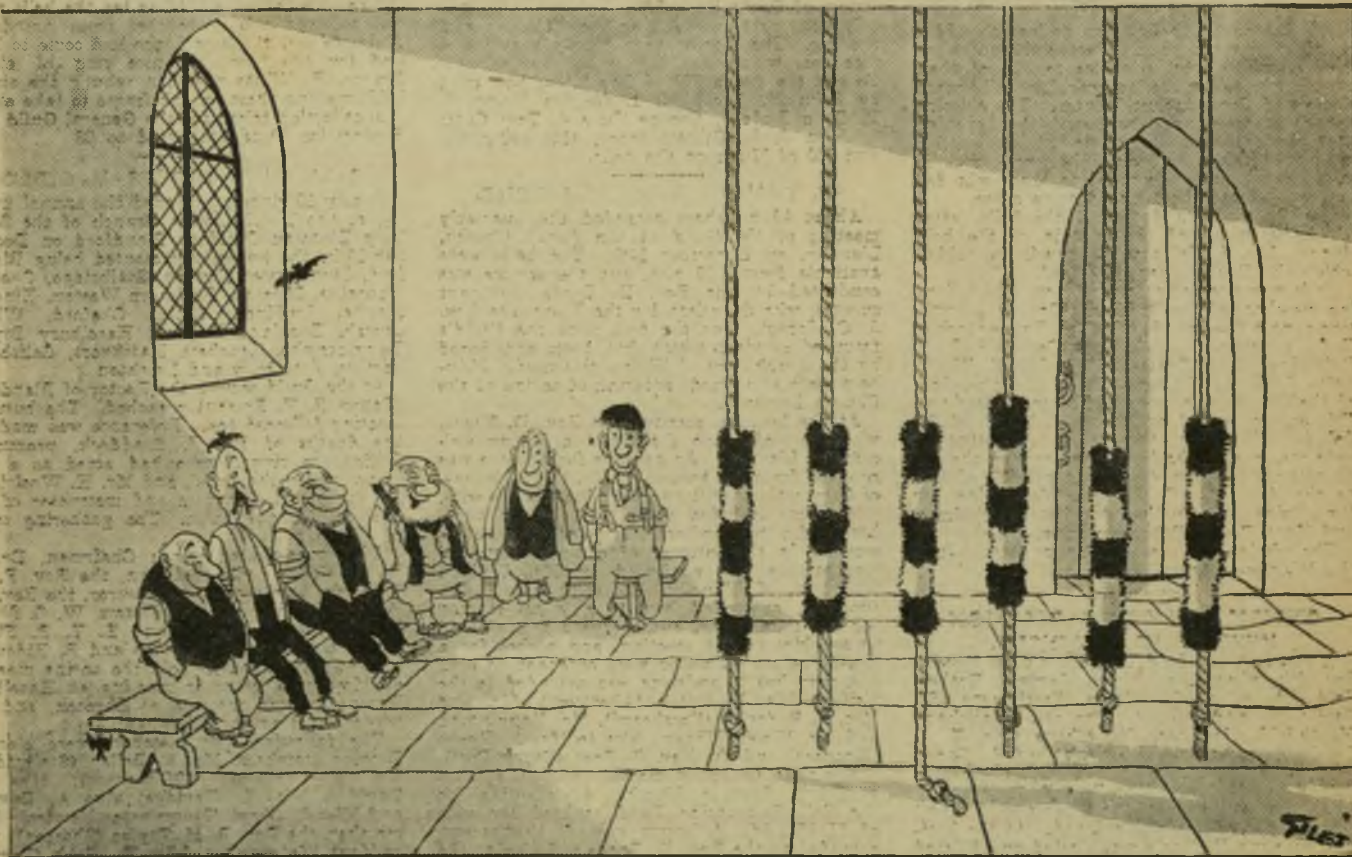
For myself, I know I am not a saint, but I also know that if I really get down to real worship and say the 'General Confession' in the spirit of truth my sin or sins are forgiven when the priest pronounces the 'Absolution.'—Yours faithfully,

St. Ives, Hunts. F. WARRINGTON.

## PROGRESS AT CARBIS BAY

A pleasing ceremony took place in the ringing chamber at Carbis Bay Church on Dec. 20th, when badges of membership of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers were presented by Mr. W. Polsoe (churchwarden), who was accompanied by Mr. T. L. Roberts (secretary of Church Council) and Mr. R. C. Ivey, O.B.E., to Miss Marion Lidgey, Paul Roach, Tony Roach, Kenneth Nicholls, Roy Nicholls, John Peters, Gerald Peters and Clarence Peters.

Mr. Polsoe congratulated these young ringers on their progress, and said he was glad they were taking such a keen interest in ringing.



'Five minutes before it's time to ring in the New Year, let's have one of they little unofficial strikes'

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## Irish Association

### PROGRESS IN CHANGE RINGING.

Ringers from Londonderry, Lurgan, Carrickfergus, Bangor, Holywood and St. Thomas', Belfast, met at Holywood on December 26th for the annual meeting of the Northern Branch. Mr. Fred E. Dukes, general secretary of the association, was also present.

The ringers service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Barber, Holywood, president of the branch, who in his address spoke of the threefold aspect of bellringing, as a call to worship, an act of worship and an act of witness.

At the business meeting the president welcomed the ringers, especially the eight from Londonderry.

The report, presented by Mr. W. Webb (hon. secretary) showed that the membership was now 107 and that progress was being made in change ringing. During the year the Holywood team had the honour of ringing a full peal of Grandsire Triples, the first to be rung in Ireland since before the war, and the sixth for the Northern Branch. Mention was also made of the fact that several of the peals in Northern Ireland had been included in B.B.C. programmes and this recognition of bellringing by the B.B.C. was welcomed by the members.

The bells of Hillsborough Church are now unringable and a fund has been established to raise sufficient money to have them rehung. The bells of St. Patrick's, Coleraine, are to be rehung on ball bearings as soon as conditions permit.

The rules of the branch were revised, and a copy of these is to be incorporated in a new form of membership card.

After tea the ringers went to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Londonderry.

### RECORD PEAL TABLET UNVEILED

The Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, visited the Cathedral belfry on December 23rd, and in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Oxford and a large company of Oxford ringers, unveiled a tablet commemorating the record peal of Stedman Cinques rung there on August 24th last.

The Mayor spoke of his amazement that ringers could carry on ringing for so long and congratulated the conductor (Mr. W. F. Judge) and three of the Oxford Cathedral band who were also in the peal, Messrs. V. J. F. Bennett, F. A. H. Wilkins and R. A. Post.

The tablet is a slate one, 2ft. 8in. by 2ft., with incised lettering silver painted, and is the work of Mr. Albert E. Lock, secretary of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Guild, and forms a fitting and worthy record of an historical performance.

Some photographs have been taken of the tablet, and it is hoped to have these in due course. It is also hoped to get the band together some time in the summer of 1947 for a commemorative touch and to enable a photograph to be taken.

### OXFORD RINGERS ENTERTAINED

A very pleasant incident took place in Magdalen College on New Year's Eve, when ten members of the Oxford Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1,259 changes, in 50 minutes, as a farewell touch to Sir Henry Tizard, who was vacating the presidency of Magdalen that day to become chairman of the Scientific Research Defence Committee.

The ringing was greatly appreciated by Sir Henry, who invited the ringers to dinner, which took place in the Senior Common Room. Small items of the college plate were placed at their disposal for the liquid refreshment, and a liberal supply of college ale was available and partaken of with much relish.

After spending a very pleasant hour, the ringers adjourned to ring out the old year. The ringers were: E. Moore 1, Miss M. Cross 2, V. Bennett 3, J. Higgins 4, P. Walker 5, C. Coles 6, G. Cross 7, N. Allnatt 8, W. F. Judge (conductor) 9, F. A. H. Wilkins 10.

## OBITUARY

### MR. JAMES BURGE.

With regret we announce the loss to the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of its oldest member, Mr. James Burge, who died on December 20th in his 90th year. He was one of the foundation members of the association and had been for many years an hon. life member. He was conductor of St. Mary Magdalene's ringers for 40 years (1896-1936) and during that time did a good deal of instruction in rope handling and the first stages of change ringing. Among his pupils were Mr. A. Walker, of Birmingham, and the late Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford and Taunton, both of whom rang their first peals with him at St. Mary's. For many years he was never absent from his post and was always punctual in attendance at both services and practice.

He conducted a few peals of Triples and Caters, and when St. Mary's bells were increased to 12 in 1922 he had hoped to call a peal of Stedman Cinques. Owing to a serious internal operation and advancing years, this was denied him, and he finally retired in 1937. The funeral service was held in St. Mary's Church on December 27th, the Vicar (Preb. Heaton-Renshaw) officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. Chitty. As the cortege left the church for the cemetery the bells were rung half-muffled by a band representing the three Taunton towers. Muffled ringing also took place later in the evening. S.P.M.

### HAMPSHIRE AND SUSSEX RINGERS AT WESTBOURNE

A joint meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Westbourne, Sussex, on December 14th. Forty ringers attended from Angmering, Arundel, Chichester Cathedral, Fareham, Felpham, Heane, Henfield, Liss, Portsmouth Cathedral, Portsea, Storrington, Tarring, Titchfield, Westbourne, West Grinstead, and visitors from Ewell, Hull, Spalding and Stockbridge.

The Vicar (the Rev. M. T. Dodds) conducted the Sussex Association's form of service and joined the company at tea. At the Sussex County Association's (Western Division) business meeting ringers from Angmering (9) and Arundel (3)—where it is anticipated the ring of eight will be restored during 1947—were elected members; Miss Patricia Smee, Ewell, elected non-resident member, and the election before peals of W. H. Inwood, Guildford, and L. Cheeseman, Banstead, ratified.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and among other expressions in thankful vein the meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Frederick W. Burnett for his assistance to Sussex ringers on numerous occasions. The following towers were suggested for forthcoming meetings: Storrington, January 18th; Wisborough Green, February 15th; Chichester Cathedral, March 15th (annual meeting).

Methods ranged to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise during the afternoon and evening.

### MR. ERNEST MORRIS LECTURES IN ESSEX

Ringers of Woodford and district, Essex, were the guests of the Woodford and District Historical Society on December 16th, when Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., of Leicester, gave an illustrated lecture on 'Bells of all nations—their history and romance.'

The chair was taken by Mr. George Black, a keen local ringer and a very active member of the society. He introduced Mr. Morris as an outstanding ringer, writer and lecturer, and expressed the great pleasure he had derived from the reading of the lecturer's famous book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' a work that now finds a place in most public libraries and many ringers' homes and church towers.

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### BIRTH

ROGERS.—At the Grove Nursing Home, Isleworth, on Dec. 31st, 1946, Olive (née Ashbrook), wife of Capt. H. W. Rogers, a daughter, Patricia Olive Marguerite. A sister for Christopher.

### ENGAGEMENT

WOOLLEY—TELFORD. — The engagement is announced between Christopher W. Woolley, of Bushey, Herts, and Margaret D. Telford, only daughter of Mrs. E. E. Telford, of Keswick, Cumberland.

### IN MEMORIAM

GUTTERIDGE.—We, his family and ringing friends, remember with affection George H. Gutteridge, who died Jan. 14th, 1946. His perseverance, patience, good humour and friendliness still gladden our hearts, while the example he set by his service to the Church and the ringing fraternity continues to encourage us in our own efforts.

### PUBLICATION

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE,' Part III., price 1s., supplied only to purchasers of the previous parts; or the set of three parts, price 3s.; to be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Saturday, Jan. 11th. — St. Mary's, Battersea, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business and handbells 6 p.m. Further ringing 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please: — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Hertford, on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—G. Radley. Future address: 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts.



**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.** — Practice at Withyham, 7.30, commencing Jan. 3rd, on 1st and 3rd Friday each month. Meeting at Sevenoaks, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Andrews, 175, London Road, Sevenoaks. — C. A. Bassett.

**DEVON GUILD.** — Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting at Woodbury, Jan. 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.** — Wisbech Branch.—Annual, Walpole St. Peter (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring food; Cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — South-Western Division.—Annual meeting at West Ham (10), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee 4. Tea, 5.30, Parochial Room. — W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — Chesterfield Branch. — Annual, Staveley, Jan. 11th. Election of officers. Names to Mr. A. Parsons, 40, Circular Road, Staveley.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting will be held at Wareham on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea at Rainbow Café at 5.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guilsborough Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Jan 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Bring own food.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.** — An evening meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Tuesday, Jan. 14th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — South-Eastern District. — Annual general district meeting at Galleywood on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, please. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The next general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Howden Institute. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, on or before Jan. 14th. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards (Howden Institute). — L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Maidstone District. — West Malling (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Northern District. — Annual district meeting at Braintree (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., Black Notley.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30. Names most essential by Tuesday previous. — Arthur Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry (8), Jan. 18th. Names for tea early to Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North and East District. — Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. More details later.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.** — Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells at 3. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5.30, over Milk Bar, near Church.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Quarterly meeting, Nuneaton, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3.30. Service 5, followed by tea and business. Names by 16th, please.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone: Nuneaton 3296.

**CHESTER GUILD.** — Crewe Branch. — Jan 18th, Crewe (10). Annual, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided if notified by previous Tuesday.—R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The Royston (6) bells have been recast and will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided for all who notify me not later than Jan. 15th. Bells open to all after the service and all are welcome. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**LEICESTER GUILD.** — Hinckley District. — Annual meeting at Earl Shilton, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names by 15th to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton.

**LEICESTER GUILD.** — Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting, Kibworth, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 3.30. Unveiling of peal boards. Names for tea by Jan. 13th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District. — Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, at St. Albans. St. Peter's bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Abbey Restaurant 5 p.m., followed by business. Cathedral bells available in evening. Names for tea, please. — R. Darvill, Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans.

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (All Saints') 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify by Jan. 14th. — B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.** — Ely Branch.—Annual, Ely St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., St. Mary's Café (almost opposite), 2s.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stourbridge, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northern Branch. — Gainsborough District annual meeting, All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.15.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough.



**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Hunts District. — Great Staughton, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Mr. Lack's, 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Fareham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, C. of E. School. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, Mr. W. Linter, 16, Uplands Crescent, Fareham.—R. J. Stone, Dis. Sec.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Storrington, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 16th to W. Curtis, Woodway, Nightingale Lane, Storrington.

**SALISBURY GUILD.** — Dorchester Branch. — Annual meeting, Dorchester, Jan. 18th. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. George's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4. Tea and business, St. Peter's Institute, 5. Numbers to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Birkenhead (6), Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin, 3, Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — Meeting at Sibley (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Swan, 31, Cossington Road, Sibley, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 15th.—Jill Pode.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — Hawkhurst, Jan. 18th. Start 3. Tea 5.30. Please notify W. Gorrings, Hawkhurst. Election of officers at business meeting. — J. G. Powell.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Southern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business at Five Bells Inn. Tea only provided for those who notify Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, by Jan. 15th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District. — South Shields (St. Hilda's), Saturday, Jan. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names to Mr. W. Robson, 15, Logan Terrace, South Shields, by first post, 14th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** —Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18th. — Frank Reynolds.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service at St. Thomas' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Downton (8), Amesbury (8), SS. Thomas and Martin (8), St. Paul's, Wilton, South Newton (6). Notification for tea to W. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

**PEAK SOCIETY.**—Darley Dale (8), on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Own food. Important meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. — H. E. Taylor, Darley Dale.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. Names by Jan. 14th.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon Vicarage, Towcester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Cambridge District. — Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 18th. St. Andrew the Great (8), 2.15 to 4.15 p.m., and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emanuel Road. R.C. (8), 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Tickenham, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.** — Jan. 18th, Selston (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Please bring own food.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.** — Reopening of Brown Edge bells, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pointon, 126, North Street, Ball Green, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.** — Annual district meeting, St. Michael's, Basingstoke (All Saints (9) available), Jan. 25th, 2.30. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Farnham District. — Annual general meeting at Farnham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at British Restaurant, Union Road. All welcome, but please let me know if you are coming by Jan. 21st.—C. W. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.** — Cary Deanery. — Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** —Lewisham District. — Meeting, Crayford, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 20th to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting at Benson, Oxon (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to H. Bodger, Dis. Sec., 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon.

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 25th, meeting at Bloxham, 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Full committee meeting, Chelmsford, 3.30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15th. Please reserve date, as business reconstructive and important (for A.G.M.), necessitating meeting earlier than March. Agenda will be posted later. —R. C. Heazel, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch. — Hon. secretary, Charles Rouse. Address, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Gloucester.

#### MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD MEETING AT TUTBURY.

Upwards of 30 members and friends attended the pleasant meeting held at the old Priory Church, Tutbury, on December 21st. Towers in the Guild represented were Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Ashby, Measham, Repton, Overseal, Ticknall, together with visitors from Wolverhampton, Derby (Cathedral and St. Luke's) and Lichfield.

The Vicar (the Rev. N. Edwards) welcomed the members and conducted the Guild service, giving the history of Tutbury bells for the address. In this he spoke of the three bells and one handbell in the tower at the time of the 'Monks' and of the old custom of ringing the curfew and sanctus bell which still continues at Tutbury.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, after which the informal meeting was held, Mr. B. G. Key being in the chair. Four new members, Noreen Brain, Doreen Roden, Allan Foster and L. Chamberlain, of Burton St. Paul's, were elected.

It was resolved to adopt the 1947 meeting card suggested by the committee, and arrangements will be made for the next meeting to be held at Newhall on February 8th.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for use of the bells, etc., to the organist and the ladies who kindly provided the cups of tea, and the meeting closed with the chairman extending seasonable greetings to all present.

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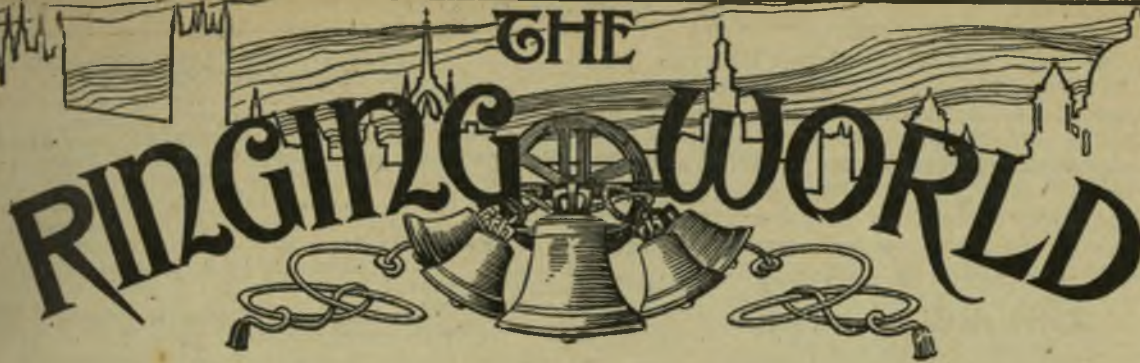
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### RUPERT RICHARDSON

This week the Exercise remembers with gratitude the life of Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, who completed his work on this earth on Sunday morning. There are hundreds of ringers, apart from his kith and kin and those living in the daffodil village of Surfleet, who will thank God for the example of his life. His friends knew that the call could be expected any day, and Rupert also knew. A big man with a big heart is how Rupert will be remembered. His friendship was as firm as a rock and was extended with that open-hearted sincerity and generosity to all who would grasp it. He loved his fellow-men for the good in them; he apprised goodness as some people might cattle, and that was what made him one of nature's gentlemen.

The little Lincolnshire village of Surfleet has for 50 years or more been a name known throughout the Exercise. Its Vicar was the Rev. H. Law James, and during his incumbency Surfleet bells were augmented to 12, the village having the lightest ring of 12 in the country. His churchwarden for many years was Rupert Richardson, who upon his death succeeded him in the Mastership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Rupert regarded his Mastership as a sacred trust; he travelled the county and was familiar with every tower and every band of ringers. For his association he rang 514 peals, the last being at Spalding on September 26th. The only eight-bell tower in the county in which he had not rung a peal was Burgh-le-Marsh, and he had hopes of selecting a band to ring there.

Rupert did not confine his work for the Exercise to his own Guild. He was a familiar figure at meetings of the Central Council, where it frequently fell to his lot to smooth out difficulties. Ringers invariably turned to him when faced with perplexities, and he brought to bear that shrewdness of worldly affairs coupled with a comprehension of ringing problems. He and his wife and daughter were members of the party that toured Australia. British ringing could have had no better representative, not only as a ringer, but in matters of bell hanging he had that knowledge capable of improvising in unexpected emergencies.

'The Ringing World' had in Rupert Richardson a very sincere friend. He realised the importance of the journal to the Exercise, and was ever ready with practical advice to help forward its great work in cementing together ringers into one great brotherhood. The founder-editor,



Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, was held by Rupert with very great affection, and upon his death he was one of the small body who negotiated for this journal to pass out of private ownership into the hands of the Central Council. On Thursday afternoon his friends from far and wide gathered at Surfleet to pay homage to one who gave so freely of his time and energies for the advancement of change ringing. To his widow and daughter, on behalf of the Exercise, we extend our deepest sympathy.

## TEN BELL PEALS

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Tenor 25 cwt.

*F. HOWARTH ... .. Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN ... 6
*T. BARKER ... .. 2	*W. H. CLARKE ... .. 7
†S. TUSON ... .. 3	*KENNETH HALL ... .. 8
JOHN JACKSON ... .. 4	*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 9
†J. CHARNOCK ... .. 5	*W. ILLSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters. J. Charnock's 50th peal.

NOTTINGHAM.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF Treble	FRANK W. BROWN ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	†WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
*DORIS COLEGATE ... .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 8
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 4	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
A. EDMOND CLEMENCE ... 5	RICHARD J. BOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.  
\* First peal on ten. † 50th peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley and the 32nd anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 27 cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	*THOMAS YEOMANS ... .. 7
SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... .. 3	*G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 8
*ARTHUR HOARE ... .. 4	CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 9
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by E. STITCH.  
\* First peal of Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

EWHURST, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Holt's Original. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MISS B. I. MOORE ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 5
PETER DAVY ... .. 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 7
WILKINS MASSEY ... .. 4	T. MARK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14 cwt. in F.  
\*HARRY BRIGGS ... .. Treble | CECIL E. CARR ... .. 5  
\*GERALD F. BALL ... .. 2 | FRANK J. BAILESS ... .. 6  
JOHN H. BAILESS ... .. 3 | ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 7  
E. CHARLES TURNER ... .. 4 | WILLIAM BRIGGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

\* First peal and first attempt.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

*MISS M. J. LAWRENCE Treble	GEOFFREY WATSON ... 5
†PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 6
ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 7
ERIC NOBLES ... .. 4	*GEORGE CARE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.  
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5  
\*PETER F. DAVY ... .. 2 | FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 6  
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3 | HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7  
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4 | T. MARK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 26 cwt.

KENNETH J. JONES ... Treble	*EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 5
*DONALD C. MEARS ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
DONALD C. PRICE ... .. 3	JOHN WELCH ... .. 7
*FRANK W. CROFT ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal in the method.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT MORLEY ... Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 5
CHAS. W. BLAKEY ... .. 2	FRED G. BRADLEY ... .. 6
JAMES BARNES ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 4	ERNEST J. GOWER ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.  
HENRY TOOKE ... Treble | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5  
\*F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2 | GEORGE SAYER ... .. 6  
\*JOHN MOOR ... .. 3 | H. WM. BARRETT ... .. 7  
ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 4 | WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

\* First peal in the method.



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LINCOLN.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Northern Branch.)

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,  
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... Treble	*CYRIL WARD ... 5
†KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 2	‡JACK F. HODSON ... 6
*NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
HAROLD MARCON ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. I. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Little Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 25 lb. 4 lb. in D.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
ERNEST A. THORPE ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
*F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
\* 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 2	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

*THOMAS RILEY ... Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 6
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... 7
JAMES TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (22). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.  
\* First peal.

DERBY.  
THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ALFRED MOULD ... Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
JACK BAILEY ... 2	*EDWIN WILLIAMS ... 6
JACK W. GLEW ... 3	†SIDNEY MERRY ... 7
WM. LANCASTER ... 4	WM. A. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Birthday peal for ringer of 3rd and for wife of the 4th.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DAVID E. PARSONS ... Treble	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 5
*JILL BRITTAIN ... 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
VERNON J. BENNING ... 4	DENIS N. LAYTON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'  
First peal in the method as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
FREDK. A. COLEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Northern Branch.)

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS M. L. LYON ... Treble	*RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 5
*JOHN E. COOK ... 2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 6
*JOHN F. PEARSON ... 3	H. LESLIE PASK ... 7
*JACK F. HODSON ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1946, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	*WILLIAM ROGERS ... 5
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 107). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 26½ cwt.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Treble	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES ... Treble	*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5
*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 2	J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
JAMES A. MURNER ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* First peal in the method.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th the observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... Treble	GEORGE JONES ... 5
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 6
EDWARD U. RODENHURST ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
E. DENNIS POOLE ... 4	†JOHN F. BUTLER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. D. Poole, secretary of the above association, and Miss P. Fletcher on their engagement.



### CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PETER F. DAVY ... ..Treble	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
MAURICE SMITHER ... 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Major.

### HILGAY, NORFOLK.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 17 cwt.

*STANLEY G. ELSEY ...Treble	ARTHUR ROLFE ... .. 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	EDWARD BARKER ... .. 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	CECIL V. EDBERSON ... 7
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

### BERKHAMPTSTEAD, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 15½ cwt.

PATRICIA HOLMES ... ..Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

## SIX BELL PEALS

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*MISS JEAN WARD ...Treble	CHARLES V. CATTELL ... 4
ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 2	*ALAN CATTELL ... .. 5
*JOHN BENNETT ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First Minor peal. First peal of Minor on these bells.

### RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

#### THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

ARTHUR BELLAMY ... ..Treble	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2	HARRY RICHARDSON ... 5
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

Rung on the 12th anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Bellamy.

### MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

An extent each of York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. HENRY HARDING ...Treble	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 4
RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
EDMOND J. HOBBS ... .. 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

Rung as a welcome home from H.M.F. of the ringer of the 2nd.

### WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD S. RUCK ...Treble	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD... 4
*MISS PHYLLIS LOWES... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
RAYMOND J. CARLTON... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal.

### ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,680 St. Simon's and 1,920 Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

LEONARD WALSH ...Treble	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 4
A.C.2 S. SMITH ... .. 2	ROGER LEIGH ... .. 5
KENNETH HINDLE ... .. 3	*JOHN PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. LEIGH.

\* First peal.

### CHESTER-LESTREET, CO. DURHAM.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Seven 720's: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (3) Double Court; (4) Oxford Bob and Double Bob; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt

*SAMUEL C. WALKER ...Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 4
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
JOHN A. BROWN ... .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal of Minor.

### MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*CYRIL HARDING ...Treble	*GILBERT OLDERSHAW ... 4
*MISS FREDA OLDERSHAW ... 2	THOMAS H. CHARLTON ... 5
*HENRY OLDERSHAW ... 3	*THOMAS G. TWEEL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. CHARLTON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

### NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being eight extents Plain Bob, 17 extents Stedman, and 17 extents Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

P. W. J. HARDING ...Treble	DONALD LEE ... .. 4
LAWRENCE HITCHINS ... 2	FREDK. SLATFORD ... 5
RON HARDING ... .. 3	ROY HARDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. W. J. HARDING.

First peal in three methods by all the band and on the bells.

### ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

HERBERT FIELDS ...Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP ... .. 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	BRIAN F. SIMS ... .. 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

### DILHORNE, STAFFS.

#### THE NORTH STAFFSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE DARBYSHIRE ...Treble	WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. 4
EDWARD STEELE ... .. 2	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 5
*WILLIAM POTTS ... .. 3	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

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



**ALMONDSBURY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.**—On Dec. 6th at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Roberts 1, H. Armitage (first quarter as conductor) 2, E. Pickles 3, W. E. Dransfield 4, C. Smithies 5, A. Bond 6, W. Halliwell 7, J. Newton 8.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove 1, D. Lamb 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, Kathleen E. Fletcher 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, S. Hatfield 8. First in the method for ringers of 2 and 5, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 24th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. A. Campbell (first quarter) 1, H. Sear 2, J. Meager 3, W. Daniels 4, S. Smith 5, F. Sear (conductor) 6, F. Stenton 7, H. Pearson 8. Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to the Rector and Mrs. Allan Campbell.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss G. Murkitt 3, Miss M. Jaycock 4, Miss P. Holmes 5, G. Gilbert 6, G. C. Goodman 7, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 8. First quarter of Minor by 3, 4 and 5. Rung because of absenteeism by two of peal band.

**CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.**—On Dec. 26th at the Roman Catholic Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. J. Ellis 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. Brighton 3, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 4, C. W. Otley 5, E. W. Furbank 6, H. Belcher 7, J. Bullock 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise on the bells.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.**—On Dec. 11th at the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Mordue 1, J. A. Brown (conductor) 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, J. W. Robson 4, W. F. Sheraton 5, P. Fisher 6, S. C. Walker 7, W. Nicholson 8. Rung for the anniversary of the King's Accession.

**CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: Miss E. Ryder 1, H. G. Dwelly 2, Miss F. M. Price 3, J. H. Price 4, J. Swain 5, H. Swain (conductor) 6. First quarter for ringers of 1 2 and 5.

## QUARTER PEALS

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 25th, at Holy Trinity, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Duffield 1, W. Woodward 2, J. Meakes 3, K. Seymour 4, R. Wright 5, W. Avery (conductor) 6. First quarter by all the band, and the first quarter on the bells by the local service ringers for at least 25 years.

**LIVERPOOL.**—On Dec. 25th at St. Francis Xavier's, 1,280 Bob Major: Thomas Egan 1, Thomas Lee 2, Thomas Riley 3, Thomas W. Hammond 4, George R. Newton (conductor) 5, Thomas S. Horridge 6, Thomas W. Hesketh 7, Frederick S. Almond 8.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Cathedral on Dec. 25th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: G. Flintham 1, Miss M. Lyon 2, S. A. Chambers 3, J. Walden 4, R. F. Smith 5, L. Snell 6, H. L. Pask 7, W. Tomlinson 8, J. Freeman 9, G. M. Mayer 10, J. L. Millhouse (first quarter as conductor of Cinques) 11, H. Lowman 12.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On Dec. 24th, at the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bales 1, T. Goodchild 2, G. Martin 3, W. Walker 4, W. Judd 5, G. Lister 6, J. Eldridge (conductor) 7, E. Eldridge 8.

**MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.**—On Dec. 24th, at the Church of St. Dionysius, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Windram (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Barrow 2, W. Wallington 3, F. Wallington 4, A. Millward 5, G. Hollick (first quarter as conductor in method) 6, W. Hector 7, Police-Sergt. J. W. Rawson 8.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Gardner (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, F. Casley 3, H. S. Arbin 4, T. Pink 5, W. Vince 6, C. Ward (conductor) 7, D. Tinsley 8.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 22nd, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Southgate 1, T. Cross 2, G. A. Naylor 3, E. Naylor 4, B. Edwards 5, W. J. Walker (conductor) 6, F. J. Ochal 7, W. Hollands 8. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to William J. Walker.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Dec. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. P. Cook 1, J. D. Harris 2, H. A. Nobes 3, F. W. Burnett 4, W. Tate 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

**SHROTON, DORSET.**—At St. Mary's Church on Dec. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. Martin 1, W. G. Damen (conductor) 2, E. Harvey 3, R. Woodland 4, G. W. Dennis 5, A. Woodland 6.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, H. Hofton 3, J. N. Jukes 4, H. Shepherd 5, T. Warner 6, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 7, J. A. Bragg 8.

**ST. ALBANS.**—On Dec. 25th at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. T. Payne 1, A. B. Halsey 2, E. Hunt 3, A. E. Halsey 4, S. Farmer 5, F. Kirk (conductor) 6.

**TILSWORTH, BEDS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Minor, consisting of 340 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob: Miss J. Newman 1, R. J. Scott 2, H. C. Hillyard 3, V. Conquest 4, W. A. Twidell 5, J. G. Newman (conductor) 6.

**TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court, 360 Double Oxford and 180 St. Clement's): Mrs. J. Newman 1, Miss J. Newman 2, E. J. Scott 3, F. Cook 4, W. A. Twidell 5, J. G. Newman (conductor) 6.

**TREDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Dec. 25th, at St. Gregory's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, ten different callings: D. R. Arthur 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, C. Matthews 3, F. H. Oldnall 4, S. W. Arthur 5, H. Hawcutt 6. First quarter for ringers of 1 and 6. First quarter-peal on the bells since their rehanging.

**WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,344 Bob Major on handbells: Miss Joyce Gaymer 1-2, Miss Margaret Fiddell 3-4, W. H. Barber (conductor) 5-6, Miss Hilda Stobbs 7-8.

**UPWEY, DORSET.**—On Dec. 26th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Osmond 1, Mrs. G. Hampton 2, L. G. Dugtuid (first quarter) 3, S. J. Bryant 4, C. Smart (conductor) 5, E. Gillam 6.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

A new handbell record has been established by that versatile Lincolnshire trio, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. George E. Feirn. They have rung a peal of Minor in 53 methods, involving 129 changes of method. Full details in due course.

Oxford University Society are planning a big programme for the 75th anniversary of their foundation. Celebrations will take place on February 1st and will include a service in St. Mary's and a dinner.

Deddington bells, writes Mr. G. Noice, of Winchester, are not the only bells to be inscribed with a ringer's name. The tenth bell at Winchester Cathedral bears the inscription, 'W. Andrews, captain.'

The name of the 4th ringer in the peal of Little Bob Major at Measham on Wednesday, December 4th, was E. W. Beadsmoore and not William H. Beadsmoore.

It was very fitting that with the handbell peal at Leicester on the last day of the old year, Mr. Ernest Morris rang his 50th peal for the Guild, in the Guild's first year.

Alford and Mablethorpe ringers on a proselytising mission in the art of change ringing visited Legbourne on January 4th. These five very fine toned bells were installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. 50 years ago and the present ropes are stated to be the original ones fitted to the bells. This could well be believed as the sallies were in an advanced state of baldness and the rope ends appear to have been renewed from time to time with rope in similar thickness to that used by wagons. As a result of the visit there is a prospect of new ropes.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Dr. John E. Spice has called another first in a method. On Dec. 28th the first peal of Glasgow Surprise Major was rung for the Kent County Association at Frindsbury, Kent. It was a profitable vacation with peals of Superlative at Sittingbourne, Cambridge at Melton and Double Norwich at Gravesend, besides a Stedman Caters in hand.

At Minster, Sheppey, Kent, there is a young hand with an average age of 16½ who on Christmas Day rang 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. They were J. G. Rooke 1, E. Benyon 2, J. M. Watson (first quarter inside) 3, P. C. W. Neal 4, S. M. Evans (conductor) 5, B. S. McArthur (first quarter) 6. And now for the peal!

The regular Sunday ringers at SS. Peter and Mary's, Stowmarket, rang the peal of Bob Major recorded in January 3rd issue.

Mr. Lionel H. Pink informs us that the peal of Minor in three methods on November 30th was rung at Lytchett Minster and not Lytchett Matravers as published.

Will conductors please arrange for only one report of a peal to be sent in? If a peal does not appear and a second copy is forwarded, please mark it 'duplicate.' We regret two duplications recently. Christmas and New Year ringing has been prolific. Apart from those in this issue, there are another 54 peals to be published. As soon as paper arrives we will publish a 16 page issue.

A surprise awaited Mr. R. A. Reed while a patient in the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, by the visit of Mr. George Noice, of the Winchester Cathedral band, and his daughter to give a handbell display. Mr. Reed was able to participate in a course of Doubles. Although Mr. Noice has given this entertainment regularly every year, this is the first time he has met another ringer able to participate in change ringing with him.

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# UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION RE-UNION

BISHOP OF LONDON AND THE CHURCH'S TASK.....YOUNG RINGERS AND HOLY ORDERS.....DR. SPICE  
RESIGNS SECRETARYSHIP ..... THIRTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS

The third annual dinner of the Universities' Association was held in London on January 1st. During the day there was ringing at St. Mary's, Battersea. St. Mary Abbot's, St. Stephen's, Westminster. St. Mary's, Lambeth, and St. Gabriel's, Pimlico; one novelty was a course of spliced Double Norwich and Bristol (a production of the fertile brain of Mr. B. D. Price) at St. Stephen's, Westminster.

The service was held at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, when the preacher was the Bishop of London (Dr. J. W. C. Wand).

The Bishop, in his address, said: In these days of trials and anxieties a great opportunity lies before the Church of God, and signs are not wanting that the mass of the people may be readier than is sometimes thought for a return to Christianity. It is, therefore, your duty, as church workers, to look forward to the Church's task, and to see how best to forward it. I am going to suggest three ways by which such an approach can be made.

The first of these is by way of conduct and morals. It is widely recognised that society as we know it is in danger of a break-up, and that we are perilously near to sliding into a state of neo-paganism. But men and women are beginning to see that whereas man cannot work out his own salvation God can and will help him, and that the way back to stable homes and a stable society can only come through Christianity.

Thus, during my recent visit to Germany, members of the Forces frequently asked me just what demands are made on the individual by Christianity. In the past it has often been said that doctrine and dogma were unnecessary adjuncts to the Gospel message; but whenever doctrine and dogma have been dispensed with, then has Christianity tended to degenerate into a rather vague ethical system, and its force has been greatly weakened. So it is necessary for all professing Christians to be able to show just what the acceptance of Christian doctrine implies in our daily life—and this task can be best approached by pointing out the collapse of moral standards.

Christianity must secondly be approached through faith. The truths of Christianity are unchanging, but these doctrines need to be explained afresh to each generation, that their significance may always be apprehended. There are thousands upon thousands of people in this country to-day who simply do not understand the language of religious truth or the liturgical tradition of the English Church. For instance, when I was the Dean of an Oxford college, I was rather proud of a simplified yet beautiful service which we used to hold in the chapel on Sunday evenings. One day I was pleased to see at the service an American Rhodes Scholar. Next morning I asked him what he thought of it (he was a Christian Scientist) and received the reply that he had thought it was 'just a joke.' There are and will be tensions between the demand from those outside the Church for simpler services 'which everyone can understand' and the demand from those inside for richer and more beautiful services. For these reasons we must have a body of people who can translate Christian doctrines and ideas into everyday language.

The third line of approach to Christianity is through worship. Christianity is life itself, and its highest expression is in the adoration of God, our maker and redeemer—that is to say, in worship. The greatest popular heresy in England to-day is that Christianity is a sentiment; 99 per cent. of the people of this land are nominally Christian, but only a very small proportion observe the obligations of Christianity. On the contrary, Christianity is

the life of Christ imbedded in the life of every member of the Church, which is the body of Christ. Christianity is intensely practical, as witness the importance given to the body in the marriage service. It is, therefore, essential to bring the people back to church. Once again we must be practical, and here I would urge the general acceptance of a bedrock rule such as the Archbishop of York has recently recommended—that all members of the Church should join in public worship at least once every Sunday. Such a rule should appeal especially to you, as you must feel particularly hurt when your invitation to come and worship is ignored.

A collection was taken for the Bishop of London's Reconstruction Fund.

## THE DINNER.

Some 70 members and guests sat down to dinner at the Shakespeare Hotel. The visitors included the Lord Bishop, the Rev. H. E. Farrington (Vicar of St. Gabriel's) and Messrs. A. A. Hughes, G. H. Cross, C. W. Roberts, P. A. Corby and C. M. Meyer. After the loyal toast, a course of Double Norwich on handbells was rung in fine style by two members of the Oxford University Society and two members of the Cambridge University Guild.

The President (Mr. E. H. Lewis), in welcoming the visitors, spoke of the functions of the Universities' Association. It had proved, he said, and was proving, most useful in the training of missionaries for ringing who would go out from the universities and carry with them to all parts of the country the love of change ringing, and who from their university training could be expected to be well qualified in the teaching of the Exercise.

The secretary, Dr. J. E. Spice, proposed the toast of 'The Universities' Association,' first reading an apology for absence from Rev. A. C. G. Thurlow and a letter from Rev. M. Melville. He reviewed the year's activities and then the progress of the association since its formation. Last year's ringing week had seen two innovations which he hoped would become institutions—namely, the holding during the week of a Corporate Communion and of an informal concert. The time had now come for him to resign the secretaryship, but he had no doubt that the association would go on from strength to strength.

Miss Cross proposed a toast to 'The Ringing Visitors.' She stressed the fact that the main work of the Universities' Association was in teaching and, more important, in teaching how to teach, and she thanked the visitors and the various ringing organisations they represented for all they had done and were doing to help the association in various ways.

Mr. A. A. Hughes responded. He said that it was a pleasure for those ringers in London to do all they could to help. The Universities' Association was doing some very good work and the Exercise would reap the benefit in the years to come.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, in proposing the toast to 'The Clergy,' spoke of the happy memories he had of his early associations with the clergy of the Cambridge University Guild. He was sorry so few young ringers were now entering the Church—only 20 per cent. of the C.U.G. were now in orders. The great thing was to increase the numbers of ringing clergy. He congratulated the secretary on his engagement and announced the engagement of two well-known members of the U.A.C.R.—Mr. C. W. Woolley and Miss M. D. Telford.

Dr. Wand replied. He thought it was hard luck to have to work overtime like this, but he had greatly enjoyed the dinner and appreciated the pains Mr. Haynes had taken to draw the moral from his sermon. He now saw that his life had been largely wasted, for

when he was at Oxford he did not take up ringing. Had he known that there were lady ringers (was that why the association seemed so flourishing?) he might have done so. But it was a great pleasure to him now to meet so many ringers.

## THIRTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS.

During the general meeting which followed, the secretary reported on the favourable financial position—there was a balance in hand of £12 2s. 9d.—and the election of 36 new members was confirmed. The secretary then explained that for various reasons he had decided that it was time for him to resign office. The committee recommended that Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher be appointed as the new secretary, and this was unanimously agreed.

The President paid tribute to the late secretary's work. He had been doubtful at first about the wisdom of forming the U.A.C.R., but now he knew that it had been a good thing, and the fine work done had been largely due to Dr. Spice's efforts. The Rev. C. E. Wigg said that the late secretary's organising powers seemed to him incredible and that his amazement was always growing. He was especially grateful for the work he had done at Oxford. Dr. Spice, in expressing his thanks for these tributes, said that he had enjoyed the work and that he wished Dr. Hatcher every success.

## A BOXING DAY TOUR IN THE NORTH-EAST

Ringers from Newcastle-on-Tyne and Thornaby-on-Tees joined forces for a busman's holiday on Teeside during Boxing Day. The rendezvous was the Church of St. Thomas, Stockton, and the bells were raised soon after 10.30 a.m. Stockton bells, a ring of ten with tenor 27½ cwt., have not been rung regularly for many years, and with the inevitable result of neglect have fallen into poor state of repair. Several adjustments, including the freeing of two ropes from the clock works, had to be made before the bells could be raised, but after some valiant efforts touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

The next call was Thornaby Parish Church, about one mile from Stockton on the south side of the River Tees. Here is a pretty little eight, tenor 11 cwt., by Llewellyn and James, and several good touches were brought round before adjourning to headquarters for the day—chez Addison. A truly sumptuous Christmas repast awaited the party here, but instead of being allowed to sit back and 'sleep it off,' the energetic host paraded the party for the journey to Middlesbrough.

St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, was for many years one of the mainstays of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, but like many other towers it is undergoing a period of lean years. On entering this belfry it was found that there was no lighting in the ringing room, but with the Vicar's kind assistance two candles came to the rescue and ringing on this eight, tenor 12 cwt., was enjoyed by candle-light—a novel feature, with the ropes flashing grotesque shadows on the white walls.

A return was then made to Thornaby and more ringing enjoyed there until retiring to H.Q. for further festivities and handbell ringing. A very enjoyable day concluded with votes of thanks to the host-cum-organiser and hostess, and the 'Geordie' contingent departing on the long trek back home. K.A.

HONTON CLYST, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Retter 1. Miss Q. Pring 2. G. E. Retter (conductor) 3. E. E. Retter 4. J. Salway 5. G. Richards 6.



## Selby and District Society

### A PROGRESSIVE FIRST YEAR.

Representatives from Barnby Don, Carlton, Doncaster, Eastrington, Escrick, Goole, Hemmingbrough, Howden, Hull, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Thorne, together with visitors from West Hartlepool, gathered at Selby on January 4th for the first annual meeting of the society. Unfortunately a broken stay at the start of ringing prevented full use being made of the fine peal of ten bells, but a good company made the best of the back eight.

A short service was held in the Abbey, conducted by the Vicar of Selby (the Rev. F. Read).

Following tea in the Hawdon Institute came the business meeting, with the Rev. F. Read in the chair. He extended a warm welcome to the members with a special greeting to the ladies, whose increasing numbers he described as a sign of the times.

The secretary in his report claimed that the society had had a successful first year. He thought that the clergy could do a little more towards encouraging young people to come forward and take up the art of change ringing. The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance in hand.

Future meetings are to be held on the third Saturday in each month during the coming year instead of the first Saturday. A rota of meetings for 1947 was approved. The possibility of an annual outing was discussed and referred to the committee for arrangements.

The society is taking a great interest in the new ring of six bells at Carlton and the proposed new ring at Brayton. Collections are to be taken at each meeting during 1947 and divided between the two appeals.

A set of rules for the management of the society was approved by the meeting.

The following officers were elected: President, the Vicar of Selby; vice-presidents, the incumbents at each tower visited by the society; chairman, Mr. H. Morley; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Terry; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Foster; committee, chairman, Ringing Master, secretary, treasurer, together with Messrs. J. Taylor and E. Bradley.

The Rev. E. Lawson Brewis, Vicar of Carlton, thanked the members for electing him vice-president and gave a short account of the progress of the Carlton ring which was now installed. Thanks were accorded the Vicar of Selby for permission to hold the meeting and for the service.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

An enjoyable time was spent by the Southern District of the Surrey Association at their meeting at Godstone on December 14th. Ringers were present from Burstow, Croydon, Horley, Limsfield Chart, Redhill and Reigate, together with the local company. The bells were available from 3 p.m. and everyone was able to take part in the ringing.

The Rector (the Rev. G. H. P. Karney) welcomed the visitors and conducted evensong, giving an interesting address.

Following tea the business meeting was held, presided over by the Master of the Surrey Association (Mr. D. Cooper). Interesting discussions on ringing matters took place, and it was agreed that by-monthly meetings be held in future to maintain and further the interest in change ringing. Six new members were elected. Subject to arrangements being possible, it was decided to hold the annual district meeting of the association at Belchworth early in February.

The thanks of all present were expressed by the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Gear) to the Rector for allowing the use of the bells and for conducting the service; also to Miss Barbara Meyers for making the arrangements for tea and meeting. The Rector expressed his pleasure at having the association meeting at Godstone, and assured them of a welcome whenever they could come.

## Record Peal Tablet

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD  
AND THE  
OXFORD SOCIETY'S CHANGE RINGERS  
ON SATURDAY AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> 1946. RANG ON  
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ALFRED BALLARD	III	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	IX
ARTHUR H. REED	IV	RICHARD A. POST	X
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	V	RICHARD WHITE	XI
SYDNEY T. HOLT	VI	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	TENOR

COMPOSED BY CHARLES W. ROBERTS  
CONDUCTED BY WALTER F. JUDGE  
THE VERY REV. JOHN LOWE D.D. DEAN

In slate with incised silver lettering, this tablet has been unveiled in the belfry of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. It is the work of a ringercraftsman, Mr. Albert E. Lock.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### MEETING AT THORINGTON.

The musical ring of six at Thorington only attracted 22 members for the annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association on January 4th. Towers represented were Clacton-on-Sea, Little Clacton, Chesterfield, Colchester, Harwich, Kirby-le-Soken, Mistley, Thorpe, Shimpling, Wormingford and Thorington.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Wilcox) with members of the Thorington choir present, and an interesting address was given by Mr. T. B. Millatt (lay reader), who narrated the history of the local bells from 1450 to present times, and especially mentioned the part played by Mr. G. A. Andrews and family in developing and maintaining interest in ringing.

Cups of tea were provided by wives of local ringers in the Church Hall, and at the business meeting the Master (Mr. C. J. Ellis) asked members to stand in silence in memory of Mr. F. L. Bumpstead, who was for many years steeplekeeper at St. Peter's, Colchester.

After the retiring Master had been re-elected the meeting received with deep regret the resignation of Mr. L. Wright as hon. district secretary. The Master spoke in appreciative terms of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Wright during the difficult war years, and the thanks of the district to them were recorded on the minutes. Mr. H. J. Millatt was elected district secretary, and Mr. G. Waterman and Mr. A. Andrews to the committee. Mr. A. E. Honeywood (Mistley) and Mrs. G. Button (Thorington) were elected ringing members. The next meeting will be held at Wormingford in the spring.

Some discussion followed on proposals to increase annual subscriptions to 2s. 6d., and members expressed their readiness to do this so as to keep the association on a sound footing. Finally the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mr. T. Millatt, the choir and organist, which was heartily carried. A return was then made to the belfry, where the bells were kept going in many methods from Bob Doubles to Cambridge.

## Salisbury Diocesan Guild

### DEVIZES BRANCH AT WESTBURY.

The annual meeting of Devizes Branch was held on January 4th at the Church of All Saints, Westbury, attended by 55 ringers representing the towers of Bratton, Bishops Cannings, Hoit, Keevil, Longbridge Deverell, Meckham, North Bradley, Southbroom, Devizes, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury, with visitors from Amesbury, Bath, Bristol, Corsham, Clevedon, Deddington (Oxon), Kington Magna, Long Ashton, Peterborough, Reading and Salisbury.

The fine ring of bells (tenor 35 cwt.) was raised for ringing at 3 p.m., and methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, followed by tea at the Lopes Arms Hotel.

Mr. E. F. White, the branch chairman, presided over the business meeting, when officers elected were: Mr. White (chairman), Mr. A. T. Weeks (vice-chairman), Mr. W. C. West (secretary), Mr. Harold Smith (assistant secretary), Mr. P. Harding and Mr. E. Parker (Ringing Masters).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said how pleased he was to attend this meeting and to see so many young ringers present.

## DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The last meeting of the year was held at Ripley on December 28th, when the attendance was below the average. A good range of methods was practised, including Bob Major, Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Duffield, Spiced Treble Bob, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The next district meeting was arranged for St. Andrew's, Derby, on January 25th, but ringers were reminded of the quarterly meeting to be held at St. Peter's on January 11th.

A good discussion developed on the best way to cater for learners at district meetings; the general opinion was that the present method was the best, viz., the ringing of an advanced method, and then a simple method, as this gave general satisfaction.

The secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) gave a short resume of the year's activities, stating that 15 meetings had been held with an average attendance of 35. Twelve new hon. members and 17 new ringing members had been elected.

Ringing continued until 7.30 when the bells were lowered excellently in peal to everyone's satisfaction.—W.L.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. CHELTENHAM BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, on January 4th. Tea was provided by invitation of the Parish Church ringers and there were several distinguished visitors present, including the Mayor of Cheltenham, the Rector, Mr. Ride (churchwarden) and 50 ringers from Cheltenham (St. Mary's and St. Mark's), Leckhampton, Charlton Kings, Prestbury, Bishop's Cleeve, Badgeworth, Alderton, Swindon Village, Gloucester, Hempstead, Norton, Stonehouse, Swindon, Hinton-on-the-Green, Southampton, Upton-on-Severn and Churchdown.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. D. R. Griffiths, curate, being in the chair. Mr. W. Dyer, St. Mary's, was re-elected chairman. Mr. S. Taylor not being able, through business reasons, to continue as secretary, Mr. Charles Rouse was appointed on the proposition of Mr. C. Aston. Mr. G. Simmons was re-elected as representative on the Management Committee. Members heard with regret of the death on the previous day of Mr. J. Causon, of Charlton Kings.

There were so many present that Mr. Dyer, chairman of the branch and captain of the tower, was unable to get hold of a rope.

The service at St. Mary's was conducted by the Rector, Canon Goodliffe.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

Sir,—Would it not be possible for some influential member of the band to suggest to the Dean of Westminster that the time has come for the reopening of Westminster Abbey belfry to visiting ringers? I have to-day been standing outside the Abbey listening to some very well-struck Stedman Triples being rung on 1-3-4-5-6-7-8 with the tenor turned in and the 2nd omitted, presumably because the band was one short.

The ringing at the Abbey always has been and should continue to be of a very high standard, and it seems a pity that on one of the greatest feasts of the Church's year, Epiphany, the full ring of eight could not be rung.

There must be other ringers who, like myself, work within a few hundred yards of the tower and who would be honoured to be able to help with the ringing there, but are denied entrance to the belfry. After all, the original accident which caused the ban on visiting ringers—the breaking of the tenor stay by a visitor—was something which might have happened to anyone, and surely does not in these difficult days justify continuance of the ban.—Yours faithfully,  
PETER N. BOND.

18, Orchard Road, Riverhead,  
near Sevenoaks.

## AUSTRALIA'S WELCOME

Dear Sir,—On receipt this week of 'The Ringing World' dated November 8th, I was very interested in the letter from Mr. Trotman in regard to the likelihood of ringers coming to Australia.

If any of the associations in England who have ringers in this contingent write to me I can assure them that their members will be most cordially welcomed. As far as Sydney towers are concerned, new ringers with an expert knowledge of conducting and ringing in seven and eight bell methods would be of inestimable value in teaching our ringers the finer points of change ringing.

We have six towers in Sydney, and if we were fortunate enough to get a dozen or so ringers of experience it would improve our ringing considerably.

Trusting that any intending immigrants will either write to me or their associations.—Yours faithfully,  
W. ROWE, Hon. Sec.,  
N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers.

## CHRISTMAS BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—Re the above from East Hagbourne, the broadcast was a feature programme called 'Country Carol,' lasting 14½ minutes made up as follows: The bells, carols, a message from the Vicar, carols with the bells fading out. It was a recording made on Sunday, December 22nd, especially for overseas broadcast on Christmas Eve, on 16, 19 and 25 metres. As we were not informed of the wave-lengths till Saturday, December 21st, there was not time to send them to 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,  
E.R.R.  
East Hagbourne, Berks.

## THE LATE MR. C. R. WALKER

At the last meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers a sub-committee was appointed to go into the question of erecting a memorial to the late Mr. C. R. Walker, of Newton Abbot. The committee now recommend that a memorial tablet be erected in one of the churches in the neighbourhood, subject to the consent of the Parochial Church Council.

The committee also resolved that an appeal for funds be launched forthwith, and any donations which any friends of the late Mr. Walker may wish to make will be gratefully received by the branch secretary, Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Cornerways, Buckfastleigh, and acknowledged through 'The Ringing World.'

## CHRISTMAS EVE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Re Nomad's letter, 'Salute the Happy Morn,' I think my brother and I equalled his exploit. Leaving Wickford by bus in a dense fog on Christmas Eve at 9.15 p.m., we arrived at Prittlewell Church and rang from 10.30 p.m. till midnight, preceding the midnight service.

Owing to bad travelling conditions, the car which should have conveyed us home failed to arrive. We had no alternative but to walk the 12 miles home. Leaving Prittlewell Church at 12.10 a.m., we plodded on with heavy hearts and sagging knees.

After completing about 10 miles of the journey, my brother cracked a joke. He told me he did not go out for the ringing, but just for the walk! On reaching my brother's residence, he invited me to step inside and partake of liquid refreshment. This was the opportunity I had been waiting for, and I was quick to inform him that I did not come out for a drink, but just to stretch my legs. I continued on my weary way for another mile, reaching home at 3.49 a.m. and retired to bed at 4.15 a.m.—Yours faithfully,  
W. S. MAY.

Wickford, Essex.  
[Note.—A letter confirming this walk has been received from Mr. Frank B. Lufkin.—Editor.]

## SALUTE THE HAPPY MORN!

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Nomad,' on Whit Sunday, 1938, when Sandhurst bells were being rehung, I arose at 4.30 a.m., cycled into Wokingham (5½ miles) and rang for the 6 o'clock service, then rode on to Finchampstead, arriving in time to ring for the 7 a.m. service, then returned to Sandhurst and attended the 8 o'clock celebration at St. Michael's. Last Easter I cycled to Yateley (two miles), rang for the 6 a.m. service and then returned to Sandhurst and rang for 7 a.m. service, also matins and evensong.—Yours faithfully,  
Sandhurst, Berks.  
W. J. PARKER.

## BISHOP OF LONDON'S MESSAGE

Dear Sir,—I have been following with interest the recent correspondence about ringers and churchgoing, and I am sure that there is much truth in the contentions of Mr. Post and Miss Bedford, to name only two of your correspondents. It seems to me that the sermon preached to the Universities' Association on New Year's Day by the Bishop of London was very relevant to the present discussion. May I, therefore, crave your indulgence by asking you to print a report of this sermon? It is somewhat unusual matter for 'The Ringing World,' but I am convinced that all ringers would do well to take its contents to heart.—Yours sincerely,  
JOHN E. SPICE.

33, Hartington Road, Liverpool, 8.

## A WARNING

Dear Sir,—Once again some despicable creature is trying to trade on the brotherhood and spirit of generosity existing among ringers. Recently an elderly man, who claimed to be William Green, a ringer from Leominster, called on several ringers in Coventry, told a plausible story about being stranded without money to get home, after visiting a son in hospital at Newark, and only wanted to borrow 14s. odd to pay his fare.

After making an appointment to meet him later at the railway station, I checked up on one of his statements and found it to be false, so I was therefore not surprised that he did not keep the appointment. As far as I know at present, I am pleased to say that the caller was no more successful with any of his other visits in this district, but it might easily have been otherwise. Hence this warning to all those who read 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,  
FRANK W. PERRENS.

45, Engleton Road, Coventry.

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## DEATHS

HARE.—On Jan. 2nd, 1947, at Church View, Woodston, Peterborough, Rachel Mary Hare, the dear mother of Mrs. H. J. Poole. Cremated at Leicester, Jan. 6th.

RICHARDSON.—On Jan. 13th, 1947, at Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Rupert, dearly loved husband of Annie Richardson, aged 64.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District. — Annual general district meeting at Galleywood on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Howden Institute. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards (Howden Institute). — L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — West Mall (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

E S S E X ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Annual district meeting at Braintree (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., Black Notley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, at St. Albans. St. Peter's bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Abbey Restaurant 5 p.m., followed by business. Cathedral bells available in evening. Names for tea, please.—R. Darvill, Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans.



**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The Royston (6) bells have been recast and will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 3. Bells open to all after the service and all are welcome. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (All Saints') 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.** — Ely Branch.—Annual, Ely St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., St. Mary's Café (almost opposite), 2s.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stourbridge, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** —Northern Branch. — Gainsborough District annual meeting, All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.15.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Hunts District. — Great Staughton, Saturday, Jan 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Mr. Lack's, 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Fareham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, C. of E. School.—R. J. Stone, Dis. Sec.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — Hawkhurst, Jan. 18th. Start 3. Tea 5.30. Please notify W. Gorringe, Hawkhurst. Election of officers at business meeting. — J. G. Powell.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service at St. Thomas' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Downton (8), Amesbury (8), SS. Thomas and Martin (8), St. Paul's, Wilton, South Newton (6). Notification for tea to W. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

**SALISBURY GUILD.** — Dorchester Branch. — Annual meeting, Dorchester, Jan. 18th. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. George's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4. Tea and business, St. Peter's Institute, 5. Numbers to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** —Southern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business at Five Bells Inn.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Cambridge District. — Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 18th. St. Andrew the Great (8), 2.15 to 4.15 p.m., and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emanuel Road. R.C. (8), 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Further ringing in evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.** — Annual district meeting, St. Michael's, Basingstoke (All Saints (9) available), Jan. 25th, 2.30. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Farnham District. — Annual general meeting at Farnham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at British Restaurant, Union Road. All welcome, but please let me know if you are coming by Jan. 21st.—C. W. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.** — Cary Deanery. — Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sellars, King Street, Kirton, near Boston, by Tuesday, Jan. 21st.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** —Lewisham District. — Meeting, Crayford, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 20th to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting at Benson, Oxon (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to H. Badger, Dis. Sec., 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon.

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 25th, meeting at Bloxham, 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.** —Northern District.—Annual meeting, Royston, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 23rd to Rev. Canon F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston, Herts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Pevensey, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2.30 p.m., Westham, 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—John Downing, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Clewer, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3.30 p.m. Annual committee meeting. Cups of tea only.—A. D. Barker.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual meeting at Doncaster, Jan. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m.—W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, Doncaster.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting, Worle (6), Saturday, Jan. 25th, 6.30 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hill Road, Sandford, Bristol.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Chippenham Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Please notify for tea.—H. Marsh, 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.** — Rossendale Branch.—Helmshore (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson.

**BOURNEMOUTH RALLY AND DINNER.** Jan. 25th. Ringing arrangements: Christchurch Priory (12), 1.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (afternoon from 2.30 if desired); Poole, St. James' (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. John's, Surrey Road, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Peter's, 4 p.m. to 5.30.—Arthur V. Davis, 16, Alma Road, Bournemouth.



**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—A. M. Guy.

**ESSEX ASSN.**—North-Western District.—Annual general meeting, Harlow Town, (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Jan. 23rd, please.—G. Blake, Hon. Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol Rural.—Annual, Bitton (8), January 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—D. W. Gardner, Mangotsfield.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Melton District.—Annual meeting Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to R. Mount, Old Rectory, Waltham, by Thursday, the 23rd.—J. H. Cook.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport, St. George's, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

**SALISBURY ASSN.**—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting at Calne, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please advise early for tea.—Louisa Wilson, Hon. Sec.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers by Jan. 20th.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Saturday, Jan. 25th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Northampton, Jan. 25th. Committee 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 25th, All Saints'. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Business meeting, Cathedral belfry, 4.45 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., Globe Hotel. Ringing at Cathedral, 7-8 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 22nd to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Branch annual meeting, Peterborough, St. Mary's, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at Bolton Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Raunds (8 bells), Jan. 25th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 21st to E. E. Whitmore, Bridge Street, Raunds.—W. R. Butcher, Hon. Sec.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Derby District.—Next meeting, Derby, St. Andrew's, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business 6 p.m. in belfry.—Wm. Lancaster.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Annual meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names to E. Bristow, 22, Sunnyside Road, Hemel Hempstead, by Wednesday, 22nd inst.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Annual meeting at Bedford, Saturday, Jan. 25th. St. Peter's bells (6) 3-5 p.m. Tea and meeting at Trades Club 5.30 p.m. St. Paul's bells (10) 7-9 p.m.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSN.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Betchworth, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) at the Barley Mow 6 p.m. Meeting follows same place. Names for tea by Jan. 29th please.—Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Full particulars later.—B. W. May, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Petersfield. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting in choir vestry 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Rendezvous Cafe 5. Numbers for tea by Jan. 27th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Annual, Eastwood, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Election of officers, etc. Names to Mr. J. Johnson, 29, Church Street, Eastwood, by Jan. 28th.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.**—South and West District.—St. Mary's, Acton. On Saturday, Feb. 1st, by invitation of the Rector, a special meeting will be held. Bells from 2.30 p.m. A service of dedication will be held at 3.45 p.m., during which a record of seven peals will be unveiled by the Regius Professor of Divinity, Canon Leonard Hodgson, D.D., of Christ Church, Oxford, and a letter from the Bishop of London will be read. The Rector heartily invites members of both districts, and especially those who took part in any of the peals, to be present at the service, and to take tea with him afterwards. Names to the undersigned by Jan. 29th. Ringing afterwards.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13. Perivale 5320.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Miss J. Holman, 4, Lion Terrace, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 29th. Subscriptions for 1947 are due.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Annual, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Feb. 1st, St. Mary's (10), 2.30-3.30. Service and meeting at St. Chad's, 3.45. Tea at Ward's 5.30. St. Chad's (12), 7-8.—E. D. Poole.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 28th, please.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Dadds 1, Miss B. Solly 2, A. J. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, B. Luck 5, F. G. Gadsden (conductor) 6, A. Hinkley 7, H. Lade 8.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Laurence's Church on Dec. 24th, 1,261 Stedman Caters: Miss P. Hart 1, Mrs. D. Catterall 2, R. W. Rex 3, W. Lewington 4, C. Watts 5, C. Pullen 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, G. Foxell 8, P. Dyke 9, E. G. Foster 10.



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### THE CHURCH'S PENNY

Last year the Church paid the writer one penny for every occasion he rang for a service, and in consequence in the eyes of those who regard ringing as a sport he lost his amateur status. Probably most Sunday service ringers come within the same category. 'Don't ring like an amateur' is a saying frequently addressed to young ringers who have temporarily fallen from grace. The inference behind the observation is that professionalism denotes a certain grade of efficiency, a pride of craftsmanship or ability. Payment denotes a contract, and by the acceptance of the penny the individual becomes the servant of the Church.

Now there are types of professionalism in ringing which are viewed with disfavour by a number of guilds. Ringing for prize money has been condemned. In the areas of the Devon and Salisbury Guilds the opposition is definite, and in Cornwall competitions among call change ringers have been regarded with displeasure. The Salisbury Guild intervened in the matter of an Australian legacy which had as its objective the offering of prizes at ringing competitions in a Dorset town. It has been replaced by a ringers' festival, the legacy being devoted to providing a tea.

In the realm of sport the Amateur Athletic Association have laid down this definition of an amateur: 'An amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize or monetary consideration in any athletic sport or game . . . who has never engaged in assisting in or has taught any athletic exercise for pecuniary consideration or in any way exploited his athletic ability for profit.' Between the amateur and professional they establish a great gulf. In the history of change ringing there are probably not more than a dozen men whose livelihood has been gained from change ringing, but there are thousands who, like the writer, might be classified as being within the ranks of semi-professionals and have received some remuneration for their ringing.

This semi-professionalism in ringing fortunately causes no heartburns and raises no question of status. The fee or reward is infinitesimal when compared with what an enthusiastic ringer spends in furthering his art and in securing his maximum measure of enjoyment from the fellowship of ringing. There can be no qualms of conscience in taking the Church's penny. In a sense it should be regarded in the same light as the parable of the hiring in



the market place, where the reward was in accordance with a definite contract. The primary object of all guilds in affiliation with the Central Council is to ensure that Sunday by Sunday the church bells of our land shall be rung faithfully and well. By the acceptance of the humble penny a contract has been entered into, and what finer or nobler service than that of His Church!

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 9
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 10
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 11
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER ... .. Treble	JAMES F. HARVEY ... .. 7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... .. 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 4	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 10
LEONARD TUFFREY ... .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 11
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 6	HENRY H. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORK-HIKE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSON ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... .. 7
*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... .. 2	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... .. 8
JILL POOLE ... .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 9
PETER J. STANFORTH ... .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 11
†SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 6	†HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Maximus. † 150th peal together.

## TEN BELL PEAL

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JILL POOLE ... .. Treble	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 6
*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... .. 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... .. 3	†ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 8
†ERNEST W. RAWSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 9
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS M. E. RIDYARD ... Treble	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... .. 5
*WILLIAM RIMMER ... .. 2	THOMAS MARSHALL ... .. 6
MISS E. M. SUART ... .. 3	*HARRY LEYLAND ... .. 7
JAMES MARSH ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (34). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. Rung for the christening of the grandson of the Rev. C. Barnes, Vicar of Parbold.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 4	*HENRY H. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.

\* 50th peal during 1946.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES HODGSON ... Treble	ALFRED SMITH ... .. 5
†ERNEST B. BETTS ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	FREDK. SEAGER ... .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 4	FRED HODGSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	FREDK. A. COLEY ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
ALFRED S. RICHARDS ... .. 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RICHARD G. BLACKMAN Treble	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 5
*PETER R. BLACKMAN ... .. 2	*HENRY C. WEAVER ... .. 6
*ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 3	†JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 7
*PETER N. BOND ... .. 4	†FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 50th peal together.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	WALTER LEE ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.



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## ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*G. FEATHERSTONE ... Treble	GORDON BENFIELD ... 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 2	SYDNEY BARRON ... 6
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by all but the conductor.

## BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Treble	ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 5
JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 6
*DAVID H. ANSTEY ... 3	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 7
HARRY E. BALAAM ... 4	*JOHN B. WOODLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

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

## LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
TOM PAGE ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of London on the bells.

## AUDLEY, STAFFS.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY D. WHALLEY Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ... 2	*REGINALD ROWLEY ... 6
BRIAN FERNYHOUGH ... 3	WALLIS LONGMAN ... 7
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 4	*RALPH PROCTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

\* First peal. First peal on the new ring of bells.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 4	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

## CHATHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS ... Treble	*REGINALD L. SILLS ... 5
FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 6
ROBERT PALMER ... 3	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd and also the 21st and 78th birthdays of the conductor's daughter and mother.

## FRINDSBURY, KENT

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCES A. EDGAR ... Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
BETTY SPICE ... 3	JAMES S. WEBB ... 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

The first peal in the method.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 29, 1946, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ... Treble	*JAMES S. WEBB ... 5
JOHN E. SPICE ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
*BETTY SPICE ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in 1946. First peal in the method as conductor.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

DENIS N. LAYTON ... Treble	JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
*ELIZABETH LAYTON ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
*JILL BRITAIN ... 4	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ 50th peal. Rung for the coming-of-age on December 29th of the conductor.

## LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 6
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 3	*ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 7
*THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of London. Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of the old year.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5
PETER F. DAVY ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
WM. J. ROBINSON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4	WM. H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

## MILTON-NEST-GRAVESSEND, KENT.

## THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. sharp.

*G. BEYNON (Brist.) Treble	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 5
*DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON (Lond.) ... 2	BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 6
MARGARET FIDELL (Dur.) ... 3	*E. S. J. HATCHER (Brist.) ... 7
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) ... 4	*WILFRID F. MORETON (Ox.) ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal in the method.



## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

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

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

Consisting of two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

G. BARNARD ... .. Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
*F. HORSFIELD ... .. 2	C. W. LAWTON ... .. 5
A. POTTS ... .. 3	J. W. WHITTAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.

\* First peal 'inside.'

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.*On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HARRY MINNION ... .. Treble	EDMUND HULSE ... .. 4
*MISS RHODA HEMMINGS 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... .. 5
*LEONARD T. JONES ... 3	*MAURICE HAWKSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by S. H. JONES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different callings.

*MERVYN R. ARSCOTT ... Treble	*LESLIE H. ARSCOTT ... 4
*CHARLES H. J. ARSCOTT 2	ISAAC FARMER ... .. 5
*RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT... 3	HENRY W. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by I. FARMER.

\* First peal.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ERNEST RODDAM ... .. Treble	STANLEY PROUD ... .. 4
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN. 5
GEORGE WALL ... .. 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

\* First peal. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringers of the treble.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 20 extents Plain Bob, 20 extents (10 callings) and one 240 Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*M. J. PRIOR ... .. Treble	E. C. HUGHES ... .. 4
*W. A. T. CARTER ... .. 2	*P. ANGER, JUN. ... .. 5
H. E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	+P. ANGER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. T. CARTER.

\* First peal of Doubles. + First peal. First peal as conductor.

MOTCOMBE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY C. CLUETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 4
*GLILIAN I. EDWARDS ... 2	*ROBERT I. WAREHAM ... 5
WILLIAM G. DAMEN ... 3	WILLIAM E. TREVETT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. THEOBALD.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LONDON HILLS, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

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

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

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

WILLIAM S. MAY ... .. Treble	GERALD FROST ... .. 4
WILLIAM PERRY ... .. 2	*JOHN E. FOWLER ... .. 5
FRANK C. MAY ... .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Minor.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two different extents Kent Treble Bob, one extent St. Clement's and three different extents Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JAMES H. WEBB ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. COLLINS ... 4
*VICTOR A. PERRY ... .. 2	GEORGE CARE ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS 3	ERIC NOBLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal as conductor in four methods Minor. First peal on the bells, recently augmented with two new trebles.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newark Branch.)

*On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

SAMUEL G. VESSEY ... Treble	JOHN C. VESSEY ... .. 4
*PETER WHITE ... .. 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5
ERIC WILLCOCK ... .. 3	PERCY HOLMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. HOLMES.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal for Newark Branch.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

*On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY WILKINS ... .. Treble	EDWARD HASTINGS ... 3
JACK DAVEY ... .. 2	LESLIE BATTISON ... .. 4

PHILIP JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of T. Lucas, C. Bartlett and T. Deacon, who lost their lives in the war.

BATHWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

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

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

Forty-two six-scores and ten different callings.

Tenor 20 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat.

HERBERT MERRETT ... Treble	*EDWARD J. FRY ... .. 4
ERNEST WHITE ... .. 2	ROGER O. FRY ... .. 5
TREVOR HAYWARD ... 3	KEN MEDWAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR HAYWARD.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Dec. 27, 1946, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL, PIMLICO,

**A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC A. DENCH ... .. 1-2	BETTY SPICE ... .. 5-6
JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

\*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal 'in hand' in the method and of Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

**A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATERS, 5301 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.



**ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.**—On Dec. 28th, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. F. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett 2, L. Boumphey 3, N. Sharpe 4, R. Clouston 5, E. A. Stafford 6, T. C. Winderam 7, C. Barker (conductor) 8. First quarter of Kent Major for ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. G. Huckstepp 1, R. J. Lancefield 2, W. W. Ring 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, A. J. Lancefield 6, H. S. Wickens 7, T. Cullingworth (conductor) 8.

**BANBURY, OXON.**—On Dec. 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Impey (conductor) 1, Miss A. Grainge (first inside) 2, W. Watson 3, R. Grainge 4, T. Impey 5, F. Selwyn, sen. 6, S. Grainge 7, J. Simons 8.

**BATH.**—On Dec. 29th, at the Abbey, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. J. Prescott 1, H. Taylor 2, Mrs. A. Evans 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, R. O. Fry 5, W. H. Hurford 6, J. Hallett 7, T. F. King (conductor) 8, S. Woodburn 9, H. Merrett and H. Ellis 10. First quarter-peak in the method for 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dorothy R. Fletcher 1, A. Bridges 2, D. Lamb 3, Kathleen E. Fletcher 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung by an entirely local band.

**BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Merritt 1, Miss J. Grant 2, F. W. Hale 3, W. G. Mortimer 4, R. J. Coombes (first quarter inside) 5, F. A. Wiltshire 6, S. G. Grant (conductor) 7, G. Oram 8.

**CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET.**—On Dec. 26th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hart 1, G. Fæle 2, B. Harris 3, H. Tulke 4, F. Winter (conductor) 5, A. Dunn 6. First as conductor.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples at St. John's: F. Morris 1, E. S. Owen 2, R. G. Long 3, P. G. Parrott 4, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 5, A. F. Bennington 6, J. E. Warner 7, R. E. Last 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EDMONTON, LONDON.**—At All Saints' on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret T. Emere (first attempt for a quarter) 1, Miss L. M. Hibbert 2, V. Woodards 3, P. Coward 4, E. A. Dench (conductor) 5, A. J. House 6, C. W. Roberts 7, P. A. Corby 8.

**GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.**—At St. Martin's on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. T. O'Dell 1, Miss Betty Heald 2, R. Newman 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, T. Bevan 5, F. C. W. Knight (conductor) 6.

**HASTINGS.**—On Dec. 29th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Bradfield 1, T. J. Southan 2, S. C. Driver 3, W. H. Joiner 4, J. Pennells 5, J. Downing 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, T. H. Read (first quarter) 8.

**HIGHGATE, LONDON.**—At St. Anne's Church on Dec. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. F. Carter 1, F. Blondell 2, R. Newman 3, W. Bunce 4, T. Bevan 5, F. A. Barker 6, A. W. J. Butler 7, F. C. W. Knight (conductor) 8. Rung in lieu of a peal which came to grief after the Vicar interrupted in order to give the ringers their Christmas box.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On Dec. 29th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Begrie 1, E. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, R. Charge 4, J. F. Galyer 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**HUGHFENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, W. Lee 2, A. Heywood 3, A. G. Janes 4, D. Cox 5, H. Jones 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. G. Janes 3, D. Cox 4, A. Heywood 5, R. Blaby 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, R. P. Newton 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Dec. 31st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples, half-muffled: F. W. Burnett 1, L. P. Cook 2, P. Sneek 3, J. S. Waton 4, S. E. Cook 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

**PACKINGTON, LEICS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. W. Beadmoore (conductor) 1, W. Rhodes 2, A. B. Beadmoore 3, F. G. Bailey 4, W. Woodward 5.

**SOMERLEYTON, NORFOLK.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Doubles (720 St. Simon's, 600 Plain): Mrs. J. Eardley 1, Mrs. M. Taylor 2, R. W. Laws (first quarter inside) 3, R. F. Taylor 4, E. W. Brown 5, K. L. Brown (first as conductor) 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

**SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.**—At St. Andrew's Church on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Blissett 1, Miss B. Miles 2, Miss S. M. Branson 3, Miss B. K. Perry 4, J. Chesterman (conductor) 5, C. S. Rew 6. First quarter-peak by all except conductor.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cornell 1, Miss S. B. Ford 2, R. Hartley 3, J. B. Ford 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, A. D. Barker (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell to R. Hartley and by candlelight owing to the lights failing.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Thorley, jun. (first quarter) 1, L. Gerrard (first inside) 2, J. M. Thorley 3, T. D. Leask 4, E. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, J. Thorley 8.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Fulbrook 1, H. C. Mu'ford 2, C. P. Lay (first quarter of Triples) 3, H. White (first quarter as conductor) 4, H. Gregory 5, F. L. Beechey 6, H. Sims 7, F. C. V. Beechey 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

**WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.**—At St. Bartholomew's on Dec. 29th, quarter-peak of Grandsire Doubles: W. Rigby 1, A. Greenha'gh 2, C. Southern 3, T. W. Smith (conductor) 4, J. Ashcroft 5, K. Walker 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. First in method for 5.

**WOODCHESTER, GLOS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Brunt 1, F. Garland 2, B. Latham 3, T. C. Witts 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, G. Latham 6. Rung half-muffled for Holy Innocents.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Expressions of sympathy at the passing of Rupert Richardson have been widespread. Most of the letters the Editor has received contain a sentence or two in appreciation of his work for the Exercise.

New subscribers either by post or through a newsagent can still be taken. If your newsagent cannot get a copy, tell him to write to Rolls House Publishing Co., Ltd., Breams Buildings, London, E.C.4, giving the name of his wholesaler. For postal details see the adjoining column.

The peal at Motcombe on December 28th was specially arranged by Mr. W. C. Shute, Ringing Master, for Miss Gillian Edwards, niece of the general secretary, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and great-granddaughter of Canon J. Smith, during whose incumbency at Motcombe the ring of six bells was installed. The band wish to record their gratitude to Mrs. Wareham, wife of the ringer of the fifth, for generous hospitality.

The peal of Stedman Cinques on Boxing Day at Worcester Cathedral was the annual peal for the Worcestershire and Districts Association. An interesting point about the second peal of Cinques published this week from St. Martin's, Birmingham, is that it marks the completion of the circle by Mr. H. H. Fearn.

Now that the bells of Audley, Staffs, have been augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., more peals may be expected. The first on the new bells on December 28th broke a silence of 23 years as regards peal ringing at this church. After the peal the ringers were entertained by the Vicar and Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowley.

Correction.—The name of the sixth ringer in the peal at Shoreham on December 21st should be Frank Howe, not House as published.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

We have had an advice note telling that the paper for the 16-page 'Ringing World' is on rail. If any of our railway ringers should spot it, please give it priority. In the meantime, apologies for delays in the publication of peals.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has relinquished the secretaryship of the Chester Branch after 25 years' service. His resignation is not through a desire for a rest, but that his election as Master of the Chester Guild last June prevents his continuing in the office of branch secretary.

The Exercise will join us in congratulating Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, on completing 60 years as a ringer. The anniversary was commemorated by a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at Ipswich. By calling the peal of Little Bob Maximus on December 14th last he brought the number of different Maximus methods he had conducted to 15, viz.: Plain 2, Treble Bob 2, Little 2, Principles 2, Surprise 7.

'Caricature' seems to have been timely and appreciated. An Altrincham, Cheshire, ringer had the cartoon placed in his letter box with a comment. Other ringers have had 'The Daily Express' brought to their notice.

A correspondent, in noting the recent 'ringing activities of certain Varsity ringers, hopes no one got hurt in the striking and that a shift will not occur. Robins are usually tamest about this time of the year.

The 87th birthday of Mr. W. Sear on December 29th was celebrated by his taking the treble to 1,260 Grandsire Triples rung at Mangotsfield, Bristol. Other ringers were C. E. Jefferies 2, Miss N. Gardner 3, E. Palmer 4, W. Riching 5, R. Harding 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, D. Gardner 8.

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# THE PASSING OF MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON

Ringers in all parts of the country received last week with deep regret the news of the death of Mr. Rupert Richardson, at Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Lincolnshire. His death followed an illness of nearly three months' duration. He was 64 years of age.

Rupert Richardson was born at Meanwood, Leeds, on August 21st, 1883. He came to Surfleet with his parents when nine years old, and later learnt his ringing under the Rev. H. Law James, Vicar of Surfleet. A farmer and bulb grower, his business frequently took him to Covent Garden, and he made many ringing friends in London. He took part in ringing tours throughout the country, and he was a member of 39 associations in the British Isles and six in Australia; these last he joined when taking part in the famous 'Great Adventure.' On this tour he rang what he always considered to be his most important peal, one of Grandsire Cinques at Melbourne Cathedral, in which six English and six Australian ringers took part.

His great work for the Lincoln Guild will long be remembered, and he was a familiar figure at meetings all over the diocese. On the death of the Rev. H. Law James he was appointed Master, which position he held until his passing. He represented the Guild on the Central Council for 44 years, and had attended 34 meetings, being absent on three occasions only (meetings of the Council were abandoned during part of the two wars). He had served on the Standing Committee since 1936.

In 1923 he married Miss Annie Parkin, a ringer of Woodston, Peterborough, and his only child, Mrs. Enid Wayman, has also followed in her father's footsteps.

## HIS PEALS.

Below is given his list of peals, which numbered 782.

	Tower	Hand-bells	Conducted
Doubles, 5 methods ...	1		
Minor, 1 to 16 methods ...	93	8	47
Triples, Grandsire ...	10	24	
Triples, Stedman ...	47	20	
Major:—			
Plain Bob ...	66	107	105
Double Bob ...		1	
Little Bob ...	2	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob ...	40	3	17
Double Oxford Court Bob ...	2		
Kent Treble Bob ...	29	3	4
Oxford Treble Bob ...	3		
Cambridge Surprise ...	34		3
Superlative Surprise ...	32		
Bristol Surprise ...	19		
London Surprise ...	25		
Yorkshire Surprise ...	3		
Norfolk Surprise ...	1		
Caters:—			
Grandsire ...	12	6	
Stedman ...	30	10	
Surfleet Treble Bob ...	2		
Royal:—			
Plain Bob ...	19	27	14
Little Bob ...	1		
Kent Treble Bob ...	9	2	1
Kent Treble Bob, Granta Variation ...	1		
Oxford Treble Bob ...	1		
Double Court ...	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob ...	3		
Double Oxford Court Bob ...	1		
Double Bob ...	1		
Cambridge Surprise ...	25		
Cinques:—			
Grandsire ...	2		
Stedman ...	39		
Maximus:—			
Plain Bob ...	4	3	
Little Bob ...	1		
Cambridge Surprise ...	10		
	568	214	194

## THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Surfleet on Thursday, January 16th. The church was filled to overflowing with villagers and ringers from various parts of the country. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Surfleet, the Rev. G. H. Clark, assisted by Canon P. C. A. Carnegie, Vicar of Spalding and president of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild. The hymns, 'Oh what the joy and the glory must be' and 'Peace, perfect peace,' were sung, and at the conclusion of the service the Nunc Dimittis was chanted. After the committal prayers a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave, which had been lined with evergreens and daffodils. The ringers were: Mr. A. Walker 1-2, Mr. J. Freeman 3-4, Mr. E. H. Lewis 5-6, Mr. H. Poole 7-8.

The family mourners were Mrs. Richardson (widow), Mrs. Wayman (daughter), Mr. R. H. Richardson, Sutterton (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. William Rowbottom, Mr. Arthur Farr, Spalding, and Mr. W. Hollingworth, Spalding (brothers-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Parkin, Crowland, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Mr. R. Parkin, and nephews and nieces.

The following were amongst the ringers present: Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Ancient Society of College Youths), Messrs. G. S. Swann and Albert Walker (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), the Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge Universities Guild), Mr. W. Ayre (hon. secretary, Hertford County Association), Miss Evelyn Steel and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (president and hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. H. Poole (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Poole, Mr. A. W. Coles (Middlesex County Association), Mrs. E. A. Barnett (Crayford), Mr. C. Dean (Croydon), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Messrs. J. Bennett and W. H. Hewett (London), Messrs. J. Odham and J. Fidler (of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. J. Brothwell (Rotherham), and the following members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes (hon. secretary), Mr. J. Bray (hon. secretary, Northern Branch) and Mrs. Bray, Mr. J. G. Ames, the Rev. J. Atkinson, Messrs. J. F. Baines, C. H. Baker, H. Barsley, S. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Burrell, Mr. F. S. W. Butler, Mr. W. E. Clarke, the Rev. H. P. Cole, Messrs. K. S. Croft, F. Dewey, W. Duffy, A. Farr, G. E. Feirn, J. A. Freeman, J. Freeman, — French, Lieut. Clement Glenn, R.N.V.R., Messrs. J. B. Halifax, H. Harrison, A. J. Holmes, P. Holmes, R. Howard, Norman Hutchinson, G. T. Lunn, K. W. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. McGinness, Messrs. J. L. Millhouse, F. Payne, W. A. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sellers, Messrs. G. Sewell, J. Smith, R. Smith, F. Taylor, Miss M. Telford, Messrs. J. Walden, C. Wander, S. Woods and A. Young.

The path from the gate to the church was lined with beautiful floral tributes, numbering 63, and including one each from the Central Council of Church Bellringers and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and several branches, and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The bells were rung, open, before and after the service, and a peal of Stedman Cinques was accomplished later in the day. A peal attempt at Spalding on the same afternoon was, unfortunately, lost.

## IN MEMORIAM PEALS.

On the day of his funeral, a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,019 changes, was rung as a tribute at the Church of St. Lawrence, Surfleet, by the following members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Kenneth S. B. Croft, Charles McGuinness, John Freeman, William H. Hewett, Albert W. Coles, Jack Bray, Kenneth W. Mayer, Frank I. Hairs, J. Frank Smallwood,

George E. Feirn, Jack L. Millhouse and Walter Ayre.

In memoriam peals have also been rung at Nottingham; St. Martin's, Birmingham; Beddington, Surrey; St. Margaret's, Leicester; the Bell Foundry Campanie, Loughborough; St. Peter's, Woolton, Liverpool; St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, Lancs.

## AN APPRECIATION.

By the passing of Rupert Richardson into higher service the Exercise in general, and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in particular, has lost a true and staunch friend.

Those who were privileged to visit him in his home at Surfleet to take part in his 'house parties' will remember with gratitude the generous hospitality and warm welcome which were always in evidence at Glyn Garth. Anything which had for its object the betterment of ringers or ringing had immediate support from Rupert, nothing being too much trouble. His wise counsel was sought by many and was always ungrudgingly given.

Although he had a peal record which was unique and outstanding, he was remarkably modest concerning his achievements. He was the lucky possessor of a great sense of humour, and that, combined with his natural kindness and modesty, endeared him to all. We mourn the loss of a good man, truly one of the outstanding characters in the ringing fraternity. 'O blest man, let this praise be given: Heaven was in him before he was in Heaven.'

J. F. SMALLWOOD.

In the passing of Rupert Richardson the Ringing Exercise has lost yet another of its stalwarts, and I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to pay tribute to one of our dearest friends. It can truly be said that he was indeed one of nature's gentlemen, always ready to guide and assist and above all to make happy those who came into contact with him. Although he is no longer with us, his name will ever be remembered. My abundant store of personal memories of him I shall cherish in the knowledge that I have profited by meeting and associating with him. Such a loss can never be replaced, but we can follow the example he continuously and so obviously set by realising the joy of making and seeing other people happy.

Our kind thoughts turn to Mrs. Richardson and Enid in their great loss, and we trust that God may grant them health and strength to carry the tremendous burden which has fallen upon them.

HAROLD J. POOLE.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### MAKE HISTORY AT MANCHESTER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Manchester Town Hall on January 11th, hitherto the province of the 'stronger' sex. Some 20 members attended from various parts of Lancashire and Cheshire and the bells were made full use of. A feature of the afternoon's ringing was rounds on the twelve bells by a band consisting solely of ladies, and considering that this was the first time many of them had rung on twelve and the weight of the bells (tenor 42½ cwt.), their efforts were a credit to them. This was the first time the bells have been rung by an entirely feminine band.

After tea, a business meeting was held, at which 14 new ringing members and two honorary members were elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Town Hall Superintendent and Committee for permission to hold the meeting, to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, to the gentlemen who attended and to all who helped to make the meeting a success.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester, on April 19th.

M.E.



## St. Martin's Guild

### CCLR. PADDON SMITH HONOURED.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 4th at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) presiding.

Mr. Walker, in his opening remarks, expressed his pleasure in seeing such a large company—about 60 members and friends being present—and took the opportunity of wishing all the compliments of the season and a happy and prosperous 1947. He also mentioned the illness of Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, and the secretary was requested to send him a letter expressing their sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The following new members were elected: Miss Evelyn Fletcher, Harborne; Miss Ruth Russell, Harborne; Mr. G. E. Oliver, Lichfield; Mr. L. Fidler, Hitchin; and the following tower elections were duly ratified: Mr. J. L. Millhouse, Lincoln; Mr. K. S. B. Croft, Lincoln; Mr. G. J. Lewis, Powick, Worcs.; and Mr. P. K. Williamson, Allesley, Coventry. Mr. Harry Withers, reporting on the record long peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford, stated that he was there the whole time and checked off each course, end and in his opinion it was a good peal.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston on April 5th and the bi-quarterly at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on February 8th.

The treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, in submitting the annual balance sheet, stated that subscriptions had come in very well, and although the results showed only a small increase in the balance carried forward, this was due to several non-recurring expenses incurred during the year. He considered the results satisfactory. The auditors having given their report, it was agreed that the accounts be adopted.

### THE NEW MASTER.

All the officers were re-elected for 1947 with the exception of the Master. Mr. Walker stated he had now held the office for three years; in his opinion it was an office that should go round; he had thoroughly enjoyed his term and was now quite willing to give way for someone else, in fact he would like to propose Mr. W. C. Dowding, and this was seconded by Mr. L. Tuffrey. The Master now vacated the chair, and the secretary asked for any further nominations when Mr. F. Price proposed and Mr. H. C. Spencer seconded Councillor Paddon Smith; Mr. John Pinfold proposed and Mr. G. F. Swann seconded Mr. Albert Walker. The ballot was taken and the secretary announced the result as follows: Councillor Smith 15 votes, Mr. Albert Walker 14 votes, and Mr. W. C. Dowding 10 votes, and declared Councillor Smith duly elected. In the absence of the new Master, Mr. Walker again resumed the chair. The other officers are: Ringing Master, Mr. G. E. Fearn; trustees, Councillor Paddon Smith and Mr. F. T. Allaway; auditors, Messrs. H. H. Fearn and G. W. Critchley; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

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## SUFFOLK GUILD

On January 11th, the Bury St. Edmunds District met at the Parish Church, Ixworth, where 27 members representative of towers at Elveden, Redgrave, Great Barton, Rickingham, Lakenheath, Ingham, Great Saxham, Chevington, Hadleigh, Exning, Horringer, Chippingham, Cambs., Wetherden, Hockwold, Norfolk, Beds. and the local band were present. Some good ringing ranging from rounds and call changes for the learners to Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's and Grand-sire for the more seasoned were rung.

Tea was taken in the Village Hall, where the Rector (the Rev. — Meeks) welcomed the guests and hoped that many more such meetings would be held. Ringing concluded just before 9 p.m. after an enjoyable day.



**MORE THAN 50 YEARS' MEMBERSHIP** of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild had each of the ringers who participated in the 720 Bob Minor at Swanmore Church on the occasion of Mr. W. Linter's 89th birthday. Their names, from left to right, are A. Millard (76), G. Chappell (81), G. Williams (89), W. Linter (89), F. W. Burnett (73) and H. W. Merrett (75).

ST. MARTIN'S.—Cont. from previous column.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Walker for his many services during his term as Master, said he thought Mr. Walker had discovered the secret of perpetual youth, for although he had now passed his 70th year and had just retired from active work, yet his enthusiasm for ringing was as keen as ever, and, having recently succeeded in ringing his first peal of Minor, there was every prospect of his becoming a really good ringer in time! As a Sunday service ringer no one was more regular at St. Martin's on Sunday mornings and at the various other churches in the district for evening service. The secretary, in paying his tribute to Mr. Walker, mentioned the fact that he had not only been a member of the College Youths for 50 years, but in May next he would have been a member of the Guild a similar period.

### HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

This is to be held on Saturday, March 1st, at the Imperial Hotel. There were two nominees for the post of chairman on that occasion, Canon T. Guy Rogers, Rector of St. Martin's, and Mr. Albert Walker. The voting resulted in favour of Mr. Walker, who suitably acknowledged the honour done him, and said he would be pleased to preside at the dinner. The general arrangements for the dinner were left in the hands of the secretary. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse and change ringing on the handbells.

## Winchester and Portsmouth

### WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester on Jan. 4th.

The business meeting was held at Messrs. Dumpers' Restaurant and was presided over by the Archdeacon of Winchester (chairman), supported by Mr. W. G. Goodchild (hon. secretary and treasurer). Fifty-seven members and visitors attended, the towers represented being Aldershot, Alresford, Barton Stacey, Basingstoke, Bedford, Bournemouth, Bramley, Brighouse (Yorks), Broughton, Fareham, Farnham, Hugglescote (Leics.), Hursley, Longparish, Loughborough, North Stoneham, Southampton, Stockbridge, Twyford, Walsoken (Norfolk), Winchester, Wolverton and Wiston.

In welcoming members, the Chairman said he could not say how grateful he felt towards those members of the Guild who, Sunday after Sunday, maintained their contribution to the traditions of the churches in the land. It was, he added, the bells which called the people to church, and if the congregations were sometimes small, it was not the fault of the ringers.

Mr. Goodchild submitted the secretary's report for 1946, which stated that the year had been one of normal activity in the Winchester District. Meetings had been held at Alresford, Stockbridge, Wiston and Hursley, and attendance at all of these had been good.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £19 5s. 3d., compared with £15 4s. 9d. brought forward. Subscriptions had been paid by 107 ringing members and 40 hon. members, while 16 had been waived in view of service in H.M. Forces. This total membership of 123

showed an increase of five over last year.

The Guild had decided to make a donation towards the appeal for funds for restoration of the bells of Titchborne Church (subject to the contract being placed with the bell-founders).

The Archdeacon of Winchester was unanimously re-elected district chairman, Mr. Wilfred and Mr. H. Newnham were re-elected district representatives, and Mr. G. Smith was re-elected hon. auditor. Mr. Goodchild said he had decided to relinquish the office of hon. secretary and treasurer, and although it was the wish of the meeting that he should continue, Mr. Goodchild could not be persuaded to alter his decision. No substitute could be found to take over the office immediately, but it was hoped that Mr. L. Tremear, of Alresford, would be in a position to do so in about three months' time. A sub-committee, comprising the district chairman, Mr. Wilfred Andrews, Mr. H. Newnham and Mr. B. Smith was appointed to act in the interim.

Ten new ringing members were elected as follows: Wiston (2), Stockbridge (1), Hursley (1) and Winchester College (6). The first quarterly meeting was fixed for Twyford on April 12th, and the next annual meeting at Winchester on January 3rd, 1948. The usual votes of thanks by the secretary to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester and the Rector of St. Maurice's brought the meeting to a close.

Guild service was held in the Cathedral, at which the address was given by the Rev. E. Nicholl, M.C. (Rector of Alresford).



## A Warning

## BIRMINGHAM RINGER DEFRAUDED.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Frank W. Perrens in this week's issue regarding William Green, Leominster.

This individual called on me at my business address on December 20th, having obtained it from another ringer and told me a similar story to that mentioned by Mr. Perrens. In addition, he told me he had visited St. Martin's, Birmingham, and had rung there, and that he was a regular Sunday ringer at the Priory Church, Leominster. I lent him 16s. 3d., which he promised to return immediately he reached home, or at latest the following Monday. As this did not arrive I wrote him to the address he gave me, viz., 6, The Priory, Leominster, on the 8th inst., and this letter was returned marked 'Not known' on Tuesday last.

This bears out Mr. Perrens' statement, and I write to give an added warning to all fellow-ringers who may have a soft spot for helping any apparently distressed ringers—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS H. REEVES.

Sparkhill, Birmingham.

## AT LEICESTER.

Dear Sir,—An individual answering the description given by Mr. Perrens 'touched' me on Sunday night last, just as I was about to lead the choir for evening service, consequently I had no time to argue or verify his statements. He gave the name of a brother verger and asked for me by name. I gave him some money and sent him on his way. For his 'faithful promise' to return it I gave him one of my visiting cards.

Since reading Mr. Perrens' letter I have thought it possible that such a plausible person might use this as a 'lever' to extort more alms. If any reader should, therefore, be approached by this man, will they beware of imposition such as has been worked on myself and others? ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

## DOVER CAPTAIN'S EXPERIENCE.

Dear Sir,—The warning to ringers given in the last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' by Mr. Frank W. Perrens, of Coventry, resembles the same man who recently appeared at Dover. He has a plausible gift of the tongue and arrived at St. Mary's Vicarage for help, representing himself as a bellringer from Bournemouth.

The Vicar, not being satisfied, sent him with a note to me. I asked him how he came to be stranded at Dover, and his answer was that he had been on a visit to Margate with some friends and he did not want to return without having a look at Dover and he had run out of money. He asked me for 13s. 3d. to enable him to get home for Sunday, and when asked about his ringing he said he had taken part in two peals of Grandsire Triples with his father in Buckinghamshire, and he knew many ringers there. I told him I did not feel inclined to give him the amount he asked for, and to this he asked if I would lend him it so that he could get back home. This I did on his promising to return the amount on reaching home. He gave me an address as follows: Mr. F. Haslett, 26 Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. I heard nothing from him so I wrote a straight letter pointing out the seriousness of his action, and made it clear that I should report the case to the police and his Vicar. The letter was returned from the General Post Office 'Man Unknown.'

This man is easy to recognise. He speaks with a Durham accent. The back part of his head is bald and below thick hair lopping outwards. The fingers on both hands are deeply stained with nicotine through cigarette smoking, and he is somewhat shabby.

CHARLES TURNER.

Captain, St. Mary's Ringers.

Dover, Kent.

## Bedfordshire Association

## THE FIRST PEAL.

Dear Sir,—The record of early peals in Bedfordshire as published in 'The Ringing World' is not correct. We have at St. Paul's, Bedford, a framed peal rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths on Monday, May 11th, 1761, this being 15 years earlier than the recorded peal at Dunstable.

A copy of the peal is appended.—Yours sincerely,

S. FOSKETT, Tower Sec.

38, Miller Road, Bedford.

(Copy.)

Royal Cumberland Youths. Church of St. Paul, Bedford. The Society rang on Monday, the Eleventh day of May, 1761, a true and complete peal of 5,040 Bob Major Single in 3 hours and 25 minutes, being the only one ever rung there. Bells cast by Lester. Francis Wood treble, William Matthis 2, George Partrick 3, William Lister 4, Michael Purser 5, Richard Hilson 6, Samuel Wood 7, Robert Wight tenor. The Bobs were called by Sam Wood, peal 45.

JOHN R. SHARMAN AND CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Dear Sir,—As an old Bedford ringer I was much interested to read the article about this association in 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 3rd.

In the reference to the leading ringers I missed the names of John R. Sharman and Chas. R. Lilley. J. R. Sharman, who was born on June 9th, 1876, had learned to manage a bell before going to Bedford in 1893. He rang his first peal, 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Irthlingborough on March 31st, 1894. By the time he left Bedford in April, 1895, he had learned to ring Stedman, Duffield, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise besides the easier methods.

When Mr. Sharman moved to Crawley, Sussex, he was fortunately able to join James Parker and his band there. On May 25th, 1895, he rang his first peal of Superlative at Cuckfield, and on Sept. 30th the same year his first of London Surprise Major at Crawley. In 1897 he moved to London, and, joining William, Ernest and George Pye the next year, he rang with them many peals of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. Mr. Sharman has rung about 350 peals and conducted a good number on 8, 10 and 12 bells. In 1922 Mr. Sharman left London, returning to his old home at Cogenhoe, a village some four miles from Northampton. Since then he has had little opportunity to ring peals.

An account of C. R. Lilley's career as a ringer was included in 'The Ringing World,' March 24th, 1939. He died December 10th, 1942.—Yours truly,

A. N. WOOD.

Eastgate House, Cheyne Walk, Northampton.

## TOWER CAPTAINS AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—As one of the visitors at a practice at Kington on Jan. 13th, I was astonished to hear that a peal of Hereward Bob Minor had been rung there during the afternoon and that neither the tower captain nor any member of the local band knew anything about the arrangement.

It appears that a telephone call was made to the Vicar about 9.30 a.m. on the previous day, and he gave permission for the peal to be rung, but surely someone should have approached the captain for his permission as well. Is it usual for peal-grabbers to arrange things in this underhanded way?

The views of other readers would be of interest, and also whether this method of arranging peals is often practised. I cannot believe that it is; it costs nothing to be well-mannered and courteous. 'Manners maketh man.'—Yours, etc.,

S. O. WATT.

Kington, Herefordshire.

## OBITUARY

## MR. CHARLES FREEMAN.

The funeral took place at Stoke Church (Coventry) on January 15th of Mr. Charles Freeman, aged 51, who for 36 years was a ringer at that church and a member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by H. Summers, J. H. White, F. W. Perrens and F. E. Pervin.

After the service the church bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Coventry Guild, and a quarter-peal was rung later in the evening.

Mr. Freeman, who belonged to a ringing family (his father and brothers all being ringers), learned to ring at Bedford, being a member of the band at St. Paul's, Bedford. He took part in a number of peals for the Bedfordshire Association before going to reside in Coventry.

For the Coventry Guild, Mr. Freeman had rung 27 peals, ranging from Doubles to Bristol Surprise Major, and will be greatly missed at Stoke. He leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn their loss as he sleeps peacefully in the shadow of the tower where he spent many happy hours.

## MR. CYRIL H. ISON.

With regret the death is announced of Mr. Cyril H. Ison, of Hinckley, Leicestershire, who collapsed and died while at work on January 8th. Not a great peal ringer, he could always be relied upon for service ringing and practice, where his cheerful disposition will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place on January 11th, the service being held at St. Mary's. As the cortege left the church for the cemetery the bells were rung half-muffled by the local company, assisted by Mr. C. E. Turner. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by A. Jordon 1-2, G. A. Newton 3-4, A. Ballard 5-6, E. Vallance 7-8. Messrs. Jordon and Vallance represented the local company, and Newton and Ballard the Leicester Guild.

On January 12th a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: H. Knight 1, F. Long 2, E. Vallance 3, E. Sowman 4, G. Charlton 5, A. Ballard 6, G. A. Newton (conductor) 7, B. Ridgway 8.

## MR. F. HARWOOD.

Dear Sir,—In reference to your excellent appreciation of the late Frederick Harwood, I am informed that he rang 60 peals. In addition to the methods mentioned must be added Cambridge, and Superlative by the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

## RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re recent correspondence on ringers' names on bells. Both my wife's and mine appear on separate bells at Carbis Bay, and also that of Miss Marion Lidgey, who jointly with her sister gave the fourth bell in memory of their father. Miss Lidgey has learnt to ring since the bells were dedicated three months ago and has to-day (January 18th) rung her gift to her first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. Both my wife and I were in this—thus three ringers whose names appear on bells rang together in the first local quarter-peal on them. It was Mr. Harry Miles' (late of Oxford) first quarter of Doubles. Oxford ringers will congratulate him!—Yours truly,

A. S. ROBERTS.

The Parsonage, Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

Dear Sir,—There is another bell which has a ringer's name inscribed on it, viz., the second of Headcorn, Kent, which bears the inscription: 'Philip Hodgkin, captain of ringers.' This was inscribed when the bell was recast in 1922 by Howell, of Ipswich.—Yours, etc.,

Winchester. (Mrs.) M. M. GETEHOUSE.



## NOTICES

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## DEATH

**FREEMAN.**—At 10, Conrad Road, Coventry, on Sunday, Jan. 12th, 1947, Charles, dearly loved husband of Maud and father of Vera and Gladys, aged 57. Member of the St. Michael's, Stoke, band for 37 years. R.I.P. Handbells for Sale

## FOR SALE

**30 HANDBELLS** (chromatic) in C. One hung in frame with wheel, stay and slider; good condition; £25.—Box 109, 'Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual district meeting, St. Michael's, Basingstoke (All Saints (9) available), Jan. 25th, 2.30.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting at Farnham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at British Restaurant, Union Road.—C. W. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot.

**SALISBURY ASSN.**—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting at Calne, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please advise early for tea.—Louisa Wilson, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Meeting, Crayford, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting at Benson, Oxon (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Pevensey, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2.30 p.m., Westham, 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—John Downing, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Clewer, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3.30 p.m. Annual committee meeting. Cups of tea only.—A. D. Barker.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting Parish Hall at 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—A. M. Guy.

**ESSEX ASSN.**—North-Western District.—Annual general meeting, Harlow Town (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting afterwards.—G. Blake, Hon. Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddeston, Herts.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport, St. George's, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. G. Dymond, Silvertown.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Saturday, Jan. 25th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Derby District.—Next meeting, Derby, St. Andrew's, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business 6 p.m. in belfry.—Wm. Lancaster.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Annual meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Annual, Eastwood, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Election of officers, etc. Names to Mr. J. Johnson, 29, Church Street, Eastwood, by Jan. 28th.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (if possible). Names for tea to be sent to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, before Jan. 29th. Subscriptions for 1947 now due.—B. W. May, Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSN.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Betchworth, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) at the Barley Mow 6 p.m. Meeting follows same place. Names for tea by Jan. 29th please.—Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Petersfield. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting in choir vestry 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Rendezvous Cafe 5. Numbers for tea by Jan. 27th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.**—South and West District.—St. Mary's, Acton. On Saturday, Feb. 1st, by invitation of the Rector, a special meeting will be held. Bells from 2.30 p.m. A service of dedication will be held at 3.45 p.m., during which a record of seven peals will be unveiled by the Regius Professor of Divinity, Canon Leonard Hodgson, D.D., of Christ Church, Oxford, and a letter from the Bishop of London will be read. The Rector heartily invites members of both districts, and especially those who took part in any of the peals, to be present at the service, and to take tea with him afterwards. Names to the undersigned by Jan. 29th. Ringing afterwards.—J. E. Lewis Cockev, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13. Perivale 5320.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Miss J. Holman, 4, Lion Terrace, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 29th. Subscriptions for 1947 are due.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Annual, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Feb. 1st, St. Mary's (10), 2.30-3.30. Service and meeting at St. Chad's, 3.45. Tea at Ward's 5.30. St. Chad's (12), 7-8; St. Michael's (6), 7.—E. D. Poole.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 28th, please.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.



**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Meeting Pudsey, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Morecambe Parish Church, Feb. 1st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOC.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Upholland, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Make it a good meeting. All welcome.—M. Heaps, Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Grimsby District).—Annual meeting, St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Please make own tea arrangements. Business meeting 6 p.m., Church House, Bull Ring.—H. J. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Buckland, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Jan. 29th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch Branch.—Annual meeting at Christchurch on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Drayton Parslow (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Syston District.—Thurmaston (6), Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only; bring own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol City Branch.—Feb. 1st, All Saints' City (8). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol, 2.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Chieveley (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. F. Tuffley, Kelston, Priors Court, Chieveley, Newbury, by Jan. 29th.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting at Wolstanton on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Aldersea, Kenley, 201, Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead (6), on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea; names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

**SHEFFIELD SOC.**—Handsworth (8), Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1/6) to Mrs. Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea, the Duke's Head 4.30. Business afterwards. Names for tea to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Annual general district meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday the 5th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Gorleston, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Room, School Lane. Bring sugar. Very essential: names or number by Feb. 5th, to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General meeting Hinckley, Feb. 8th. Ringing Burbage 2-4 p.m., Hinckley 4-4.30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Service, Hinckley, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Schools or Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Feb. 5th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Usual arrangements for ringing. Service S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at Parish Hall. Names, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Annual East Grinstead, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Catering difficult. Please advise early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Annual general, Feb. 8th, St. James', Clerkenwell, E.C.1, 2.30. Service

4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. Business and handbell contest 6. Names for tea.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—The annual meeting arranged for Saturday, Jan. 25th, at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, has been postponed till Feb. 22nd.—H. Marsh, Sec., 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham.

**KENT ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—The monthly practice at Tonbridge is cancelled. A meeting will be held on the first Thursday in each month at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, 7 to 9 p.m., commencing Feb. 6th.—R. A. Whitehead, Sec.

### A GENEROUS OFFER

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession copies of 'The Ringing World' dating from January, 1942, to the present issue.

There may be readers who for one reason or other desire a particular copy of that period, and upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope (long envelope preferably) I will be pleased to forward issues required.—Yours sincerely, F. S. MACEY.

Bram Lea, Sutton Valence, Kent.

### QUARTER PEALS

**BOSTON. Lincs.**—At St. Botolph's on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Peal Bob Royal: Miss L. Briggs 1, S. Jessop 2, R. Brown 3, A. Freeston 4, F. Leggett 5, D. White 6, F. Dewey 7, H. Harper 8, J. Petch 9, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Lorna Briggs.

**BRAINTREE, Essex.**—On Dec. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Michael's Church: S. Warne 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, H. Collins 4, G. Lindridge 5, I. Wiffen 6, E. Jennings 7, J. Warner (first quarter) 8. As a birthday compliment to H. E. Hammond, aged 81.

**CLAPHAM, LONDON.**—On Dec. 15th, at St. Mary's R.C., 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, Miss M. Cole (first quarter in the method) 4, W. J. Ellis 5, R. Lathbury 6, J. Bullock 7, S. Croft 8.

**CHESTER.**—On Dec. 31st at the Cathedral. 1,205 Grandsire Caters (half-muffled): J. W. Griffiths (conductor) 1, Miss H. Close 2, F. Fox 3, Miss M. L. Tutt 4, M. Harris 5, H. Pye 6, H. O. Baker 7, J. W. Best 8, P. Swindley 9, E. Price 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters for ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 7.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Wallis (first of Caters) 1, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, A. Painter 3, Rev. T. P. Hearn 4, A. Law 5, F. J. Lewis jun. 6, H. C. Bond 7, C. R. Hicks 8, W. H. Hayward 9, R. R. Wallis 10. Rung half-muffled to mark Holy Innocents' Day.

**WOLLASTON, WORCS.**—On Dec. 10th, at St. James' Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Bass 1, F. Handley 2, J. Pagett 3, S. G. Thompson 4, H. V. Cooper 5, S. Thompson 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Thompson 1, H. V. Cooper 2, J. Pagett 3, C. Richards 4, J. Bass 5, P. Richards 6, and 240 Peal Bob: C. Stinton 1, J. Bass 2, J. Pagett 3, S. G. Thompson 4, H. V. Cooper 5, C. Richards 6. All conducted by H. V. Cooper. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. Richards, widow of the late Mr. C. Richards, who was a ringer at Wollaston Church for many years. P. Richards was a son and C. Richards grandson of the above.



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## BOURNEMOUTH

There are a number of notable events in the bell-ringers' calendar. Such reunions that take place at the Central Council meeting, the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner and the annual assembly of the Ancient Society of College Youths play a significant part in promoting that fellowship which is a characteristic of the ringing fraternity. Bournemouth ringers have ambitions; they plan to introduce as an annual event the Bournemouth Rally. The first gathering last Saturday was very enjoyable and attracted a company of 126, visitors coming from as far afield as the Midlands and South Wales. The date was not happily chosen; the Basingstoke District was holding its annual meeting the same day, and there were other annual events which drew many of the would-be patrons elsewhere.

In their initial effort Mr. Arthur V. Davis and those associated with him secured a full measure of co-operation from the Church and the civic authority. The Archdeacon of Winchester, who is shortly to be installed as Dean of Hereford, is a great friend of ringers. Before receiving archidiaconal dignity he was Vicar of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and proved to be a stout champion of the right of the Church to use its bells. He brought to the Bournemouth rally that friendly intimacy that spelt success for the gathering and proved an ideal chairman. Other clergy were present and were equally co-operative, and there is no question that such a gathering will receive the blessing of the Church.

An ex-Mayor and Rotary president gave the civic welcome. The cultivation of an understanding between ringers and those entrusted with local government is an avenue which should not be neglected. In many of our ancient boroughs on Mayor's Sunday there is special ringing, and it is well that those in charge of civic arrangements should be informed of the fact; so much is taken for granted, that civic officials at times need to be educated as to the true place bells occupy in expressing the sentiments of the people. At Bournemouth the ringers have friends in high places—public men who are prepared to speak in defence of bells and ringing, and with such friendship a festival, particularly if its date does not clash with the main season, is welcomed.

A dinner is not the only attraction to spell success for such a festival. Ringing facilities must be adequate to cope with the influx of visitors. Apart from the 12 bells at Christchurch Priory, where Mr. G. Preston has nearly



completed sixty years as a ringer, there is a ten and two eights in Bournemouth, while the surrounding countryside offers other opportunities. The stage seems admirably set for including Bournemouth in the ringers' calendar, and if the organising committee choose their dates carefully the 126 who supported the first gathering will increase materially. Bournemouth has, in addition to its ringing, other charms which have placed it in the forefront of English watering places. The visitor is always welcome, whether in town or belfry, and with such a friendly atmosphere ringers from all over the country will be associating Bournemouth in their holiday plans. 'The Ringing World' has no desire to praise one holiday resort in preference to another, but naturally commends those towns which find a special niche in their plans of welcome for the Church bellringer.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	*HERBERT G. JILLINGS... 7
*JAMES W. JENNINGS ... 2	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 8
HOBART E. SMITH ... 3	*LESLIE G. BRETT ... 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	*RONALD H. DOVE ... 10
*HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
*FRANK FISHER ... 6	*CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

\* First touch of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... Treble	FRANK A. LUFKIN ... 7
LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 2	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 8
STAFFORD GREEN ... 3	*JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 10
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 11
A. LEONARD SIMMONDS... 6	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

\* First twelve-bell peal. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 8
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 10
ALBERT W. COLES ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 11
JACK BRAY ... 6	WALTER AVRE ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Rung with the bells open as a tribute of deepest affection and respect to Rupert Richardson, who was interred at Surfleet on the above date.

## TEN BELL PEALS

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MRS. F. PENN ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 6
*FREDERICK SLATFORD ... 2	*ERNEST PARKER ... 7
PERCIVAL W. HARDING ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 8
CHARLES BUTCHER ... 4	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS... 9
*FRANK A. PENN ... 5	*REGINALD H. NEWTON... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 100th peal for the Guild.

HEREFORD.

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

On Tues., Jan. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL;

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;**

Tenor 42 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 8
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
*GEORGE DAVIS ... 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... Treble	*R. CLOUSTON (Lond.)... 5
JOAN HOULDSWORTH (Ox.) 2	P. M. J. GRAY (Lond.) 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR (Ox.) 3	W. F. MORETON (Ox.)... 7
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) 4	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

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

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

HILDRED S. WICKENS ... Treble	*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. MOORHOUSE.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. Rung half-muffled to ring out the old year.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PHILIP BARNES ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
FRED LACEY ... 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 6
MRS. J. BRAY ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
*ALBERT LAMKIN ... 4	FRANK LORD ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

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\* First peal of Major.



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On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lbs. in F.

E. J. LINDLEY (Trin.) <i>Treble</i>	W. H. J. HOOTON
*LORD WRENBURY (King's) 2	(Queens') ... .. 5
G. DODDS (Emma) ... 3	J. H. HAYWARD (Christ's) 6
DR. F. S. POOLE (Sidney) 4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 7
	B. J. WHITE (Queens') ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.  
\* First peal on eight bells.

DERBY.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

JACK BAILEY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*KEITH HUDSTON ... .. 5
*WALTER STEEN ... .. 2	WM. LANCASTER ... .. 6
*EDWIN WILLIAMS ... .. 3	*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... .. 7
*SIDNEY MERRY ... .. 4	†WM. A. PARSONS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN F. GROVE ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 2	FRANK V. GANT ... .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 7
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	*CHARLES W. BEECROFT 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	HARRY HALL ... .. 6
FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... 3	WALTER W. MILLER ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	JOHN HALL ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by GEO. WIGHTMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... <i>Treble</i>	TOM PAGE ... .. 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	*ALBERT F. BURBIDGE ... 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.  
\* First peal.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lbs. in F.

JOAN HOULDSWORTH (Ox. & Lon.) ... .. <i>Treble</i>	P. M. J. GRAY (Lon.) ... 5
E. J. LINDLEY (Cam.) ... 2	G. DODDS (Cam. & Lon.) 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR (Ox.) 3	R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) ... 7
R. J. E. WHITE (Cam.) ... 4	B. D. PRICE (Cam. & Bristol) ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	*WALTER ALMAN ... .. 6
NOMAH M. BIBBY ... .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.  
\* First peal of London.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

*ERNEST B. BETTS ... <i>Treble</i>	*FRED DUNKERLEY ... 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 6
*DAVID VINCENT ... .. 3	*FRED SEAGER ... .. 7
JOHN WORTH ... .. 4	*FRED HODGSON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WM. BARTON.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (R.C.),

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY TUSON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR HATCH ... .. 5
THOMAS BARKER ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY 6
JOHN JACKSON ... .. 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 7
JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 4	FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (20). Conducted by F. MCCARTHY.  
Rung for the centenary of St. Mary's Church.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*ERIC DODDS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	VERNON J. BENNING ... 5
†SHEILA E. HARRIS ... 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 4	GEOFFREY DODDS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal on the new eight.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

MARIE R. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 5
WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 7
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of William Thorpe, who died on Boxing Day, 1946, aged 82.

METHERINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR. 5184 CHANGES;**

KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.  
This peal contains 1,408 London, 1,664 Rutland, 576 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge and 256 Pudsey, with 114 changes of method. The methods were arranged by George R. Pye.



MILVERTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.	
*HARRY PURCHASE ... ..Treble	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 2	*WILLIAM E. TURNER ... .. 6
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... .. 3	HARRY CHURCHILL ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... ..Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. \*Conducted by W. G. GIGG.  
\* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,  
**A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ARTHUR G. RICHARDS ...Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
ELWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
MARGARET D. TELFORD ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

DARTFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. WALKER... ..Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
FREDK. A. COLEY ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.  
A 75th birthday compliment to John Wheadon, senior member of Dartford ringers.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	
WILKIN MASSEY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 5
*JOHN DAVY ... .. 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
PETER F. DAVY ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...Tenor

\* First peal.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*CECIL C. WRIGHT... ..Treble	EDWIN S. SMITH ... .. 5
*PHILIP H. SPECK ... .. 2	ALFRED MEARS ... .. 6
JOHN S. WALTON ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
HAROLD A. NOBES ... .. 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Annable's. Tenor 15 cwt.	
*JAMES H. LILLEY ... ..Treble	JAMES W. JEFFERY ... .. 5
*HORACE E. LILLEY ... .. 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 6
TOM MITCHELL ... .. 3	GEORGE W. CECIL ... .. 7
GEORGE APPS ... .. 4	EDWIN I. BRETT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
THOMAS HEMMING... ..Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 5
*CHARLES RICHARDS ... .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	*GEORGE AMBLER ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First peal of London. † 100th peal.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Pritchard's. Tenor 13 cwt.	
SYDNEY FLINT ... ..Treble	GEORGE SKELLARD ... .. 5
JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 2	ROBERT GUY ... .. 6
THOMAS RILEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... .. 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND... .. 4	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ...Tenor

Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deacon.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Friday, Jan. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.	
F. BERNARD DITCHER Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 5
ERIC CRITCHLEY ... .. 2	JACK G. BROTHWELL ... .. 6
*GEORGE PRESTON ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal (age 13). Rung in memory of George William Brothwell, R.A.F., of this tower, who lost his life over Germany four years ago.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.	
FREDERICK A. COLEY ...Treble	†GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 4	‡PHILIP A. CORBY ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* 100th peal for the association. † 200th peal. ‡ 150th peal for the association.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

**A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Lleston Variation, 40 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.	
*GEORGE A. SPARKS ...Treble	*ERIC DURRANT ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 6
*JOHN MOOR ... .. 3	*WALTER C. MEDLER ... .. 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE SAYER ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
\* First peal in two Major methods. First peal since 1925 by the treble ringer and rung as a compliment to him for his 50th birthday and silver wedding.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
At THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt. in E flat.	
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD Treble	*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 5
ERNEST F. WHITE ... .. 2	FRANK A. PENN ... .. 6
NORMAN G. N. KNEE ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... .. 4	REGINALD H. NEWTON ...Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. C. WEST.

\* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his completion of 50 years as a ringer at this tower.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.	
JAMES A. MILNER ... ..Treble	JOHN WORTH ... .. 5
*ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 2	*ANTHONY BAUMONT ... .. 6
*BASIL JONES ... .. 3	JOSEPH WITTAKER ... .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 4	PETER LAFLIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.



SHERBORNE, DORSSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 46 cwt. in B.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... ..	Treble	ARTHUR H. REED ... ..	5
JOHN THOMAS ... ..	2	GEORGE S. MORRIS ... ..	6
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... ..	3	DAVID MACKAY ... ..	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... ..	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... ..	Treble	HENRY STALHAM ... ..	5
ALBERT W. BOND ... ..	2	FRANK HOWE ... ..	6
FRANK BENNETT ... ..	3	FREDERICK PAGE ... ..	7
ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY ... ..	4	† REGINALD A. CHARMAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

AYLESFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*RUBY K. UPTON ... ..	Treble	*LEONARD C. WELLS ... ..	5
*MARGARET E. GREEN ... ..	2	*JOHN L. F. UPTON ... ..	6
† WILLIAM F. LINKSTED ... ..	3	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... ..	7
JOHN R. HOMEWOOD ... ..	4	*ALBERT GREEN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band since 1891.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

*MILTON C. FOWLER ... ..	Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... ..	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... ..	2	*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... ..	6
† W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... ..	3	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... ..	7
ERNEST A. THORPE ... ..	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... ..	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method in the county.

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

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

HENRY H. FEARN ... ..	Treble	*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... ..	5
*LEONARD TREVOR ... ..	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... ..	6
JOHN PINFOLD ... ..	3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... ..	7
JOHN S. MASON ... ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal in the method.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas a'Becket,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES T. LAKER ... ..	Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... ..	5
ERNEST GOWER ... ..	2	NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... ..	6
KENNETH SNELLING ... ..	3	ALFRED J. BULL ... ..	7
WILLIAM ROGERS ... ..	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS JOAN GRANT ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK W. HALE ... ..	5
*MISS JOY DAVIS ... ..	2	WILLIAM G. MORTIMER ... ..	6
WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... ..	3	SIDNEY G. GRANT ... ..	7
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... ..	4	A. JAMES CULLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by S. G. GRANT.

\* First peal. First peal of Stedman Triples by all the band. Rung in honour of W. G. Mortimer completing 30 years as a ringer at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, Jan. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES F. HARVEY ... ..	Treble	LEONARD TUFFREY ... ..	5
JOHN PINFOLD ... ..	2	HENRY H. FEARN ... ..	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... ..	3	ROGER W. DANIELS ... ..	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

*RICHARD J. BOWLER ... ..	Treble	† J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... ..	5
GEORGE C. PADGETT ... ..	2	FRANK BRADLEY ... ..	6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... ..	3	T. VERNON JENNISON ... ..	7
† DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... ..	4	WALTER NICHOLS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Triples. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

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

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... ..	Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... ..	5
STAFFORD GREEN ... ..	2	JILL POOLE ... ..	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... ..	3	PETER J. STANFORTH ... ..	7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	4	COLIN HARRISON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

R. CRITCHLEY ... ..	Treble	J. POUNDS ... ..	4
C. ACKERS ... ..	2	*T. MARSHALL ... ..	5
J. LUNHAM ... ..	3	A. MAWDSLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

\* First peal of Minor.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN F. PEARSON ... ..	Treble	ROBERT W. PARKER ... ..	4
*JACK F. HODSON ... ..	2	† SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... ..	5
JOHN E. COOK ... ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.



ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.  
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.  
\*PEGGY PRUEN (Bris.) ... Treble †GEOFFREY BEYNON (Bris.) 4  
†JENNY PYM (Bris.) ... 2 †C. J. DICKINSON (Ox.) 5  
\*BARBARA PODGER (Bris.) 3 JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal. † First peal on six bells. Rung to welcome the birth of a son and heir to the Vicar of the parish.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

Consisting of extents of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER Treble †KENNETH L. BROWN ... 4  
\*JACK KING ... 2 †DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 5  
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3 F. CHARLES GOODMAN...Tenor  
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Minor in six methods. † First peal of Minor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

\*CLIFFORD IZZARD ... Treble MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 4  
†ALFRED L. FORD ... 2 PEARL INSKIP ... 5  
ARTHUR WALLER ... 3 CYRIL A. PRINDIVILLE...Tenor  
Conducted by CYRIL A. PRINDIVILLE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANLEY V. WOODS ... Treble STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 4  
JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2 †JOHN G. AMES ... 5  
\*AUBREY D. MILLS ... 3 CYRIL WANDER ... Tenor  
Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal of Minor. † 150th peal.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Varied callings, 78 bobs, 30 singles. Tenor 15 cwt.

\*LESLIE W. FISHER ... Treble GEORGE E. CRISP ... 4  
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 2 WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 5  
WILFRED YOUNG ... 3 FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor  
Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble \*LESLIE EVANS ... 4  
ALLEN MORGAN ... 2 WILFRID F. MORETON... 5  
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3 REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor  
Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

\* First seven-method peal of Minor. The first in seven methods on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Childwall, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

GORDON W. LIMMER ... Treble FRANK H. HICKS ... 4  
GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 2 CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 5  
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3 GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor  
Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

\*LEONARD G. SMITH ... Treble \*LESLIE E. MONK ... 4  
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK... 2 WALTER J. COPE ... 5  
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3 \*JOHN H. ALLPORT ... Tenor  
Conducted by G. E. OLIVER.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Prebendary P. Howard on his retirement after 33 years as Rector.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 240 Union, 720 Plain Bob, 720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 3,360 Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

JABEZ PREECE ... Treble FREDERICK R. HARRIS... 4  
LESLIE EVANS ... 2 E. PETER ROCK ... 5  
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3 \*DENNIS STEPHENS ... Tenor  
Conducted by E. P. ROCK.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to J. Preece, captain of this tower for 40 years

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

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

An extent each of Norwich, London, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

BRIAN SIMMS ... Treble C. HENRY HARDING ... 4  
RONALD J. SHARP ... 2 ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5  
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 3 C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor  
Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD FOLWELL Treble FREDERICK V. PERKINS 3  
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2 \*IAN A. MORRISON ... 4  
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor  
Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd on joining H.M. Forces.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

\*EDWARD E. FRAMPTON Treble \*IVAN J. READ ... 3  
ARTHUR J. CALLOW ... 2 \*FREDERICK G. HOSKINS 4  
VICTOR J. FARTHING ... Tenor  
\* First peal. Conducted by V. J. FARTHING.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 8 six-scores of St. Simon's, 12 of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob, and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Treble ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4  
ROGER HAWKSWORTH ... 2 ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 5  
\*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 3 †THOMAS V. NOTT ... Tenor  
Conducted by E. E. SPEAKE.

\* First peal of Doubles on tower bells. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1946, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.  
AT PORTERS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

OLAVE BROYD ... .. 1-2	THOMAS BIRD ... .. 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

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First peal of Major as conductor.

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On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT 6, STANWAY DRIVE,

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

Tenor size 15 in B.

DAVID VINCENT ... .. 1-2	MISS JULIA M. PRESTON ... 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3-4	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by J. WORTH.

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(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT TRENTWOOD,

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

Seven extents in 53 methods: (1) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob. (2) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight. (3) Nelson Treble Bob. (4) Oswald and Barham Delight. (5) Ely Delight. (6) Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. (7) Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

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JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6	

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On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15.

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	†CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4	MARGARET D. TELFORD... 7-8

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 9-10

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.  
\* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Kent Royal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

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

Tenor size 15.

*MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 7-8

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor size 13 in E.

JOHN THOMAS ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3-4	*PATRICK HARRIS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Jan. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 459, DUDLEY ROAD,

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

Seven different extents.

*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 1-2	†ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3-4
†ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by E. E. SPEAKE.  
\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' ‡ First peal of Bob Minor and first of Minor as conductor.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Winchester and Ports-  
mouth Guild have pre-  
sented the Exercise with  
a new controversy—a peal of Cambridge Sur-  
prise Major with a Single. Writes composer  
Brian D. Price, 'Not original, but singular!' It  
was rung at St. Michael's, Southampton, on  
January 18th.

Princess Elizabeth's coming-of-age. They  
have started planning their peals in Worcester-  
shire!

Cuckfield ringers have started the year well.  
Their peal on January 5th was the first by an  
all local band for 36 years. The peal was  
rung for the Sunday evening service, the band  
being regular service ringers.

A word of special congratulation to those  
who participated in the peal of Stedman  
Triples at Bishop's Cannings, Wilts. It was  
the first in the method by all the band.

To mark his 19 years' service as Ringing  
Master of the Farnham District, Mr. R. Hasted  
on retirement was presented on Saturday with  
a silver-mounted walking stick and a certi-  
ficate recording appreciation of his services.  
Mr. C. W. Denver is the new Master.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has consented to  
preside at the annual meeting of the Society  
of Royal Cumberland Youths to-morrow.  
Despite counter attractions at Acton, a big  
muster is expected.

Cheshire has something new—Oswald Delight  
Major, the first peal of which was conducted  
by John E. Bibby at Frodsham on Jan. 17th.  
On the treble was 'Oswald' Claybrook. The  
composer is C. Kenneth Lewis.

Many have shared with our cartoonist P.H.  
in finding the ideas of Fabian Stedman im-  
possible!

Another 'first ever' comes from Erith, Kent,  
in Eardley Surprise Major, a composition of  
A. G. Driver. The conductor was Frederick  
J. Cullum.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Three months' hard  
practice was behind the  
peal of Minor in fifty-  
three methods 'in hand,' called by George E.  
Feirn, and which is published this week. The  
previous record was held by the same Lincoln-  
shire band, rung on December 26th, 1939, and  
consisted of 50 methods. Success was only  
achieved after half a dozen attempts. The  
company's next target is to ring a peal in 60  
methods. Handbell ringers, we feel sure,  
desire us to voice congratulations.

Owing to bomb damage, no services are held  
at St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, Kent. The bells  
are, however, always rung for Sunday evening  
service at the daughter Church of All Saints,  
which is about one mile away. Ringing takes  
place between 5 and 6 p.m.

Mr. F. I. Hairs, Master of the Sussex County  
Association, was present at the funeral service  
for Mr. Rupert Richardson at Surfleet.

Additional memorial peals for Rupert  
Richardson have been rung at Lincoln Cath-  
edral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's, Lincoln, St. Giles',  
Lincoln, Scunthorpe, Leicester Cathedral, Isle-  
worth, and Ufford, Suffolk. There have also  
been a number of quarter-peals.

After six previous attempts in the past three  
months, the local band at Christ Church,  
Erith, with the aid of their conductor, rang  
their quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Jan.  
19th. This is the first quarter other than  
Doubles since 1919. The ringers were: A. J.  
Hill 1, C. Udell 2, Miss A. Catt 3, F. A. Coley  
(conductor) 4, V. Benning 5, E. E. Jeffries 6,  
A. G. Hill 7, J. Benning 8. First quarter by  
ringers of 1, 3, 6 and 8.

An insight as to the number of new ringers  
is provided by the fact that the last edition  
of 3,000 copies of 'The Ringers' Handbook,'  
by E. S. and M. Powell, was disposed of in  
less than two years. The new edition of this  
popular textbook is advertised in this issue.

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# BOURNEMOUTH RALLY AND DINNER

CHURCH AND CIVIC AUTHORITY'S DEFENCE OF RINGING.....VETERAN MASTER TELLS OF PROGRESS ...  
A PERMANENT FIXTURE IN THE RINGERS' CALENDAR

Bournemouth ringers and their friends started last Saturday what they hope will be a permanent feature in the calendar of the Exercise—the Bournemouth rally and dinner. Both the Church and the civic authorities combined in their welcome, and despite the wintry aspect, so exceptional for Bournemouth, the festival proved most enjoyable.

The Archdeacon of Winchester (the Ven. Hedley R. Burrows) presided at the dinner, held in St. Peter's Hall, which was attended by a company of 126. Supporting him were Ald. Harry C. Brown, former Mayor of Bournemouth; Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Guild; Mr. F. W. Rogers, secretary of the Winchester Guild; Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, past master, Salisbury Guild; the Rev. R. P. Price, Vicar of Christ Church; and Mr. Arthur V. Davis, who was hon. secretary to the organising committee, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Marshall. Say.

Informality was a keynote in the proceedings. After the chairman had proposed the loyal toast, in which he referred to 'the great adventure' of the Royal Family in their journey to South Africa, he expressed the sincere regret of the Bishop of Winchester at his inability to be present owing to pressure of other duties. He had a word of special greeting to Mr. George Williams, who he said had made a life study of their art and had given wonderful and devoted service to the craft of bellringing.

The Archdeacon commented upon the frequency with which he heard the words 'surprise', 'amazed', 'horrified' and 'disgusted' used, and he admitted that he had heard all these expressions used in connection with bellringers.

During the war years the Archdeacon was at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and he recalled when war broke out ringing continued for a time. Some people wrote to him and said they were 'surprised' that the bells were still being rung. Quite a number of people said a little later they were 'amazed' as they thought the bells might attract the bombs, and then from time to time he used to have anonymous rings on the telephone and voices would declare that they were 'horrified,' and occasionally the expression went so far as being 'disgusted.'

He always thought that the members of the bellringers' guilds had two objects in view. One was not to disappoint the Rector and the other was not to annoy the neighbours. Those two principles they must keep firmly in mind the whole time. As he looked back on his past experiences he could honestly say that some of his happiest times had been with bellringers—when as a curate learning to ring rounds at Petersfield and his friendships afterwards. Bellringers had never disappointed him, and as far as annoying their neighbours—well, he had always been prepared to deal with them! (laughter).

## THREE POINTS FOR RINGERS.

There were three things which he thought ringers should bear in mind and which he thought expressed the truth about their craft. When he visited Hereford recently the verger described the Cathedral 'as very reticent.' He knew what he meant; one did not see it all at first glance. The craft of ringing was very reticent; there was a mystery about it; no one had really mastered it without observing the principle of restraint. The second was that it was a great fellowship, and lastly it was the ante-chamber to the throne room of worship. The bells summoned the people to church—how hard a task it was in these days!

This rally was intended to sustain and stimu-

late the mysteries of their art to strengthen the fellowship among ringers and to make them aware and determined that as they prepared the people for worship they took part in that worship themselves. From the chair he thanked Arthur Davis for his courage, vision and enthusiasm in arranging the rally. He expressed his belief that the ringing guilds in this country were going under God to play a great part in the conversion of England.

Ald. Harry C. Brown, past Mayor and president of the Rotary Club, spoke with gratitude of how he heard St. Peter's bells in September, 1917, after being bombed on the East Coast. For 20 years he lived almost opposite the church and he loved the bells. On many occasions people had said to him, 'I do wish those bells would not ring.' He had politely quarrelled with the complainants and rejoined, 'If you are so neurotic that you can't stick a beautiful peal of bells for one week, I don't think I want you as a visitor and I don't think Bournemouth wants you.' These bells signified something they could not give, and he paid that tribute to the bellringers of St. Peter's.

## STARTED CHANGE RINGING IN 1880.

Next to greet the assembly was Mr. George Williams, who in a reminiscent vein recalled that he had been ringing since 12 years of age, but he did not start change ringing until 1880. When he started ringing in earnest one had to scarify the diocese to get a band for Grandsire Triples; now they could get a band from any one tower. That was 60 years ago and before the Guild was founded in 1879. He congratulated Mr. Davis on his work.

Mr. T. W. White brought to the rally the good wishes of the Central Council. In a reference to 'The Ringing World,' he mentioned that they had had 700 new subscribers since the allocation of additional paper, and they could take another 600 under present arrangements. The vigour of the Exercise was most encouraging, particularly the influx of youth. The large number of young ringers was not to be found merely at Bournemouth, but practically every guild could report similar progress.

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart referred to the continuous support to bellringing which had been forthcoming from the chairman, particularly when he was Vicar of St. Peter's. He thanked the incumbents for the use of bells for the rally.

In a word of welcome to the visitors, Mr. Martin Stewart mentioned that the following Guilds were represented: St. Martin's Bristol, the Worcestershire and Districts, the Llandaff and Monmouth, the Bath and Wells, Sussex County, Salisbury, Hereford, Middlesex, Oxford, and Guildford. He voiced the congratulations of the assembly to Mr. Preston, of Christ Church Priory, who in March will celebrate 60 years as a service ringer.

The Rev. R. T. Price assured the company that no thanks were due to the incumbents; it was the incumbents who should thank the ringers for carrying the voice of the Church over the trees and fields of England. At Christchurch he did not find that the people were amazed, horrified or disgusted by the bells.

Mr. Bell (churchwarden of St. Peter's) expressed appreciation of the splendid band at St. Peter's, ably led by Mr. Davis. It was encouraging to see so many young people carrying on the tradition.

## FUTURE PLANS.

The Chairman called on Mr. Arthur Davis for a speech, and he modestly declared that he was not the only one who had been working for the success of the rally. In regard to the training of ringers, theirs was not the only tower in Bournemouth; much hard work

was done at St. John's and other local towers. Bournemouth was well provided with rings of bells, with a twelve, a ten, two eights, and a ten at Wimborne. As to future rallies, they hoped to arrange for them in April and looked forward to welcoming those present in 1948.

Handbell ringing by Mary Davis 1-2, Bruce Rogers 3-4, Percy Brayshaw 5-6, Andrew Pearmain 7-8 (conductor) and John Davis 9-10, all members of the St. Peter's band, was commended. This company, conducted by Mr. Arthur Davis and with the addition of Kathleen Brayshaw, played a number of tunes. A short entertainment by 'The Merrymakers' followed. The organising committee consisted of the Rev. C. A. Phillips, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Mr. Arthur Davis and Mrs. F. J. Marshall. Say.

Among others present were Messrs. D. Ayling and D. Ayling, jun., P. Ayling, Sgt. Ashman, H. Atkins, R. Brown (Southampton), Bond (Sevenoaks), Botwell, P. Brayshaw, Miss K. Brayshaw, Squadron Leader A. E. C. York Bramble (Netley), Mr. and Mrs. L. Bell.

Mr. J. Coles, Mr. W. Mrs. and Miss Cartwright (Birmingham), Dr. Cunningham (Wareham), R. Cook (Newbury), W. Cheater, Miss C. Chapman, Miss L. Crofts, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Coutts, Miss F. Childs, Mr. Dowding and party (Birmingham), Mr. R. Dear, Mr. Ivor Davis (Poole), Mr. J. V. Davis, Miss M. Davis, the Rev. and Mrs. K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), the Rev. Farrow (Lutworth), Miss Fletcher.

Messrs. Goodfellow, A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth), F. Haysom (Swanage), the Rev. E. C. Harris (Poole), J. W. and Miss Jones (Newport, Mon.), Jacobs, Mrs. King, Mr. Kingston (Shepton Mallet), H. A. Mitchell and 14 members from St. John's, Surrey Road, Macdonald (Poole), J. Munday (Southampton), A. Pearmain, the Rev. C. A. Phillips, T. Page (Portsmouth), G. Pullinger, L. Pink (Lythcott), G. Preston (Christchurch).

The Rev. R. F. Routh, Rose, W. Rex (Newbury), C. and S. Reed (Ringwood), B. Rogers, A. Rose (Poole).

Miss M. Stewart, Symonds (Hereford), Miss Sparshott (Christchurch), Capt. E. Samson (Loughborough), T. Setter (Yeovil), D. Trehane, F. Townsend (Poole), P. Taylor (Loughborough), True (Poole), J. M. Turner (Christchurch), Vacher.

Mrs. A. L. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Miss Wathen, F. S. Wilson, F. Waters, Weeks (Devizes), Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Young (Poole).

## ADDITIONAL PEAL NOTES

War-time associations were renewed by the peal at Hitcham, Bucks, on January 4th. It was arranged for the visit of Frank Hicks (Eastbourne), who was so helpful to Burnham ringers during the war years.

Dr. E. S. John Hatcher will remember the first peal he conducted. It was Grandsire Triples at Aylesford, Kent, on January 11th. Four of the five first pealers had been taught to ring by the doctor since 1944. There was also a first 'inside.' To balance this youth there was Mr. John Homewood, who rang his first peal in 1894 and remembers the previous local peal in 1891.

In honour of the 55th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Andrews, an attempt for a peal of Bob Minor was made at Longparish, Hants, but came to grief after ringing 1,680 changes with no discredit to Mr. Andrews, who was attempting his first peal at the age of 87; L. Andrews (longest length) 1, D. Smith 2, J. Pearson 3, F. Tonge 4, J. Holloway 5, V. Jarrett (conductor) 6.



## A SELECTION FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

### A Warning

AT NOTTINGHAM.

Dear Sir,—Ringers will, I am sure, be obliged to Mr. Perrins for his letter of warning. This person called on me on December 27th about 10 a.m. and informed me that his son had sustained a serious accident at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, and after paying his landlady he required 16s. to get home. I felt he must have some food and handed him 30s. He gave his name as Robert Haslett, but I am convinced he is the same person as 'William Green.'—Yours faithfully,

RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Nottingham.

AT LINCOLN.

Dear Sir,—It was with much interest, stimulated by the fruits of bitter experience, that I read Mr. Frank W. Perrins' letter of warning about the activities of one William Green, of Leominster.

Some few weeks ago this gentleman, travelling under the identity of Frank Hazlitt, of Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, called on me and told me that he was stranded after visiting his son (who must be a long-suffering creature and something of a nomad) in hospital at Scunthorpe. On this occasion the cost of his fare amounted to £1, and I loaned him this amount, which now I fear, like Clementine, is 'lost and gone forever.'

In all fairness I must say that he did state that he would not be able to let me have it back before Christmas—he did not specify which Christmas!—Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Lincoln.

P.S.—To William Green, alias Frank Hazlitt, I say, 'Call again! The family would like to meet you!'—J.A.F.

### WHY RUNG DOWN THE SCALE?

Dear Sir,—I was very interested on reading 'Country Questions at Sunday's Lunch,' by Brian Vesey-Fitzgerald, in this week's 'Radio Times.' First, in the knowledge that the question-master is Mr. Jack Long, and a mountaineer of Mount Everest fame: some will know the connection with 'North Col,' one of the camps of the three Everest expeditions 25,000 feet up; but more so in one of the questions which had been asked, 'Why are church bells rung down the scale?' I did not hear the question asked, and, therefore, not the answer, as probably this feature was then broadcast in the West Regional Programme.

This question has always interested me, and perhaps some of your readers will give us their views.

I once asked this question one practice night, but was told 'that it simply was not done.'—Yours sincerely,

H. FRANK STENSON.

Crewes.

### RECORDINGS POPULAR

Dear Sir,—On the occasion of Choir and Bellingers' Sunday at Barwell (Leicestershire) Parish Church, recordings were made of extracts from the service, preceded by several minutes of part of a touch of Stedman Triples. The recordings were played to a crowded audience at the annual church social, and everyone was pleased at the excellent results. The ringers had particular interest in their contribution to the recordings, and have an opportunity of possessing a permanent record of a well-struck course of Stedman.

Mr. H. J. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, gave the address at the evening service, and spoke to a large congregation, including members from many towers about the formation and object of guilds and the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

T. C. BELTON.

### The 13th Bell at St. Martin's

Dear Sir,—Doubtless you will have been inundated with letters from correspondents all claiming knowledge of the 'mysterious' 13th bell at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, an article about which appeared in the 'Daily Mail' on January 17th. I think I should explain in advance how the article came to be printed and also how so many inaccuracies appeared.

Firstly, I did not, as the article suggested, ask permission to go up into the belfry. I am a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and on the last practice night I climbed up out of curiosity as far as it is humanly possible to go. On the open ledge pointed out in the photo I found a bell, and as far as I could make out in the dark it was hung for ringing. This intrigued me, and, making inquiries, I was unable to find anybody who knew why or how such a bell came to be there, or when it was last rung. A number of people knew of its existence. I casually mentioned this to a friend who has journalistic acquaintances, and this is the result!

Hornsey, N.8.

E. J. ROWE.

### NO MYSTERY

Dear Sir,—There is no mystery about the so-called unknown bell, and if the 'Daily Mail' had taken the trouble to verify the facts before publishing their article, there would have been no need to say anything about it.

The bell itself is the sanctus bell and was used up to the time of the ban in 1940, since when it has not been rung. I have written to the 'Daily Mail' explaining this.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. STEERE, Hon. Sec.,  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

### WORSHIP AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was not surprised to read the letter from Richard Post supporting the view that to him bells are in no way connected with religious services, and the fact that they are housed in church towers and not secular places is merely a coincidence.

I came into contact with many such ringers during my 'tours' of the country in H.M. Forces, ringers who proudly support scores of peals behind their names in their respective ringing reports and yet fail to recognise the fact that the Church provides the bells at great expense for their selfish pleasure.

I grew accustomed to the looks of surprise from the resident ringers when I asked my way into the church from the belfry, and only once can I remember one of a local hand taking part in the service with me. The fault, I believe, lies with the clergy for failing to demand that ringers, the same as any other church workers, should be regular worshippers. The answer, of course, is, 'Very few bells would be rung' if this condition was imposed. Who would be the losers? In my own tower four members are choirmen and the remainder, who include the parish clerk and a sidesman, occupy regularly the ringers' pew.

It has been said many times that peals assist in the development of the art of campanology. But how does campanology further the work of the Church if its members do not belong to it? That is the only question that matters, and in the light of that question all the glorious peals—record or otherwise—are hollow and worthless unless they serve the purpose of holding together in the Church's work men willing to devote their time and knowledge for the good of the Church and not for themselves alone.

The sooner the clergy make a move to rid our towers of 'unattached' ringers the better it will be for the influence and good of our present and future church bellringers.—Yours faithfully,

Barwell, Leicester.

### A Westminster Abbey Experience

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. P. L. Bond's letter, may I be allowed to quote an experience my friend and I went through whilst visiting Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and other notable churches during a visit to London last September?

We were looking round the Abbey with hundreds of others, and, being very keen campanologists, asked, very politely, if we might be allowed to go up into the belfry. Our request did not fall on favourable ears; we were sent hither and thither round the Abbey to many different officials and at length ended by having an audience with the Dean of Westminster, who granted us the required permission. Once again we started our tour of going from one official to another, all of them seeming very anxious to be rid of us. Then one told us that even if he could find someone to take us up, we would have to wait a long time, as it was nearly lunch time. We were very disappointed and gave it up as a bad job.

Sir, we spent over an hour wasting our time with the Abbey officials, all of whom were quite offended, it seemed, at our wishing to see the belfry. After all, we only wanted to see the belfry, and not to ring a peal.

Is it right that these officials should show thousands round their own part of the Abbey—the part that is interesting to ordinary people—and yet be so slow to please two innocent lads who wished to see something that interested them? Why is it that this belfry is so guarded? Have they no peal boards to display?

I need hardly add that, after lunch, when we went to St. Paul's Cathedral, we made, after very careful consultation and reflection, one tentative remark as to whether we might see the belfry. When told by a similar official that he did not think so, we very quickly told him that it did not matter and left him, intending that our previous experience at the Abbey should not be repeated.—Yours, etc.,

A. W. J. APPLETON.

Godalming, Surrey.

### FUNDAMENTAL REASON FOR RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent controversy regarding 'The Strange God Campanology,' it is lamentable that so many campanologists, often very advanced in the art of ringing, do not seem to realise the fundamental reason for the ringing of church bells, which is, surely, the summoning of people to worship Him whose birthday we have recently celebrated!

In our little church, however, the regular ringers are almost its mainstay! Five of us are members of the choir and church council and one also acts as churchwarden. My brother (who is now stationed in India and from whom you printed a letter a few months ago regarding his ringing experiences when in Ireland), apart from being a keen ringer, when home, was also a server for the Holy Eucharist and a choir member.—Yours sincerely,

LILY A. M. TALBOT.

Black Notley, Baintree, Essex.

### RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—I can add to the instances of ringers' names appearing on bells. In 1939, Hitchin Parish Church bells were rehung and the treble recast. The local ringers subscribed and collected £184 towards the cost (which represented a lot of hard work). When the treble was cast, the fact that the ringers collected this sum was inscribed on the bell, and as I was the captain of the ringers and organised the collection, my name was included on the inscription.—Yours faithfully,

Hitchin.

DON MEARS.



## Devon Guild of Ringers

### BRANCH MEETING AT SOUTH BRENT.

Well attended was the annual meeting of the South-West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at South Brent on January 18th. Visitors included the president of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox).

The handy ring of six bells was well utilised during the afternoon, and this was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar of South Brent (the Rev. I. K. Jones). About 50 sat down to an excellent tea at the Royal Oak Hotel.

At the business meeting the Rev. E. W. Moore (chairman) presided. The treasurer reported a balance in hand of £2 10s. 4d. The secretary's report stated that four meetings had been held during the past year, including a joint meeting with the Mid-Devon, and that there had been an increase in the membership. There had been regular service and practice ringing, and one peal had been rung during the year. The reports were adopted.

The Rev. H. E. Bennett, of Plympton St. Maurice, was unanimously elected chairman in succession to the Rev. F. W. Moore, who has recently removed to Salcombe Regis. Mr. T. G. Myers was re-elected secretary and treasurer, with thanks for his past services; Messrs. S. O'Shaughnessy, J. Sims and W. G. Lavers, representatives on the General Committee; and Mr. H. H. Thomas, hon. auditor.

It was decided to hold the next three meetings on the third Saturdays in April, September and January respectively, and Bigbury was chosen for the meeting on April 10th, subject to the usual permission. Two new members from Emmanuel, Plymouth, and eight from Plympton St. Maurice were elected, and six certificates were presented to six other members by the president.

The branch voiced its great appreciation to the retiring chairman for his past services, and the usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, after which the visitors again returned to the tower. The ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and rounds for less experienced.

### AYLESBEARE DEANERY AT WOODBURY.

Between 60 and 70 attended the annual meeting of Aylesbeare Deanery Branch, held at Woodbury on January 11th. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. Williams (Vicar), Preb. E. V. Cox (Guild president) and the Rev. H. V. Christie (chairman of the branch) were also present. The tower of the church rocks considerably and novices were handicapped, but some good work was done in Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob.

It was reported at the meeting that membership was about 100 and the balance in hand £21. Officers re-elected were: The Rev. H. V. Christie, chairman; Mr. J. L. Glanville, Ringing Master; Mr. B. Pidgeon, hon. secretary. Nine new members were admitted. Topsham was chosen on the next meeting on May 3rd, and thanks were tendered to officers and all who had assisted in the arrangements.

### PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY

#### DEATH OF MR. GEORGE THORPE.

Some 20 ringers from various parts of Derbyshire assembled at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, for a meeting of the Peak Society on January 18th. The bells were rung to standard methods during the afternoon and evening. A touch of 511 Grandsire Triples was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. George Thorpe, of Dore, near Sheffield, who was accidentally killed on his way to work the previous day. He was a valued member of the Peak Society and will be much missed at their meetings. Grandsire was his favourite method and the bells were fully muffled.

At the meeting it was decided to make the Peak Society a branch of the Derby and District Association, with Mr. G. H. Paulson as chairman, Mr. H. E. Taylor secretary, Mr. J. Sykes and Mr. A. Alexander committee men.



*'Master Stedman, your ideas are impossible'*

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### SALISBURY BRANCH REPORT PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Salisbury on January 18th. Some 64 ringers attended from Kingston Magna, Wylde, Coombe Bisset, Downton, South Newton, Martin, Devizes, Warminster, Amesbury, Wilton, Bristol, Berwick St. John, Briford, Bishops Cannings, Codford, Breamore, Semley, Templecombe, Newcastle, Longbridge Deverill, Poole and Salisbury. The service was held at St. Thomas' and conducted by the Rev. P. Hayes.

The business meeting followed in St. Paul's Schoolroom, and was presided over by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, general secretary of the Guild, supported by Mr. J. Sutton, branch chairman.

The secretary in his report stated that one new tower had joined the branch and three others which had dropped out rejoined. During the year there had been three augmentations, two from six to eight, and one from five to six. One more augmentation was pending, and St. Thomas', Salisbury, bells were about to be rehung in a new steel frame.

In all 14 peals had been rung for the branch during the year, being Grandsire Triples 4, Bob Major 2, Grandsire Doubles 1, Bob Minor 5, Minor (three methods) 2.

The chairman, Mr. J. Sutton, was re-elected. The branch received with regret the confirmation of the resignation of the branch secretary, Mr. Theobald. After some discussion, Mr. J. E. Figgures was elected secretary and treasurer in his place. Ringing Masters, Messrs. L. Harris and W. Roberts, were re-elected, with Mr. F. Harris in place of Mr. Theobald, who had also been Ringing Master. Mr. L. Harris succeeds the Rev. — Davies, who has left Salisbury, on the committee.

Twenty-five members were elected, and the election of a non-resident member proposed prior to a peal confirmed.

Two ringers of very long service, Messrs. G. K. Norton and J. Sandell, were recommended to be submitted to the annual Guild meeting for election as hon. life members.

In the course of the elections it was mentioned that St. Martin's now had eight young lady ringers, five from the Godolphin School and three from the Training College. Votes of thanks included a tribute to the retiring secretary.

## Winchester and Portsmouth

### PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District, held at Fareham on January 18th, 48 members, friends and visitors attended from Alverstoke, Birmingham, Fareham, Hambleton, Liss, Loughborough, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Portsea, Shedfield, Titchfield and Wickham. Good use was made of the bells before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. C. Daniell).

After the service an excellent tea was served in the Church of England School, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Linter.

At the business meeting two minutes' silence was observed for Mr. H. Smith, of Wickham, an old member, who had been buried earlier in the afternoon. It was agreed that the cost of the wreath, given by Mr. Chappell on behalf of the ringers, be met by the Guild, and that the secretary send a letter of sympathy to the sons of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Linter and Mr. Burnett were unanimously re-elected as chairman and auditor respectively. As the district now has over 100 members, two members are allowed for the Central Committee, and these were found in Mr. L. P. Cook (re-elected) and Mr. T. Page.

The retiring secretary (Mr. R. J. Stone) expressed regret at leaving the district, and wished his successor (Mr. J. H. Hunt) and all members the best of luck in the future. A minute expressing appreciation of Mr. Stone's services was moved by the chairman (Mr. W. Linter).

Five new practising members were elected from Wickham, the election of 14 compounding members ratified and one new compounding member elected.

A letter from Mr. Pullinger suggesting a combined meeting of the Southampton, Portsmouth and Petersfield Districts at the Meon Valley towers (East Meon, West Meon and Privett), on August Bank Holiday, was agreed to as a very good proposition. Bishop's Waltham and Swanmore were selected for the next meeting on April 26th.

A vote of thanks was expressed by the Master (Mr. G. Williams) to all who made the meeting a success, including the Vicar, Mrs. Linter and the organist.

Methods practised during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Sunerlative Surprise, London Surprise, and rounds and call changes for beginners.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### QUARTERLY MEETING AT STOURBRIDGE

Among the matters discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, on January 18th, were the ringing arrangements to celebrate the forthcoming 21st birthday of Princess Elizabeth. The meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. T. W. Keith-Murray (Vicar), decided that arrangements should be left in the hands of local bands of ringers.

The agenda included arrangements for the quarterly peal, which is to be attempted at Stourbridge, and fixing the next quarterly meeting at Redditch (with incumbent's permission) on June 21st. Monthly meetings on the third Saturdays in February, March and May were arranged at Wordsley, Brierley Hill and Bebbington respectively. The question of instructors for some towers with less experienced bands was raised, and it was resolved that the matter be referred to the Association Central Committee, with a view to the appointment of qualified men.

The service which preceded the meeting was conducted by the Vicar, and an excellent tea was provided by local ladies. A fair range of methods was practised, including Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise.



**ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Staniforth 1, Miss Z. Walker 2, R. F. Ellington (conductor) 3, A. Disney 4, Miss Jill Poole 5, J. S. Iliffe 6, P. J. Staniforth 7, Miss V. Rushin (first quarter) 8.

**AYLESFORD, KENT.**—On Jan. 5th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. L. F. Upton 1, Ruby K. Upton 2, W. F. Linksted 3, J. R. Homewood 4, G. E. Avis 5, L. C. Wells 6, E. S. J. Hatcher (conductor) 7, A. Green 8.

**BARRINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Dade (first quarter) 1, R. Beale (conductor) 2, A. Bond 3, A. Drayton 4, H. Rowsell 5, A. Rowsell 6.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Jan. 12th at the Cathedral, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. Scott (first quarter of Royal) 1, H. H. Fearn 2, G. W. Critchley (conductor) 3, A. Walker 4, S. O'C. Holloway 5, J. S. Mason 6, J. Pinfold 7, J. F. Harvey 8, F. E. Haynes 9, G. E. Pearn 10.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Jan. 11th at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Ballard 1, R. Hickman 2, A. Smith (first inside) 3, R. F.lew 4, A. Anstey 5, D. H. Anstey 6, C. W. Munday (conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 12th at St. Thomas', 1,260 Bob Major: R. C. Heazel (conductor) 1, T. H. Wilson 2, T. A. Goodey 3, J. H. Sitch 4, D. G. Mayell 5, H. G. Goddard 6, B. C. Hines 7, A. E. Pryke 8.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Hooper 1, F. Sampson 2, Mrs. D. C. Bennett 3, G. S. Wiltshire 4, A. J. Maggs (conductor) 5, V. L. Lucas (first quarter) 6, E. J. Ridler 7, John Cox 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, aged 81.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—At St. Luke's Church on Jan. 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. E. Coldman 1, G. E. Pater 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, G. Kyte 4, G. James 5, M. Oakshett 6, P. J. Spice (conductor) 7, J. E. Lyddiard 8. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (Canon F. W. Hassard-Short, M.A.) on January 10th.

**BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, Miss P. V. Marsh 2, Ben Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, A. H. Chant 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Soden 1, J. Keyte 2, B. S. Nichols 3, I. D. Harris 4, F. Soden (conductor) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8. First quarter of Stedman by 1 and 2.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 10th at the Church of the Holy Cross, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob 540 Plain Bob): P. Abbot (first quarter of Minor) 1, J. H. Webb 2, V. Perry 3, S. Osborne 4, E. Lines 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On Dec. 31st, at St. George's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, half-muffled: E. Stacey (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, A. Staveley 4, E. Critchley 5, L. Webb 6, J. McClusky 7, P. Dawe 8.

**DUNSTABLE.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,380 Bob Major: A. E. Sharrman (conductor) 1, D. Beard 2, A. W. Beard 3, H. Burrows 4, G. W. Heley 5, E. Conquest 6, H. C. Hillyard 7, A. G. Matthews 8.

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, E. W. Butler 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, W. Shepherd (conductor) 4, E. Armstrong 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, R. Lathbury 7, J. Greenough 8.

**ELHAM, KENT.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Page 1, W. W. Ring 2, F. G. Hucklestep 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, M. S. Lancefield (conductor) 6, H. S. Wickes 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—On Jan. 11th, at Christ Church, 1,440 Bob Major: F. Oakshott 1, Betty Layton 2, Patricia Smee 3, G. W. Massey 4, A. A. Hadley 5, W. Massey 6, E. J. Lindley (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Hovle 8. Rung for the wedding of the curate and the birthday of the ringer of the treble.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GORLESTON, GREAT YARMOUTH.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): A. Moy 1, J. W. Harwood 2, K. L. Brown 3, A. Wigmore 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. W. Bird (first as conductor) 6.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,946 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: F. J. Wilcox 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. Beedie 3, H. G. Hart 4, H. D. Butler 5, W. Wenban (conductor) 6, R. Wenban 7, F. W. Hazell 8. Longest touch by Peter Beedie (14).

**HASTINGS.**—On Jan. 5th, at All Saints', 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Peck 1, W. H. Joiner 2, J. Downing 3, A. E. Easton 4, J. E. Pennells 5, G. S. Piper 6, T. E. Sone (conductor) 7, S. G. Smith 8.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On Jan. 5th at St. Lawrence's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: N. Rummery 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, W. Gorringe 3, F. Rummery 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, R. Tappen-den 6, L. T. Pope 7, G. Waters (conductor) 8. All local service ringers. First quarter in method for all except 3rd and 5th.

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary's Church: A. Jemmett 1, P. Aldridge 2, J. Eymor 3, H. Hatto 4, N. Tanner (conductor) 5, S. Coventry 6, W. Apperby 7, J. Smith 8. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung as a compliment to S. Coventry on his 80th birthday.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Leonard's on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Chandler 1, W. Lewis 2, D. E. G. Thomas (first quarter of Stedman) 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, H. Langdon (conductor) 5, E. R. Gladman 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, W. J. Winter 8. Rung to celebrate the 78th birthday of Mr. H. Chandler and the 16th birthday of J. E. Chilcott.

**HOLLOWAY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Jan. 5th at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Prockson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, G. A. Parsons 3, R. Charge 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, G. Charge 6, C. Potheary 7, G. A. Donaldson 8.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sandford 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, J. Salway (first as conductor) 4, G. E. Retter 5, E. E. Retter 6, A. J. C. Ho-way 7, G. Richards 8. First quarter of Triples for 1st and 8th.

**KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): C. Brock 1, G. Lee (conductor) 2, E. T. Chapman 3, E. Brock 4, B. Gardiner 5.

**KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Wright (first of Minor) 1, F. Benfield 2, G. Parker 3, E. Nobles (conductor) 4, S. Earl 5, G. Allard 6.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.**—On Jan. 12th, at All Saints', 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. M. Taylor 1, Miss A. Castle (first quarter of Major) 2, G. A. Peck 3, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 4, Miss J. Freer 5, H. Hofton 6, G. C. Goodman 7, W. Sparrow 8.

**LEEK, STAFFS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Wilkinson 1, A. R. Bartlett 2, F. Smilbury 3, T. Edwards 4, J. Hughes 5, A. Rider 6, E. Sharratt (conductor) 7, C. Bettany 8.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Davis 1, J. Wing (first quarter) 2, H. Burton 3, A. J. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, R. Kendall 8.

**LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 of Kent Treble Bob and 540 St. Clement's): R. King 1, F. Precey 2, L. H. Pink 3, Dr. A. Cunningham 4, W. Shute 5, H. E. White (conductor) 6.

**MAPERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Sparks 1, Miss M. Critchell 2, A. Lloyd 3, F. L. Andrews 4, H. P. Sparks (conductor) 5, L. McCreadie 6. First quarter by 2, 3 and 4.

**MERTON, SURREY.**—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss Joyce Edwards 1, Miss Jean Freer 2, Miss Audrey Castle 3, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 4, W. A. G. Conning 5.

**NEWNHAM, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Jackson 1, S. Ruddlesden 2, Miss P. Jackson 3, K. Holloom 4, S. Osborne (first as conductor) 5, F. Cox (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Jan. 12th at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Dale (first quarter) 1, F. W. Rogers 2, Miss C. Burbidge 3, J. H. Hunt 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, J. D. Harris (conductor) 7, Rev. E. Curtis (first quarter) 8.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Belsey 1, T. G. Thomas 2, T. Cross 3, F. J. Cheal 4, E. Naylor 5, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 6, W. J. Walker 7, B. Edwards 8. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to C. Belsey, former captain of St. Margaret's ringers, Rainham.

**RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: B. Barber 1, E. Long 2, G. Wa'pole (conductor) 3, D. Fenn 4, T. D. Long 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir Nicholas Bacon, honorary member of the East Norfolk Branch.

**RICHMOND, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Clegg 1, Miss D. M. Kilingley 2, Miss B. E. Strutt 3, Miss M. Walton 4, G. Holmes (conductor) 5, Miss N. Benson 6, Miss P. Dodd 7. First quarter for all except ringers of 2 and 5.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Triples: F. Hammond 1, W. Rogers 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, S. T. A. Russell 5, F. H. Hicks 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8. Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of the conductor and the 58th wedding anniversary of E. Bishop, sen., who rang the 23 cwt. tenor.

**SALISBURY.**—At St. Paul's Church on Jan. 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: C. Potter (first quarter) 1, F. Manns 2, J. Sutton 3, L. Page 4, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 5, R. Turner 6. First quarter 'inside' by 2 and 3.

**SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,320 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble-Bob): N. Forvague (first quarter) 1, J. Morris (first quarter) 2, W. B. Dawson 3, B. H. Dalton 4, L. P. Wilson 5, A. H. Bennett (conductor) 6.

**SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Cambridge): C. R. Longhurst 1, E. R. Rapley 2, E. E. Treagus 3, E. J. Munday 4, L. Stilwell 5, F. B. Lufkin (conductor) 6.

**STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Rose 1, H. A. Gummer (conductor) 2, A. G. Moore 3, L. Cave 4, G. Twiney 5, G. Burbidge 6. Rung half-muffled after the interment of James Rose, aged 80 years, who was a choirboy, organ blower, sexton and ringer at the church.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' on Jan. 5th, 1,280 Bob Major: D. Watson 1, Miss F. L. Wright 2, G. C. Cookson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, E. A. Turner 5, R. Smith 6, R. Lees 7, J. W. Smith (conductor) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 6.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Lyne 1, R. Chapman 2, G. Ingram 3, J. Lyne 4, C. Steed 5, W. Cockings 6, V. Hunt (conductor) 7, D. Stanley 8. First quarter of Triples for ringers of 3 and 4.

**SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Elsey 1, W. Buckenham 2, C. E. Banham 3, E. Pearson 4, L. W. Houghton 5, A. M. Houghton (conductor) 6, E. Mastin 7, E. Barker 8. First quarter in the method for 3, 4 and 5.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 9th, at St. John the Evangelist's, 1,264 Bob Major: F. C. Case 1, T. E. Roberts 2, A. J. Green (conductor) 3, G. Holland 4, J. A. Green 5, R. Grainge 6, W. Yates 7, G. E. Green 8. First quarter of Major for 4, 6, 7 and 8.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Jan. 5th at St. John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Smith 1, W. Welling 2, A. Cross 3, W. Wolstencroft 4, E. E. Gosling 5, A. J. Glass 6, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 7, J. Paynter 8.



## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

## MANY NEW MEMBERS IN S.W. DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at West Ham on January 11th and attended by 40 members and friends, towers represented being Fobbing, Wanstead, Leytonstone, Romford, Dagenham, Brentwood, Woodford, Hornchurch and Bentley, with visitors from Thorington and Chesterfield.

A delightful service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Stafford Morris), included carols rendered by the choirboys. The Master (Mr. J. Chalk) thanked the Vicar on behalf of all present.

In opening the meeting, the Master referred to the deaths of three old and loyal members of the district, namely, Mr. W. Watson, of Romford, Mr. Hayes, of Loughton, and Mr. G. Brackley, of Shenfield, and asked the gathering to stand in silence.

The annual report, presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. Crampton), showed that good progress had been made in 1946. Elections were 29 ringing and seven honorary members, and membership now stood at 180 ringing members and 20 honorary members, with 25 towers affiliated in the district. Four district meetings and four 'crusade' meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 45 members. The bells of St. Edward's, Itouford, were again in ringing order, and a meeting had been held to mark their reopening.

The balance sheet showed an income of £18 4s. 6d., with a balance of £13 1s. 4d. to the general account.

Four new ringing members were elected, and the Rev. Stafford Morris elected an honorary member. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Bentley on March 20th, and to hold 'crusade' meetings again this year, the first being at Romford on April 26th.

Mr. J. Chalk was re-elected District Master, Mr. J. H. Crampton hon. secretary and Messrs. G. Dawson and J. Armstrong committee members.

Some discussion followed regarding the raising of the annual subscription, and the majority of members present were in favour of increasing it to 2s. 6d.

Finally, Mr. E. J. Butler proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, choirboys, the ladies for preparing cups of tea, and Mr. McPhail, the towerkeeper, which was carried with much applause. Ringing was renewed and methods rung ranged from Grand-sire to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD  
WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

Not since 1933 has the Wellingborough Branch met at Wellingborough, and the meeting on January 18th was popular, some 22 towers being represented. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. C. Chambers) in the fine old Parish Church, the collection of £1 12s. 6d. being for the Bell Restoration Fund. A company of 88 sat down to tea.

The branch president (the Rev. W. R. Flex) presided at the annual meeting which followed. The report for 1946, presented by Mr. A. Bingley (hon. secretary), showed that 23 new members were elected during the year and two members re-elected. In addition, six lady ringing members were elected.

With two exceptions the officers were re-elected. Mr. W. G. Callis (Mears Ashby) succeeds Mr. I. R. Main as Ringing Master, and Mr. C. W. Partridge was elected to the branch committee in place of Mr. A. Boddington, who has left the district.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. Rupert Richardson. The secretary recalled his visit to the branch to show films of the Australian tour. Great Doddington was chosen for the next quarterly meeting. A vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. J. R. Main (Finedon).

MISS H. G. SNOWDEN MASTER OF  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Fifty-two ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Braintree on January 18th. The Vicar (the Rev. Hartley Brook) gave an inspiring address at the service, the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounting to £1 1s. 9d. Tea was served in the Church Hall.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master) presided over the business meeting, at which the district secretary's report was adopted. At the election of officers Mr. L. W. Wiffen expressed a wish to retire from the Mastership. Miss H. G. Snowden was elected his successor, Mr. H. A. Pratt was re-elected secretary, and Mr. H. W. Smith (Dunmow) and Mr. F. Claydon (Earls Colne) were elected district representatives to the General Committee. One new member from Black Notley was elected. Wethersfield was chosen for the next meeting on March 15th.

A discussion took place on the proposal to raise the subscriptions. A vote revealed that the majority of members were in favour of it being raised to 2s. 6d. per annum.

Mr. Mills (Bures) raised the question of broadcast ringing and outlined a proposal he was putting forward to the B.B.C. After discussing the matter, the meeting unanimously approved of Mr. Mills' plan.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service and his address, and for having the tea in the Church Hall, also to Mr. L. W. Wiffen for his past services to the district, to Miss Snowden for playing the organ at the service, and to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea. Among those present were Mr. R. Heazel (association secretary) and Mr. H. Hammond, who is still a regular ringer at Braintree after 66 years' service. He is now 81 and he gave some amusing reminiscences.

After the meeting ringing was resumed on the tower bells. The towers represented were Halstead, Witham, Wickham St Paul's, Braintree, Harwich, Shimpling, Stanstead, Black Notley, Earls Colne, Colne Engaine, Dunmow, Pebmarsh, Sible Hedingham, Brentwood, Romford, Great Bardfield, Kelvedon, Thorington, Bures, Sawbridgeworth and Bocking.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the district at Biggleswade on January 11th was both pleasant and successful. Towers represented by the 42 members and friends present were Clifton, Southill, Henlow, Maulden, Blunham, Tempsford, Turvey, Risely, Biddenham, Brified, Great Barford, Northill, Sandy, Eaton Socon, Baldock, Meppershall, Bromham, Hitchin and Chatteris.

The Vicar (the Rev. S. B. Farbridge) presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. C. H. Harding was re-elected chairman and Mr. C. J. Ball hon. secretary. The committee were also re-elected, and three new members were added to the strength of the district. The Vicar was thanked by Mr. Ball for the use of the bells, as also were the Biggleswade ringers and their ladies for such an excellent tea, this vote of thanks being endorsed by Mr. D. Mears on behalf of the visitors.

Some good touches were rung, including Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Grandshire Triples, and rounds for the learners.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE. — On Jan. 12th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-neal of Doubles, comprising 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Clifford Pleasure, 240 Pain Rob, 120 Old, 120 Norfolk, 240 April Day, 60 Grand-sire; F. J. Honey 1, Miss N. Honey 2, D. Wilkes 3, A. R. Pink (conductor) 4, J. Honey 5, W. Cudd 6. First quarter in seven methods by all except the conductor.

## OBITUARY

## RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Dear Sir,—I wish to add my tribute to one of the most human men it has been my good fortune to be associated with, and I can readily endorse the sentiments as expressed in your splendid leading article in 'The Ringing World' on January 17th and the appreciations by Messrs. Smallwood and Poole in this week's issue (January 24th). My association with Rupert extended over a period of 30 years, not only in Surfleet, but in many ringing centres throughout the land.

He was generosity and kindness personified, and I do not know of any other man who will be more greatly missed than Rupert Richardson, especially in Lincolnshire and Surfleet in particular, where he did a tremendous amount of spadework in teaching youngsters how to ring. As these young men in turn left the village for the towns or were called up for war service, his was a never ending job.

I particularly remember one of the large house parties at Surfleet, amongst whom was our late Editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who was taken very ill and had to return home. Rupert got his car and made the long journey to Woking, Surrey, and, after seeing Mr. Goldsmith comfortable, returned to Surfleet the same day.

Rupert's work for the church, where he was churchwarden for many years, was well known, and one of his last generous gifts was an electric clock to replace the existing old clock in the tower of Surfleet Church.

To his widow and daughter our thoughts turn in the tremendous loss they have sustained, and may God in his great mercy grant them health and strength to carry on with the good work as we know Rupert would wish.

ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham.

## MR. GEORGE M. THORPE.

The death is announced with regret of Mr. George M. Thorpe, of Dore, Sheffield, aged 53, who was accidentally killed while cycling to work on January 17th. A lorry travelling in the same direction pulled towards the left to turn into Shoreham Street, Sheffield. The cycle was knocked down under Mr. Thorpe, who fell under the wheels of the lorry.

Mr. Thorpe had been captain and steeple-keeper of Christ Church, Dore, for a number of years. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung 10 or 11 neals, but he was very fond of the social side of ringing, being a regular supporter of meetings in the Peak District.

The funeral took place at Dore on January 22nd. There was a service at Christ Church, and a course of Grandshire Triples was rung at the graveside by W. Alwood 1-2, H. Taylor 3-4, J. Thorpe 5-6, H. O. Chaddock 7-8. The tower bells at Dore were rung open after the interment. Four of his fellow workers from Messrs. Hodkin and Jones, Ltd., where he was production manager in the concrete department, acted as bearers.

A.P.R.

## STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

A quarterly meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on January 19th, when upwards of 40 members attended from Bradley, Coseley, Darlaston, Erdington, Lichfield, Tamworth, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich (All Saints'), Willenhall and Wolverhampton (St. Luke's and St. Peter's).

At the service the Rev. C. H. Barker read the prayers and an address was delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. Frank Jones). Tea was laid at a nearby restaurant. Mention was made of the passing of Mr. Rupert Richardson, a life member, and as a mark of respect the assembly stood in silence.

A bi-annual meeting is to be held at Cannock on March 8th and the next quarterly at Brewwood on April 12th.



## NOTICES

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## DEATH

**WILLERS.**—At Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge, on Thursday, January 23rd, 1947, Alice, mother of Kitty Willers, aged 81.

## IN MEMORIAM

**COLES.**—Members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild remember with gratitude and action Charles Thomas Coles, who died on February 2nd, 1946.

**COLES.**—In loving memory of Charles T. Coles, who died February 2nd, 1946.—Mrs. L. Coles and family.

## PUBLICATION

**FINAL OFFER** while few remaining copies last. Nichols' 'Bells through the Ages' (published 21s.), for 8s. 6d. each, plus 7d. postage to Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Subscriptions for 1947 are due.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.**—South and West District.—St. Mary's, Acton. On Saturday, Feb. 1st, by invitation of the Rector, a special meeting will be held. Bells from 2.30 p.m. A service of dedication will be held at 3.45 p.m., during which a record of seven peals will be unveiled by the Regius Professor of Divinity, Canon Leonard Hodgson, D.D., of Christ Church, Oxford, and a letter from the Bishop of London will be read. The Rector heartily invites members of both districts, and especially those who took part in any of the peals, to be present at the service, and to take tea with him afterwards. Ringing afterwards.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13. Perivale 5320.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Annual, Eastwood, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Election of officers, etc.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Grimsby District).—Annual meeting, St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Please make own tea arrangements. Business meeting 6 p.m., Church House, Bull Ring.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Buckland, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Chieveley (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. F. Tuffley, Kelston, Priors Court, Chieveley, Newbury.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea; names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Annual general meeting, Witton (8), Saturday, February 1st. Cups of tea provided; please bring food.—Miss D. Osborn, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—Practice meeting at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, at 7.45 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea, the Duke's Head 4.30. Business afterwards. Names for tea to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Poulton, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Badby, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Feb. 4th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Willoughby, near Rugby.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Usual arrangements for ringing. Service S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at Parish Hall. Names, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Clowne, Feb. 8th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Annual general district meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday the 5th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Gorleston, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Room, School Lane. Bring sugar. Very essential: names or number by Feb. 5th, to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General meeting Hinckley, Feb. 8th. Ringing Burbage 2-4 p.m., Hinckley 4-4.30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Service, Hinckley, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Schools or Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Feb. 5th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Annual East Grinstead, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Catering difficult. Please advise early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Annual general, Feb. 8th, St. James', Clerkenwell, E.C.1. 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. Business and handbell contest 6. Names for tea.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting, Dunster, Saturday, February 8th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea Memorial Hall 5. business meeting follows.—G. Stacey.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.



**BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOC.**—Next meeting Ossett, near Wakefield, Feb. 8th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. W. Tattershall, 19, Park Square, Ossett, not later than Feb. 5th.—D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Wed., Feb. 5th.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Saddington, Feb. 8th, at 3. Cups of tea only. Meeting 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Yeovil (10 bells), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at Green Lantern Cafe, for which please notify early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Southern Division.—Annual, St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Feb. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5; notify by Feb. 5th.—E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, Tel. 3293.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South-Eastern District (Southern Division).—A meeting in conjunction with the Sussex County Association (Southern Division) will be held at St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Will lady ringers please make an effort to attend?—Mrs. I. Cross, Hon. Sec., Southern Division.

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Annual, Feb. 8th, St. Peter's, Hereford. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Garrick Hotel. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30-4.15; All Saints' (8), 2.30. Names by Feb. 4th to J. W. Downes, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer, Hereford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Feb. 8th, 3. Tea 5. Good bus service from Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Ringing meeting, St. Philip's Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 8th, 4 to 6.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual, St. James', Teignmouth, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall at 5. Names by Feb. 5th.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. (Phone 3121.)

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.**—Pocklington, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea Church Hall for all who notify by Feb. 5th C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington—Albert E. Sellers, Hon. Sec.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Norton Cuckney (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 2 until 9 p.m. Cups of tea only.—H. Denman, Sec.

**LANCS ASSN.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Barrow-in-Furness; Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Bagnall, 19, Cleveland Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Practice at Cookham (8), Saturday, February 8th, at 5.30 p.m.—T. J. Fowler, Ringing Master.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 5th to J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting Christ Church, Healey, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Meeting in Schoolroom at 6.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Lord, 2, Market Street, Ending, Whitworth, Rochdale, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Western District.—Meeting Blaydon (6), Feb. 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 6th to Mr. R. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.—J. A. Brown, Chester-le-Street.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting Dursley (8), Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.15. Names for tea by Feb. 5th to John W. Adshead, Police Station, Falfield, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Davertry Branch.—Badby (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Fennell, Charwelton, near Rugby.—Miss H. M. Smith.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—South and West District.—Annual district meeting Chiswick, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Fuller details next week.—J. E. Lewis Cockey.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Annual Chichester, Feb. 15th, 2.30. Tea 4.15. Service 5.15 in Cathedral; meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to R. G. Blackman, 25, Turnbull Road, Chichester.

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Dunstable (8), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Tea, price 2s., can be arranged for those notifying me by Feb. 12th.—H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS and DERBY DISTRICT ASSN.**—Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting Morton (6), Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross.

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual at Spalding, Feb. 15th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea at British Restaurant at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting in Church School 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 11th, to W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Guild Committee will be held at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, at 3 p.m., on Feb. 22nd. Business of importance.—R. G. Black, Guild Sec.

**BATH AND WELL ASSN.**—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting Bath, Easter Monday. Luncheon 4s. 6d. to 5s. Names for this essential. Not fewer than six towers available.—J. T. Dyke.

# 5,024 OXFORD TRFBLF BOB MAJOR; COMPOSED BY EDWIN TIMBRELL.

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54326			2	2
25463	2		2	2
52364	2	-		2
53624	1	x	2	2
64235	2	x	2	2
45236	2	x	1	2
32546			2	2
23645	2			2
46325	1	x		2
43265			1	2
25634	2	x	2	2
26354			1	2
62453		x	1	2
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## THREE PEALS NOT COUNTED

On the assumption that the peal published in this issue is the last to be recorded for 1946, there were 1,797 peals rung during the year, which includes 240 on handbells. This is a substantial advance on 1945, when the number was 1,304, with 173 in hand. Peal ringing has now reached a state almost equal to that in pre-war years—in rosy years the number exceeded 2,000. The expanding number of peals creates a problem for the Editor; arrears so far have been dealt with by the occasional 16-page issue we are allowed, but if the same ratio of progress is forthcoming in 1947, then editorial ingenuity will have to be employed to provide accommodation. This peal ringing is a healthy sign, and denotes a pleasing vigour among a number of associations.

Three of the peals published in 'The Ringing World' have not been counted by the Peals Analysis Committee in their total for 1946. The committee's recommendation in this case requires the ratification of the Central Council, and it is probable that this will be challenged. The first exception relates to a peal rung at Norton, Stoke-on-Trent, on September 28th, for the North Staffordshire Association. This peal of Minor in seven methods was rung with a non-ringing conductor, and in the opinion of the committee it is not in accordance with the following decision of the Council: 'That no other person than those ringing in the peal shall take part in the calling or in rectifying an error.'

The second exception of the committee was respecting a peal of Minor in three methods (Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob) rung at Sefton, Liverpool, for the Lancashire Association with the tenor covering. The wording of the decision reads: 'The Council has declared its mind as follows: On six bells. That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each and immediately going into the next.' No mention is made in this decision of a covering bell, and as covering bells are specifically mentioned in regard to peals of seven, nine and eleven bells, the committee are not recommending this peal.

The final exception is in regard to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Basingstoke, on October 12th. Here, again, rejection has been argued on omission and not on a definite negative. The decision states: 'On eight, ten or twelve bells. That there be no less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval.' This is unquestionably a matter for argument. The Peals Analysis Committee



recognise that the law of England is built up on precedent, and when applied to bellringing the traditional procedure does give a lead. No rule or law exists on which some clever person might not devise some means of circumventing what is in view. In order that the Exercise at large can take a considered opinion of the points at issue, the Peals Analysis Committee have wisely lost no time in making known their recommendations.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32½ cwt.

STAFFORD GREEN ... ..	Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... ..	7
LAWRENCE GREENHOW ...	2	J. FREDK. MILNER ... ..	8
FREDERICK E. WILSON ...	3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	9
HARRY G. WAYNE ... ..	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	10
COLIN HARRISON ... ..	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... ..	11
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... ..	6	WALTER AYRE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.  
In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

### LINCOLN.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK W. STOKES...Treble	FRANK LORD ... ..	7
JOHN WALDEN ... ..	KENNETH W. MAYER ... ..	8
LEWIS SNELL ... ..	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... ..	9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ...	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..	10
JACK BRAY ... ..	JOHN FREEMAN ... ..	11
STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.  
In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... ..	7
STAFFORD GREEN ... ..	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... ..	8
JILL POOLE ... ..	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... ..	9
ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... ..	10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... ..	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... ..	11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... ..	HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES G. SEDGLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.  
In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Jan. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING...Treble	JAMES F. HARVEY ... ..	7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... ..	FRANK E. HAYNES ... ..	8
JOHN PINFOLD ... ..	LEONARD TREVOR ... ..	9
ALBERT WALKER ... ..	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	JOHN S. MASON ... ..	11
LEONARD TUFFERY ... ..	HERBERT C. SPENCER ...Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.  
Rung half-muffled. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson. 21 courses in the Inverted Tittums position, 17 courses in the Handstroke Home position.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*BARBARA CLEVELAND ...Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... ..	6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... 2	THOMAS F. KING ... ..	7
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	†HENRY J. SANGER ... ..	8
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	9
GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5	ROGER O. FRY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

### BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*MISS JOYCE ENGLAND...Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... ..	6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ... ..	7
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 3	†GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES 8	
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 9	
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS... 5	GEORGE W. STEERE ...Tenor	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

\* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

### NORTHAMPTON.

#### THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...Treble	ERIC NOBLES ... ..	6
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 2	GEORGE CARE ... ..	7
BERTIE O. SODEN ... ..	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 8	
PHILIP JONES ... ..	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... ..	9
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 5	WM. J. WHITMORE ...Tenor	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

\* First peal of Royal by all except B. O. Soden. The quickest peal of Royal on the bells. Rung for the induction of the Rev. G. W. Curtis-Thomas, M.A., to the living.

### ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*SQUIRE CROFT ... ..Treble	†CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... ..	6
†THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 2	†LEONARD H. BOWLER... 7	
†GEOFFREY DODDS ... ..	†HAROLD W. ROGERS ... ..	8
†THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... ..	9
*WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... ..	JAMES BULLOCK ... ..	Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Royal and first in the method. † First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### BURNHAM, BUCKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

Pritchard's Four-part.	GORDON W. LIMMER ...Treble	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... ..	5
	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM... 6	
*MARY R. JAYCOCK ... ..	3	H. WILLIAM BARNETT ... 7	
†DAVID PEARCE ... ..	4	GEORGE GILBERT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal. † First peal other than Doubles. Mary Jaycock, aged 12, is the youngest girl to take part in a peal of Major.



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**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Jan. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HALLIWELL.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Five-Part.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... Treble	ALBERT HEYWOOD ... 5
LESLIE OWEN ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
JOHN F. WOOD ... 3	EDWARD IDDON ... 7
CHARLES BROWNLOW ... 4	ARNOLD C. MOSS ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

In memoriam to the Rev. P. Marr Davies, M.A. (Vicar), who was interred at Bristol on this date. Also to Rupert Richardson.

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Jan. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
MARGARET TUTT ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANDLE ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted to JOHN E. BIBBY.  
First peal in the method.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

JOHN COOK ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6
CHAS W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*WILKINS MASSEY ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
\* First peal of Major.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	*LAURENCE WOOD ... 5
GEORGE LARGE ... 2	ROBERT E. COLES ... 6
FRANK J. BAILEY ... 3	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 7
ERNEST STITCH ... 4	ALFRED W. HEATH ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by T. M. RODERICK.  
\* First peal of Stedman. First peal on eight as conductor. First of Stedman on the bells.

**OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
FRED READ ... 2	WILLIAM PROCTER ... 6
JAMES BARNES ... 3	*FRANK HEYES ... 7
JOHN F. WOOD ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.  
\* First peal.

**LIVERPOOL.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THE Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's irregular Ten-part.	Tenor 20 cwt.
ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	FREDERICK S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5090 CHANGES;**

NESTA D. SMITH ... Treble	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	WALTER C. ROSE ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	REGINALD A. REED ... 7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

\* First Surprise peal.

**LINTON, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

FRANK H. HICKS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. A welcome peal to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Yeo).

**AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM PERKINS ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
ALAN D. STEEL ... 2	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 6
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 3	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 7
FREDERICK GROCOTT ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

First peal of Major on the bells.

**WOOLWICH, LONDON.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 13 cwt.
JAMES E. BAILEY ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
ROBERT A. JOHNSON ... 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 4	CHARLES DANN ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal in the method.

**OXFORD.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Oxford Society.)

*On Mon., Jan. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	RICHARD A. POST ... 6
CHARLES COLES ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 4	WM. H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

A 76th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.** — At St. Peter's on Jan. 21st, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Udale 1, O. Castleman 2, A. Skinner 3, R. Swann 4, J. Udale 5, J. Kesterton 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, K. Lawson 8. Half-muffled as a token of respect to F. Sharman, for many years a ringer at the above church.

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## SIX BELL PEALS

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE A. PAGE ... ..Treble	*PETER ANGER ... .. 4
HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

\* First peal in three methods.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS CUMMINS ... ..Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... .. 4
†MISS RHODA BROWN... .. 2	JOHN R. KEMP ... .. 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Morning Star, five each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

PERCY JENKINS ... ..Treble	E. PETER ROCK ... .. 4
JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 2	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS... .. 3	ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

First peal as conductor.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two different 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*KILBY R. HOLTOM ... ..Treble	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... .. 4
MISS MAUD CLARKE ... .. 2	VICTOR A. PERRY ... .. 5
JAMES H. WEBB ... .. 3	ERIC NOBLES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal of Minor in two methods. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. S. Powell, ex-Vicar of Staverton and Ringing Master of the above Guild, on his retirement, and to Mrs. Powell.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Biggleswade District.)

On Wed., Jan. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of April Day, 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MAURICE LOCKEY ... ..Treble	†RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 2	†THOMAS HARRIS ... .. 5
†ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 3	*SIDNEY SHARP ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

CARBROOKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK WILLIAMS ... ..Treble	FREDERICK C. JOHNSON ... .. 4
GEOFFREY W. SMITH ... .. 2	*ALBERT E. DIXON ... .. 5
*EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE ... .. 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

\* First peal.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Beeny 1, J. Hobden 2, G. Beeny 3, F. Blackman 4, E. E. Breed 5, B. Stepney 6, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 7, R. W. Hunnisset 8. First quarter by 1 and 8. First other than Doubles by 4, 5 and 6.

ALBURY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*HAROLD A. MAY ... ..Treble	GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 4
*C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ERNEST STITCH ... ..Treble	†LAURENCE WOODS ... .. 4
*ALFRED HANNINGTON ... .. 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK... .. 5
ARTHUR HOARE ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Jan. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AT GOWTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

*ARTHUR MELTON ... ..Treble	†VICTOR BRIGGS ... .. 4
ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... .. 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 5
†HORACE HURST ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal. † First Surprise peal. Rung half-muffled. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

## HANDBELL PEALS

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*BRIAN D. PRICE ... .. 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... .. 3-4	MRS. R. G. CROSS ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. G. CROSS.

\* First handbell peal away from the tenors.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

IN CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 1-2	JOHN WORTH ... .. 5-6
JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 3-4	*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Newcastle Cathedral Guild.)

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. ANDERSON, 3, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 1-2	CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 7-8

\*ERNEST WALLACE ... .. 9-10

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor.



**ALFORD, Lincs.** — On Jan. 15th, at St. Wilfrid's Church, 1,260 and 720 Bob Minor: Miss D. Clark 1, S. H. Sutton 2, Miss C. Dunnington 3, I. Smith 4, G. Manser 5, K. Ketteringham (conductor) 6. First quarter by 1 and 3. First quarter in method by 2, 4 and 6.

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.** — On Jan. 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: R. West 1, Miss E. Steele 2, C. Bransom 3, L. Turner 4, P. Inskip (conductor) 5, C. Prindeville 6. Rung in memory of the late Vicar of Biddenham.

**BIRMINGHAM.** — On Jan. 12th, at Bishop Ryder's, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Scott 1, H. H. Fearn 2, G. W. Critchley (conductor) 3, J. F. Harvey 4, G. E. Fearn 5, E. T. Lloyd 6, R. W. Daniels 7, J. S. Mason 8.

**BRADPOLE, DORSET.** — On Jan. 13th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, after an attempt for a peal had failed, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. H. Poole 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 2, H. D. W. Bishop 3, J. L. Glyde 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris 6, C. W. H. Powell 7, C. H. Lathey 8. In memory of John Thomas Lathey, father of the tenor ringer, and for over 50 years a ringer at Bradpole Church.

**BROCKENHURST, HANTS.** — On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Pike (first quarter) 1, Myra Tiller 2, B. Tiller 3, J. Hull 4, F. Gilbert 5, R. E. Tiller (conductor) 6. First quarter of Minor by all, and believed to be the first quarter of Minor rung by an entirely local band.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.** — On Jan. 18th, at St. Anta and All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Roach 1, Miss M. L. Lidgely 2, H. Miles 3, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 5, K. Nicholls 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung by local band.

**CHELSEA, MIDDLESEX.** — On Jan. 19th at St. Luke's Church, 1,257 Stedman Caters: T. H. Francis 1, W. H. Hewett 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, H. Belcher 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, R. F. Deal 6, E. A. Reaves 7, J. Prior 8, J. Phillips (conductor) 9, C. T. Bartlett 10.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EAST CROMPTON, LANCs.** — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Minor, being 36 Plain Bob. 504 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: J. Butterworth (conductor) 1, F. Butterworth 2, R. H. Byrom 3, H. Butterworth 4, E. Harrison 5, J. R. Buckley 6. To celebrate 50 years' service as a ringer by B. Whitehead.

**HECKINGTON, Lincs.** — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Severs 1, H. Connell 2, J. Ward 3, J. H. Clark (conductor) 4, W. Woods 5, W. Jackson 6, A. Dixon 7, W. Asher 8. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

**NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.** — On Jan. 15th at St. Mary's, on handbells, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3-4, J. A. Acres 5-6, C. N. Austin 7-8.

**OAKHAM, RUTLANDS.** — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Stimson 1, J. A. Fenton (conductor) 2, P. Armstrong 3, F. J. Stimson 4, H. Alely 5, H. Clayton 6, E. Higgs 7, G. Bailey 8. First quarter Stedman for all except 2 and 7.

**OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.** — On Jan. 16th, 1,008 Grandsire Caters: M. Bennett (age 15) 1, Miss J. Mitchell (16) 2, P. Woodward 3, T. Duffin (conductor) 4, W. Walker 5, F. Bennett 6, L. Fisher 7, H. Kirby 8, W. Tattersall 9, J. Kirby 10.

**OXFORD.** — On Jan. 19th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,947 Stedman Triples: A. Higgins 1, P. Walker 2, A. H. Gearing 3, J. Higgins (composer and conductor) 4, K. Walker 5, V. J. F. Bennett 6, R. Higgins 7, W. Allen 8.

**PRESTWICH, LANCs.** — On Jan. 19th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Bob Triples: L. Reynolds 1, G. Sanders 2, S. Emmott 3, H. Emmott 4, G. A. Bell 5, F. J. Maude 6, F. Reynolds (conductor) 7, A. Lavton 8. In memoriam to W. Foster.

**STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.** — On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, H. Saxon 4, J. Jackson 5, F. Hodge (conductor) 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8. For the induction and institution of the Rev. A. S. Barlow to the above benefice.

**RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.** — On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Allman (conductor) 1, C. Ward (first inside) 2, R. B. P. Hulse 3, T. H. Mather 4, J. Orme 5, E. E. Hughes 6, T. A. Billington 7, D. Maddock 8.

**SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.** — On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Church 1, M. Thomas 2, R. Pridgeon 3, E. Marsh 4, J. Toms 5, F. Howe (conductor) 6, F. Page 7, F. Cox 8.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.** — On Jan. 19th at St. John's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. E. Cattell 1, E. J. Leversuch 2, J. E. Rootes 3, R. Wilkinson 4, R. Wenban 5, W. J. Nudds 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, C. Wenban 8.

**STOKE, COVENTRY.** — On Jan. 15th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stone 1, A. Roberts 2, J. H. White 3, R. D. Hayne 4, F. Brassington 5, H. Summers 6, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 7, F. Rouse 8. In memoriam to Charles Freeman and Rupert Richardson.

**SWINDON, WILTS.** — On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples at Christ Church: W. Carter 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss N. Davis 3, W. W. Daniell 4, T. Townsend 5, G. Wells 6, C. Gardener (conductor) 7, W. Bullock 8. First quarter of Stedman for 2 and 3.

**TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.** — At the Church of St. James, by the N.S.W. Association, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Campigli (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Somerville (first quarter inside by a lady in N.S.W.) 2, W. H. Short 3, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 4, J. B. Watts 5, K. Stacey 6.

**WIMBLEDON, LONDON.** — At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Dixon 1, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 2, Squire Croft 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. W. Ottley 5, H. W. Rogers 6, J. Bullock 7, L. Rogers 8.

**WEST HAM, LONDON.** — At All Saints' on Jan. 19th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: A. W. Brighton 1, F. W. Housden 2, E. W. Furbank 3, A. Prior 4, J. F. Grove 5, R. W. Stannard 6, C. E. Willmington 7, G. Dawson 8, E. D. Smith (conductor) 9, J. MacPhail 10.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

This seems to be an issue of youth. Apart from Mary R. Jaycock, of Burnham, who rang her first peal at the tender age of 12 years and 9 months, there is John E. Manners (13) at Swindon, Joyce Eng'land (16), Beddington, and Basil Osborne (16), Hasketon, Suffolk, who started change ringing less than six months ago. Good wishes to you all for a happy ringing career.

Linton, Kent, is the seventh tower in which Mr. Thomas F. Sone has 'completed the circle' as a conductor, the peal being called on Jan. 18th. Now then, 'circle specialists,' who has more towers to his credit?

To the Editor's collection of ringing cartoons has been added that which appeared in 'The Bulletin and Scots Pictorial' on December 30th. It depicts the haggard steeplekeeper oiling his bells and muttering, 'Crazy, that's what they are, plain crazy. Nae whisky, nae meat, nae coal, nae nothing. And yet they want the bells rung.'

Certain back numbers of 'The Ringing World' from 1943-1946 can be obtained from Anonymous, Aith, Little Chalfont, Amersham, Bucks, but carriage must be refunded.

Correction.—The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Milton-next-Gravesend on December 28th was Arthur S. Richards, not Alfred S. Richards as published.

Records kept by Wickham, Hants, ringers show that 75 complete 720's were rung during 1946. Of these 49 were rung at Wickham, 9 Titchfield, 8 Swanmore, 5 Bishop's Waltham, 2 each Soberton and Hambledon. Forty-two ringers took part, and the methods were Plain Bob 33, Oxford Single 26, Kent Treble Bob 10, College Single 6. G. E. Chappel conducted 42 and eight ringers rang their first 720.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

To those correspondents who have kept the Editor and the Exercise informed concerning 'William Green,' we would point out that the matter is now sub judice until after his trial at Warwick Assizes.

Arrangements are being made by the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths to celebrate their bicentenary by a service and dinner in London in July.

Miss Pauline Jackson, whose first peal is recorded this week at Monken Hadley, Middlesex, was introduced to ringing less than 12 months ago. The name of Mrs. T. J. Lock appears in the peal columns for the first time; her last success was scored on April 5th, 1938, when she was Miss K. M. Bradford.

To be commended is what took place at evensong at St. Mary's Church, Gayton, Northants, on January 19th. Instead of the sermon, Mr. P. Amos gave a talk on bells and ringing illustrated with lantern slides. Church-people's knowledge of bells is frequently vague.

Mr. B. A. Knights, of Preston, writes that he called the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major published in our last issue at Higher Walton, Lancs, on September 29th, 1934. Our Kentish friends must bow the knee to Lancashire!

Although William H. Male, of Warwick, has yet to attempt a peal on bells, he accomplished Holt's Six-Part peal of Grandsire Triples in three hours and four minutes on his violin. This was on January 29th. The strings of the violin were plucked in the style of a banjo, and the notes of the bells he reproduced from figures. The 'peal' was witnessed by Mr. T. Male, who turned the pages of the book containing the figures. Mr. Male believes in plenty of pencil and paper for learning a method. He has already written out seven peals of Grandsire in full, including John Garthorn's peal at Norwich in 1718.

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# BISHOP OF LONDON THANKS RINGERS

## DEDICATION AT ACTON OF PEAL RECORD.

St. Mary's Church, Acton, is held in affectionate regard by members of the Middlesex Association. This ring of eight has not its own company, but the bells are rung on special occasions by the Association, a service most readily given which is appreciated by the Rector (the Rev. Percival Gough) and members of his congregation.

Recognition of this service has been expressed in a most gracious and generous manner. The Rector arranged for the seven peals rung at his church since the lifting of the ban on ringing to be specially recorded. This record is to be placed at the entrance to the tower and is of exquisite craftsmanship by Mr. E. M. Wilson, an artist of repute. The lettering is based on 10th century MSS., regarded as the finest period of English writing.

The dedication of this record of peals took place last Saturday in the presence of some 100 members of the Association. The service was of a three-fold purpose, other features being an act of commemoration to those ringers of the Middlesex Association who gave their lives during the war and to the children of Acton who lost their lives during air raids.

The seven peals recorded are as follows: Oct. 28th, 1944, Bob Major rung half-muffled in memory of Archbishop Temple; on Dec. 30th, 1944, Kent Treble Bob Major, an act of thanksgiving for seven centuries of Christian worship at St. Mary's, Acton; March 17th, 1945, Spliced Surprise Major, an act of praise; April 21st, 1945, Grandsire Triples for the enthronement of Geoffrey Fisher as Archbishop of Canterbury; May 8th, 1945, Grandsire Triples, to commemorate the conclusion of the war with Germany; Aug. 29th, 1945, Stedman Triples, conclusion of the war in the Far East; Oct. 24th, 1945, Stedman Triples in memory of the children of Acton who lost their lives in air raids.

Of special interest to the ringers was the message read during the service by the Rector from the Bishop of London. It stated:—

'I hear that you are shortly to unveil a record of the changes rung by the Diocesan and Middlesex ringers. I should be grateful if you would kindly let them know how much I appreciate the work they have done. I understand that the record included peals rung on the occasion of the death of the late Archbishop and on the enthronement of the present Archbishop. I am sure that we are all glad of the honour done to the presiding Prelate of our Church in this province. I should like to thank the ringers for their keenness, not only in my own name, but in that of the diocese.'

The lesson was read by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, general secretary of the association. Two carols appropriate to ringing, 'Ding Dong' and 'Bell Carol', were sung by the choir, and a touch of Bob Major was rung on handbells by W. G. Wilson 1-2, E. C. S. Turner 3-4, Eric E. Dench 5-6, Frederick W. Goodfellow 7-8.

Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane, president of the association, following the unveiling of the record of peals, read the names of those members of the Middlesex Association who lost their lives in the war. These were: F. H. A. Braybrooke, Ruislip; D. E. Cambell, C'apton; W. J. W. Davey, Hillingdon; W. R. Madgwick, Shepherds Bush; L. A. Royal, Pinner; L. R. Senior, Harrow; D. N. Sharp, Welling; R. Tinsley, Hadley; A. J. B. Wayman, Teddington; S. H. Wood, Bristol.

## THE MINISTRY OF BELLRINGING.

The dedication of the record was by Canon Leonard Hodgson, D.D., Regius Professor of Divinity, Christ Church, Oxford, who also gave the address. Bellringing, he said, was the one form of music that directly and clearly spoke to them of God above everything else. There were so many kinds of music—military music that made them think of war, dance music and

that of other different associations—but the one thing that the ringing of bells spoke to them of was the truth of God, involving them in loyalty to Him. The bells reminded them of God's love and care.

Whether they were in the country and heard bells coming across the fields or in the cities where above the clangour of traffic they still heard the bells, their message reminded them of the underlying truth of the loving care of God, who was constantly seeking to inspire them. Let them thank God for the ministry of bellringing and as they dedicated this record of their work dedicate themselves in two ways — to remember Him with gratitude, thanksgiving and hope and with the certain knowledge that those they were commemorating were in His keeping, and, secondly, to dedicate themselves with devotion to Him and His Kingdom.

Tea was served in the vestry to visiting ringers by ladies of the congregation. At the conclusion there was an unexpected tribute paid to Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, hon. secretary of S. and W. District, Middlesex Association, who had assisted in arranging for the service. The Rector presented him with the original cartoon of Mr. Cockey, which appeared in the current issue of 'The Acton Gazette,' silhouetted against a background formed by a drawing of St. Mary's tower.

Expressions of thanks were to Dr. Hodgson, voiced by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, and to the Rector and ladies of the congregation by Mr. A. W. Coles.

Towers represented were Acton St. Mary's, Barrow-in-Furness, Beckenham (Kent), Cranford, Ealing (St. Stephen's, Christ Church and St. Mary's), Edmonton, Feltham, Finchley, Guildford, Hampton, Harlington, Hatfield, Hayes, Hillingdon (St. John's and St. Andrew's), Kensington (St. Mary Abbot's), Kingston-on-Thames, Lowestoft, North Mimms, Northrepps (Norfolk), Ruislip, Stoke Poges, Thames Ditton, Uxbridge, Wallasey, Westminster and Willesden St. Mary. Ringing was supervised by Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master) and Mr. F. A. Finch (Deputy Master) and included Surprise.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL

Galleywood proved a popular rendezvous for the annual meeting of the South-Eastern District on January 18th, when a company of 55 were present. The Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Roughton), who presided at the meeting, conducted the service, at which the collection of £2 1s. was for the association's Bell Restoration Fund.

Prior to the business meeting the members stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. F. Radley and the Rev. J. H. Upton, who had recently died.

The hon. secretary reported that seven meetings had been held during 1946 with an average attendance of 41, which afforded much encouragement to the district officers. Collections taken for the Bell Restoration Fund at these meetings amounted to £7 1s. 7d.

Mr. H. J. Mansfield was unanimously re-elected District Master, and as the retiring hon. secretary did not wish to be renominated, Mr. A. H. Everett, of Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham, was elected to this office. Mr. Shadrack was thanked for his work as hon. secretary during the last 13 years, and Messrs. L. A. Simmonds and R. Thrift were elected to the committee. Miss R. Eves, of Galleywood, was elected a ringing member and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rettendon on March 8th.

The District Master brought to the notice of the members a proposition to increase the association's subscriptions. Congratulations were extended to Mr. G. Green, who will complete 60 years as a ringer at Great Baddow on February 14th. Ringing continued till 9 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Superlative.

## Alias 'Mr. Green'

### COMMITTED TO THE ASSIZES.

Michael Mulcahy (74), of no fixed address, was committed to the Warwick Assizes at Nuneaton Magistrates' Court on January 30th on charges of obtaining £1 by false pretences from Mrs. Billington at Nuneaton and 15s. from Ernest Morris at Leicester on Jan. 12th.

Mr. Ernest Morris, verger at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, said that at the start of the evening service, accused came to him and said Mr. Hobson, of St. Nicholas' Church, 'had sent him. Accused said he had a son in hospital and he had been sent for. He was stranded and needed 14s. 3d. for his fare home to Leominster.

'I believed him—he seemed genuine enough,' said Mr. Morris. 'He gave me his name as Mr. Green, Ringing Master at Ludlow Church.'

Mulcahy was arrested at Kettering. When charged, it was stated, he admitted the offence and a number of other similar offences.

## RINGERS' WELCOME TO SALVATION ARMY AT TROWBRIDGE

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Trowbridge, reported in our peal columns this week, has a special significance in view of the fact that one of the bells, at the time of recasting and augmentation from ten to twelve, about ten years ago, was contributed by the Trowbridge Salvation Army, through the interest and efforts of their Adjutant at the time, Captain Fenson. This bell is now known as the Salvation Army bell. Mr. S. Hector (Sam) was mainly responsible for the augmentation.

Major Fenson is no longer at Trowbridge, but during the week ending January 20th he paid a short visit to his old charge, which fortunately came to the knowledge of Sam, who arranged that a welcome by the church bells should be accorded to such a distinguished benefactor to the town and church in particular. The standard of striking of the peal was very high.

After completing the peal, the ringers were most generously entertained to tea by the Salvation Army at their quarters, and the ringers wish to record their very deep appreciation to their Salvation Army friends for such a hearty welcome and grand reiteration of goodwill between the Salvation Army and the Church.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### MEETING AT BATTERSEA.

A well-represented and successful meeting, attended by some 40 to 50 members and friends, was held at St. Mary's, Battersea, on January 11th. The start to the ringing was, however, slightly delayed owing to the presence of workmen at the top of the steeple. Subsequently the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the ringing ranging from rounds to London Surprise Major. The Vicar of St. Mary's conducted a lively service, which incorporated a most interesting address.

An excellent tea, business meeting and handbell ringing took place in the Parish Hall. Two elections were ratified and three new members elected as follows: Ratifications, Mr. E. R. Randle (West Grinstead) and Mr. G. E. Green (Wicken, North Hants); new members, Miss Ann Dixon (Streatham), Miss Joan Smith (Oatlands Park) and Miss Audrey Castle (Merton).

In order to ensure that no important historical facts were omitted from the association's article for 'The Ringing World,' a committee was elected to 'vet' the final draft before submission.

The nominations of officers were received for election at the annual meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on February 8th. Hope was expressed that as many towers as possible in the London area would enter teams for the handbell contest, which would follow the annual meeting. The main consideration for this contest is that each team should ring a plain course of any method on eight bells.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## C. T. Coles Memorial

Dear Sir,—At the annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Kilburn on May 11th, 1946, it was decided that the late Mr. C. T. Coles' great work for the association be commemorated by a suitable memorial. Apart from acting as secretary of the North and East District and one of the joint hon. secretaries from 1910 to 1938 and general secretary from 1938 to 1945, Mr. Coles was a most prominent figure in the Exercise. He represented the Middlesex County Association on the Central Council from 1921 to his death early in 1946 and was one of its most respected members.

It is suggested that the form of the memorial be decided upon when the result of this appeal is ascertained, but we hope that sufficient will be raised to provide one or more bells towards a peal in one of the war damaged churches to be rebuilt in the London Diocese.

Contributions should be sent to the General Secretary, E. C. S. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5.

W. P. COLE SHEANE (President), A. W. COLES, W. H. COLES (Vice-Presidents), J. E. LEWIS COCKEY, Thomas J. LOCK (District Secretaries), Ernest C. S. TURNER (General Secretary).

## THE LATE MR. C. R. LILLEY

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the reference of Mr. A. N. Wood to leading ringers of the Bedfordshire Association, particularly to my late father, C. R. Lilley. I enclose some records from my father's books re the Bedfordshire Association.

Bedford St. Paul.—May 24th, 1897, peal Treble Bob Major (Kent). First peal in the method by entirely a Bedford company.

Bedford St. Paul.—Oct. 21st, 1897, peal Treble Bob Royal (Kent). First peal of Royal by the Bedford Association, and first peal of Royal on the bells.

Cardington, Beds, St. Mary's.—March 8th, 1902, peal of Superlative Surprise Major. First peal in the method in the county.

Houghton Regis, Beds, St. Michael.—July 5th, 1902, peal of Minor. First peal on the bells and first change ringing ever done on the bells.

Arlesey, Beds, St. Peter.—July 19th, 1902, Minor. First peal on the bells.

Leighton Buzzard, All Saints.—Peal Bob Major, April 25th, 1903. First peal of Major on the bells.

Handbell's, St. Neots, Hunts.—The Fly and Bedford Associations, June 21st, 1903, peal Treble Bob Major, conducted by C. R. Lilley. First peal in method in hand by the associations. The same associations at Bedford, Treble Bob Major, Nov. 7th, 1903. The first peal ever rung in hand in the county of Bedford.

Southill, Beds, All Saints.—Nov. 13th, 1906, peal of Minor. First peal on bells. Conductor, C. R. Lilley.

Bedford St. Paul.—Jan 11th, 1898, peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells and first by the Bedford Association.—Yours faithfully, J. E. LILLEY.

Highweek, Newton Abbot.

## PEAL AT PARBOLD

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Parbold, published in 'The Ringing World' of January 24th, was not the first peal on the bells. Two trebles were added to the peal of six recently. The first peal on what are now the back six was rung on November 6th, 1920. It was a peal of Plain Bob, seven extents, called differently by myself.

The only difference to those six bells as far as the metal is concerned is that they are like the writer—older. The note should have read: 'First on the augmented peal.'—Yours, F. RIGBY.

Chorley, Lancs.

## Youngest Girl Peal Ringers

Dear Sir,—I do think that we should be able to trace not only our youngest girl, but also our youngest boy peal ringer through the medium of our own 'Ringing World,' and not have to depend on daily papers for this information. I have been told in the past that this prominence gives the youngster a 'swelled head.' Under correct instruction no child will suffer from a swelled head.

Some time back I remember two ten-year-old boys taking part in peals, to wit, A. R. Price's youngest boy and Cecil Pipe's son, both well-known ringers. Naturally I am proud of the young ones that I have had the pleasure of teaching, and with my youngest yet, Mary R. Jaycock, Burnham, becoming the youngest girl to ring a peal of Major, I am more than satisfied (particularly as one member in the peal said she rang like a seasoned veteran).

The youngest girl (a pupil of mine) to ring a peal was Nancy Denyer, who on December 14th, 1923, rang a peal of Bob Major at the age of 13 at Aldershot. This as a peal of Major stood until October 31st, 1946, when within seven days of her 13th birthday Mavis Whitehead rang a peal of Bob Major at Kibworth. Then on January 11th of this year (at the age of 12 years 9 months), Mary R. Jaycock rang the third to a peal of Bob Major at Burnham, bringing back for me the Major record held by a pupil of mine for 24 years (it was only lost for two months in Major). We must, however, raise our hats to Mavis Whitehead as our youngest girl peal ringer, as she (at the age of 12 years and 7 days) rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples in November, 1945.

Would it be asking too much for the parents of our youngest boy and girl peal ringers or their instructors to send, and you to publish, the dates of first peals by them, what the peal was and where rung and what bell they rang?—Yours, GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

## RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following is a copy of the inscription on the treble bell at Ilmington, Warwickshire: 'Thanks be to God who giveth us victory and peace, 1921. (Rector and churchwardens' names.) H. L. Terry, Ringing Master.'

It would be interesting to know the correct term for the leading ringer. They are sometimes described as captain, foreman, leader or ringing master.—Yours faithfully, T. BOND.

Burford, Oxon.

## NOT A GUILD PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re peal of Doubles rung at Yarn-ton, Oxon, on November 2nd, 1946, this peal must be deleted from the records of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as W. Durham, ringer of the 4th, was not a member of the Guild.—Yours sincerely, WILLIAM HIBBERT.

Basingstoke, Hants.

## MRS. RICHARDSON'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—It is very hard indeed to find words adequate enough to express my thanks for the very kind words written about my husband, Rupert Richardson. It is impossible to answer the numerous letters personally, but I do hope that everyone will understand and will accept my heartfelt thanks through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

As I have now been elected captain of the Surfleet band, Enid and I hope to be able to carry on in the way he would wish so that any ringer coming to the district will know they have a hearty welcome waiting for them in the belfry of St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, and also at Glyn Garth.

Surfleet.

ANNIE RICHARDSON.

## OBITUARY

## MR. WILLIAM AYRE.

The York Minster Society has lost one of its most valued members by the death on January 19th of Mr. William Ayre, a brother of Mr. Walter Ayre, hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association.

He was a member of the York Society from 1915-1920, when he removed to Hull. On returning to York in 1937 he rejoined the Minster company and was an enthusiastic and loyal comrade.

At the funeral service at Heworth Church on January 22nd a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the chancel immediately after the prayers, the ringers being L. Woodcock 1-2, E. Rickitt 3-4, T. F. Earnshaw 5-6, S. Steel 7-8. Other ringers present were G. Horner, F. Atkinson and H. Forden. The interment was at Fulford Cemetery. The sympathy of the society is extended to the widow, who shares her bereavement with her daughter.

Mr. Ayre is the fifth member of the York Minster company to pass away in approximately 3½ years.

## MR. H. W. EMMETT.

By the sudden death of Mr. Harold W. Emmett, Prestwich tower has lost its second ringer this year. Although shy and diffident and by no means an avid peal ringer, his prompt and regular attendance for both service and practice ringing made him an irreplaceable asset to the band. F.R.

## THE REV. A. C. TRANTER.

The Rev. A. C. Tranter, Vicar of Egham, who died on January 31st, although not a ringer, was a keen supporter of any activity concerned with the art. He was an hon. member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and was held in affectionate regard by a wide circle of ringing friends. W.A.P.

## BEVERLEY RINGING SOCIETY

Beverley and District Ringing Society started the New Year well with a well-attended meeting at St. James', Sutton-on-Hull, where a good touch of Grandsire Caters was rung for the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Reynolds).

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) presided at the business meeting, which followed tea. The Rev. G. Storer was happy to announce further contributions to Hutton Cranswick Bell Fund, including £100 and another of £50.

The Rev. L. Reynolds expressed the hope that the society's aim to raise a good band of ringers for every tower in the area would be realised and that the Sutton team in particular would soon reach their former standard. The February meeting will be held at Pocklington.

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

A notice of motion was given by Mr. W. A. Stote at the quarterly meeting of the Guild on January 18th at Nuneaton that at the annual meeting he would propose that the positions of president and master be dispensed with and the two offices combined under the title of 'Master of the Guild.' If put to the vote, he said, the ballot would be secret. Mr. L. Trevor intimated that he would support the motion.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Herbert), who conducted the service, presided at the meeting, at which the new members elected were R. Sanders, L. Sanders, R. Parker, R. Gee (Nuneaton), H. Dodd (Bedworth). The election of J. Statham, T. Chambers and J. A. Prentice as non-resident life members prior to a peal was ratified.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect for Mr. O. Freeman, of Stoke, Coventry, who was interred the previous Wednesday.

Ringing included London and Bristol Surprise.



## Guild of Devonshire Ringers

### SIDBURY'S PROSPECTIVE OCTAVE.

A well-attended meeting of East Devon Branch was held at Sidbury on January 18th. The church is very interesting architecturally, with a Saxon crypt and a good deal of Norman work. A room over the porch is known as the 'Powder Room,' having been used as an armoury during Napoleonic invasion scares when women with red cloaks were trained to represent soldiers marching up and down.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Taylor, with the Rev. W. S. Airy reading the lesson. A sumptuous tea, with cream and jam 'splits,' was given by parishioners and friends.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. S. Airy was in the chair and 17 new members were enrolled. Mr. M. Denner, making a good debut as a speaker, referred to a gift of one bell by the Rev. W. S. and Mrs. Airy, alluded to the fact that Mr. C. Pinn had been captain of Sidbury ringers for 50 years and suggested that his services should be suitably recognised.

Sidbury at present has a ring of six, restored a few years ago by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and all in good going order. It is understood that they will carry out the work of adding two bells by Easter, 1948, and that funds for a bell to go with that given by Mr. and Mrs. Airy are already well assured. The prospective octave will be of handy weight and a distinct acquisition for East Devon.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING.

Members and friends from Cambridge, Eastbourne, Fulbourn, Little Shelford, Newmarket, Sawston, Seaford (Sussex), Trumpington and the Cambridge University Guild attended the annual meeting of the Cambridge District on January 18th. The service at St. Andrew-the-Great was conducted by the Rev. W. W. Tyms in the absence of the president (the Rev. P. O. D. Chamier) through illness. Tea at the Parish Room was kindly provided by Mrs. Chamier, and a collection towards the cost of the recent repair of the tenor bell amounted to £12s. 6d.

Officers elected at the meeting, presided over by Mr. T. R. Dennis, were: President, the Rev. P. O. D. Chamier (with wishes for a speedy recovery); district secretary, Mr. H. L. Martin; Ringing Master, Miss K. Willers; committee, Messrs. C. W. Cook, T. R. Dennis, F. Hurry, A. Hurst, E. Chapman and E. G. Hibbins. Master David Mann was elected a member.

Ring was at St. Andrew's and the tower of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, and ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major. The next meeting will be at Stapleford on February 15th.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### ST. ALBANS' NEW SECRETARY.

'A reasonably satisfactory year,' reported the secretary (Mr. R. Darvill), at the annual meeting of the St. Albans District at St. Albans on January 18th. Nine meetings had been held and seven peals rung with regular ringing at the majority of towers.

Mr. A. Lawrence presided and six new members were elected. The secretary did not seek re-election owing to pressure of other duties, and the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Day) also retired, stating that he believed frequent changes of this post had a beneficial effect.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Darvill for his good work during a difficult period, and the following elections were carried: Secretary, Mr. T. J. Southam; deputy secretary, Mr. H. V. Frost; Ringing Master, Mr. C. F. Saver; committee, Messrs. R. Darvill, H. V. Frost, A. Day, A. Lawrence and A. W. Coles. St. Albans was chosen for the next annual meeting.

The service was held at St. Peter's Church and conducted by the Rev. G. Roe (Rector of Wheathamstead) and ringing took place at the Cathedral and St. Peter's.

## Chester Diocesan Guild

### 25 YEARS AS SECRETARY.

After serving as secretary of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild for 25 years, Mr. J. W. Clarke resigned his office on January 11th. The occasion was the annual meeting of the branch, held at the Cathedral, which was attended by a large number of members and visitors from North Wales and places as far distant as Plymouth. In expressing thanks to tower secretaries for their help and support during his term of office, Mr. Clarke asked for similar support for his successor, Mr. G. Griffiths.

The royal visit to the city was recalled by the chairman, the Dean of Chester, when he read extracts from the booklet issued to the 'Friends of the Cathedral' giving details of the presentation of the ringers to their Majesties and of the interest they showed in the ringers' art.

Special prayers were said for the Guild at the choral evensong, and tea was served in the ancient refectory of the Abbey.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

### CREWKERNE DEANERY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (Crewkerne Deanery) was held at Ilminster on January 11th, when over 40 members were present. Officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. G. G. Hickman, R.D.; vice-chairman, the Rev. Strutt Kennedy; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Locke.

Towers represented were Ilminster, Barrington, Chard, Bristol (St. George's), Drayton, Kingstone, Bridgwater, Curry Rivel, Shepton-Beauchamp, Wellington, West Buckland, Yeovil, Burescombe, Puckington, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. There were eleven new members elected, including eight ladies from Puckington.

## DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

### THREE NEW CONDUCTORS.

A successful meeting was held at St. Peter's, Derby, on Jan. 11th, when about 30 ringers attended, including the Rev. D. P. Roberts (Liverpool), Mr. B. Key (Burton) and Mr. E. Beadmoore (Ashby). An excellent tea was provided by Miss Wickman, assisted by ringers' wives, and at the tea the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Shaw, gave an individual welcome to everyone.

At the business meeting Mr. Victor Taylor was appointed chairman for the District Committee, Mr. W. A. Parsons secretary, and Mr. Fred Shaw (Ilkeston) and Mr. Walter Shaw (Alvaston) as committee.

The general secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) gave the information that eight peals had been rung during the past year, that six had rung their first peal, 21 first in the method, and three first as conductors.

A wide range of methods was rung during the meeting.

## BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Canon W. E. Wilkinson (hon. president) presided at the annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Barnsley on January 11th, when the following towers were represented: Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Darton, Darfield, Eastwood, Felkirk, Monk Bretton, Ossett, Rawmarsh, Sandal, Shelley and Wath.

Officials re-elected were: President, Mr. J. R. Brearley (Bolsterstone); treasurer, Mr. H. Chant (Kelkirk); secretary, Mr. D. Smith (Felkirk); auditors, Mr. R. Ford and Mr. L. Steele. Messrs. H. Chant and D. Smith were elected representatives on the Central Council for the next three years.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Rector of High Hayland to see if it would be possible to restore the six bells which have been silent in that tower for many years. The next meeting will be held at Ossett on Feb. 8th.

Canon Wilkinson conducted the service, and the ringing in a variety of methods was most enjoyable.

## Kent County Association

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Some 60 ringers and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District at Crayford on January 25th, enjoying scenery that was reminiscent of Alpine views, a warm welcome from the clergy and local ringers, the use of a beautiful peal of bells, a tea that didn't by any means emphasise austerity, and the opportunity to congratulate Mr. E. Barnett on the completion of 50 years' membership of the Kent County Association.

The association's service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Hurwood). At the business meeting Mr. P. J. Stewart (churchwarden) presided. Nineteen new members, from Beckenham, Chislehurst, Crayford, Eltham and Sidcup, were elected. West Wickham was selected for the next meeting on April 26th.

The members unanimously recorded their congratulations to Mr. E. Barnett on celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his election into the association, at Crayford, in January, 1897. Mr. Barnett, replying, thanked the members for their generous remarks, and delighted them by citing memories campanological and sartorial with honourable mention of Crayford's bells and his own first pair of long trousers!

It was agreed to arrange, if possible, the annual joint meeting with the N.W. Division, Surrey Association, in June. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks.

Further ringing on handbells and in the tower continued throughout the evening. Towers represented were Beckenham, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith (St. John's and Christ Church), Eltham, Lee, Lewisham, West Wickham and Woolwich, with welcome visitors from London and Gravesend.

## EDENBRIDGE—A POPULAR MEETING.

A reputation of Edenbridge as a Stedman tower was well upheld at the meeting of the Tonbridge District on January 4th. Several touches of the method were successfully brought home on this easy running ring of eight, which afforded considerable enjoyment to the gratifyingly large company, despite the fact that the ropes were new and a little playful.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Graham) conducted the service, and after the ringers had been liberally entertained to tea at the Church House by the joint efforts of the Vicar, the local band, the congregation and a number of lady helpers, he consented to take the chair at the business meeting.

The secretary's report on past tower visits and the possibility of a rotational system of visits for the future was read and adopted. By-meetings were arranged for Cranbrook in May, Kilndown in June, Sandhurst in August, and Lamberhurst in September.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

For 23 years Canon Coleridge has been chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch. At the annual meeting at Wokingham on January 18th his resignation was received, the Canon stating that he felt through advancing years and failing hearing it was time another was appointed. The meeting decided to elect him president of the branch. The Ven. Thorndike Shaw (Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham) was appointed the new chairman. Other officers were elected.

The 90 members and friends present included the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Capt. Poyntz, Mr. W. Hibbert and Mr. A. D. Barker. The branch voted £10 from its reserve fund towards the cost of rehanging St. Paul's bells. Encouraging speeches were made by the Master, the Deputy Master and the treasurer of the Guild.

The Rev. C. S. Edgington (Waltham St. Lawrence) preached at the Guild service; tea in the Parish Room was prepared by Mrs. Brooks and her helpers, and ringing was carried on until 9 p.m.



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**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea, the Duke's Head 4.30. Business afterwards.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Usual arrangements for ringing. Service S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at Parish Hall. Names, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Clowne, Feb. 8th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Annual general district meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Annual East Grinstead, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Catering difficult. Please advise early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Annual general, Feb. 8th, St. James', Clerkenwell, E.C.1, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. Business and handbell contest 6. Names for tea.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting, Dunster, Saturday, February 8th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea Memorial Hall 5. business meeting follows.—G. Stacey.

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Annual, Feb. 8th, St. Peter's, Hereford. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Garrick Hotel. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30-4.15; All Saints' (8), 2.30.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Ringing meeting, St. Philip's Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 8th, 4 to 6.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Yeovil (10 bells), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at Green Lantern Cafe, for which please notify early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Southern Division.—Annual, St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Feb. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, Tel. 3293.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South-Eastern District (Southern Division).—A meeting in conjunction with the Sussex County Association (Southern Division) will be held at St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Will lady ringers please make an effort to attend?—Mrs. I. Cross, Hon. Sec., Southern Division.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Feb. 8th, 3. Tea 5. Good bus service from Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Practice at Cookham (8), Saturday, February 8th, at 5.30 p.m.—T. J. Fowler, Ringing Master.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Annual Chichester, Feb. 15th, 2.30. Tea 4.15. Service 5.15 in Cathedral; meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to R. G. Blackman, 25, Turnbull Road, Chichester.

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Dunstable (8), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Tea, price 2s., can be arranged for those notifying me by Feb. 12th.—H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS and DERBY DISTRICT ASSN.**—Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting Morton (6), Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross.

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual at Spalding, Feb. 15th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea at British Restaurant at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting in Church School 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 11th, to W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Wybunbury (6), Feb. 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea if names received by the 11th.—R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting St. Mary's, Reading, Feb. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5, if notified by Feb. 12th.—E. G. Foster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—South and West District.—Annual meeting Chiswick, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Annual business meeting following tea. Names for tea to the undersigned by Feb. 13th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13 (Perivale 5320).

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting Adlington, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Look up Grandshire to London Surprise inclusive.—F. Rigby.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 15th, Barnet (8), from 3 p.m. Practice method: Yorkshire Surprise. Owl tea arrangements (numerous cafes).—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Feb. 15th, at Thorverton (8), 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Number for tea by Feb. 10th.—E. J. Ryall, Alplidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Liverpool Branch.—A new ring of eight bells will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Liverpool at Emmanuel Church, West Derby Road, Everton, on Saturday, Feb. 15th, at 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphill Road, Liverpool, 17, and tickets will be kept for them.



**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

—Rugby, Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Joint meeting at Bulkington on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available 3. Names for tea to Mrs. L. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, by Wednesday, Feb. 12th, certain.—Leonard Trevor.

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**

—Clifton, York, Feb. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 4 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—T. H. Foster.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Lamberhurst (6), Feb. 15th, at 3 p.m.—R. Tappenden.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Hilary's, Wallasey (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 p.m. Light refreshments provided.—A. J. Martin.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley

District.—Croft, Feb. 15th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by the 13th to W. A. Wood, Fosse Way, Croft, near Leicester.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark

Branch.—Meeting at North Muskham (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 o'clock. Cups of tea only.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South-Western

District (Southern Division).—Meeting in conjunction with the Sussex C.A. at Chichester, Feb. 15th. Will lady ringers please attend if possible.—Mrs. G. W. Tamplin, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cam-

bridge District.—Stapleford (6), Feb. 15th. Bells, 3. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Magpie Cafe 5 p.m. Please come and support your district meetings.—H. L. Martin.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—

Northern Branch.—Meeting, Wordsley, 3, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Cups of tea 5 p.m.; bring own food.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge.

**ELY ASSN.**—Ely District.—Wil-

lingham (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRM-**

INGHAM.—The 59th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 1st, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets to fully paid up ringing members 3s. each, to other members and friends 7s. 6d. each. As the number is strictly limited, early application for tickets, enclosing remittance, is requested, to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH**

ASSN.—Quarterly meeting, Bonvilston, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington.

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western

district.—The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks

Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twyford, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 22nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the North and East District was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 18th, and was well attended. Nine meetings had been held during the past year and were supported by an average of 38 ringers. The two joint meetings were considered to have been successful. The district had lost three of its members through death, including Mr. C. T. Coles, its valued and highly respected vice-president. One honorary, 18 non-resident life and 28 ringing members had been elected. Of the 27 quarter-peals reported 16 shared in the conducting. The secretary (Mr. T. J. Lock) urged for more recruits to fully man the bells in their proper use for Sunday service ringing and looked forward to this, the fiftieth year of the association's existence, being witnessed by much greater activity.

New members elected were G. Cheshire and Miss Payne (Stanmore); D. and J. Towers, R. Beckett, R. Flitter, J. Roberts and E. Hawkins (St. Andrew's, Enfield); E. Thurlow (Pinner); D. Birkinshaw, S. Pacey and Mrs. Pacey (Kilburn); and D. Tinsley, A. Edge and the Misses Jackson, Gardener and Hunwicke (Monken Hadley); and F. Coley (Crayford). The district officers were re-elected.

Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, referred to the recent death of Mr. R. Richardson (Surfleet), and the meeting stood and acknowledged his memory in silent tribute.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, to Mr. Parsons and Mr. Hewett for their parts in the successful outcome of the meeting, enjoyable ringing taking place at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****MEETING AT WALPOLE ST. PETER.**

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held its annual meeting at Walpole St. Peter on January 11th, attended by members and friends from Downham Market, Elm, Gaywood, Hilgay, King's Lynn, Marham, Shoutham, Terrington St. Clement, Terrington St. John, Tilney All Saints, Waoken, Walpole St. Andrew and the local band.

The service in the church was conducted by Mr. Elmer (lay reader), who also presided over the business meeting which followed. Officers elected for 1947 were: President, Archdeacon Evans; District Ringing Master, Mr. C. Cousins; district secretary, Mr. W. Buckenham; Belfry Repair fund treasurer, Mr. R. W. Crofts; committee, Messrs. E. H. Mastin, L. Bush, E. Barker, G. Mason, W. Rose and F. Wigmore.

Seven members of the local band were elected members of the association, also Miss B. Elsey, of Downham Market. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Stow Bardolph on February 15th.

**Winchester and Portsmouth****GOOD NEWS OF TWO FAMOUS RINGS.**

Over 50 members attended the annual meeting of the Southampton District, at Southampton, on January 11th. Visitors were present from Salisbury and Poole, and service ringers from Hull, Spalding and Hugglescote (Leics.).

Good use was made of the fine ring of eight at St. Michael's, and a variety of methods up to London and Bristol practised.

The Rev. K. Felstead presided at the business meeting, and was supported by Canon Spencer Leeson, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. F. Rogers and the district officers. Seven new members were elected.

The district officers re-elected were: Chairman, the Rev. K. Felstead; secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams; auditor, Mr. C. Fray; representatives on Executive Committee, the Rev. K. Felstead and Mr. R. Brown.

The secretary reported that the bells at Netley Abbey had recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and Canon Spencer Leeson, R.D., informed the meeting that he had great hopes that the fine ring of ten at St. Mary's, Southampton, destroyed by enemy action, would be replaced by Messrs. Taylor and Co. within the next few months, and in any case before the rebuilding of the church.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on January 10th, 1948: District meetings were provisionally arranged at Sherfield English on April 19th, Eling on June 21st, Upham on September 27th.

The Portsmouth and Petersfield Districts are to be invited to combine in arranging an inter-district meeting in the Meon Valley on August Bank Holiday, the towers suggested being East Meon, West Meon and Privett, all three having good rings of eight.

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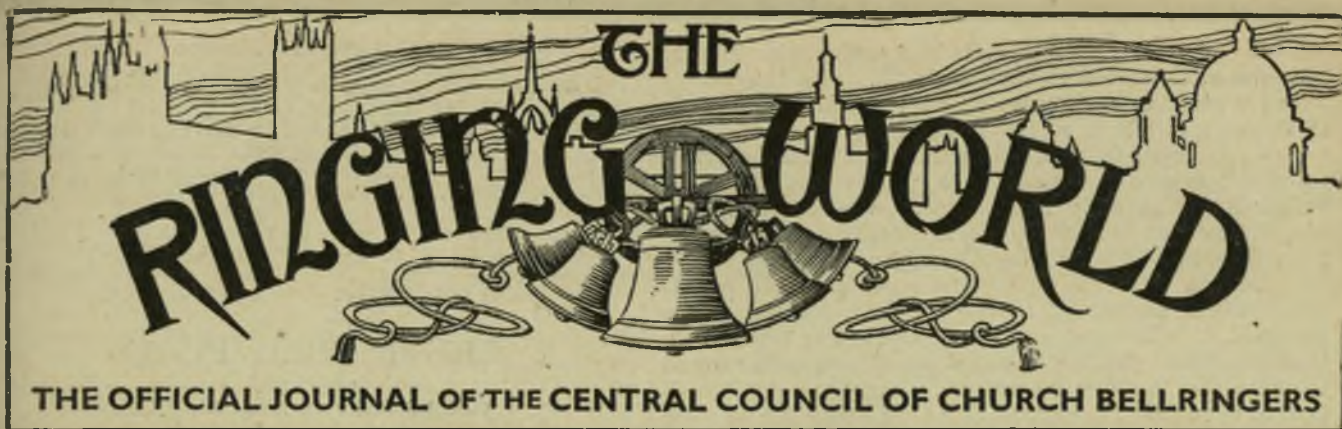
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## The Popularity of Bells

Evidence of the affection with which Church bells are held by the public reached us from an unexpected source last week. The B.B.C. have a Listeners' Research Department which makes exhaustive enquiries as to the tastes and desires of the public in regard to their wireless programme. Subject of a special enquiry was the Christmas Day broadcast, and the following, ascertained from that cross-section of the public so frequently referred to as the 'Man in the Street,' is indeed a high compliment to bells.

Of the listening community who replied to the questionnaire, the King's speech was placed first with 58 per cent.; second was the Christmas bells, with 30 per cent.; and then followed 1 p.m. News, 21; Kentucky Minstrels, 15; Carols, 11; 8 a.m. News, 10; B.B.C. Symphony at 11 a.m., 3 per cent. It might well be argued that circumstances are special on Christmas Day, but the high percentage of listeners who enjoyed the ringing broadcasts denotes that the music of the bells still commands the attention of the public.

In the light of these figures it might be assumed that the recording of bells will be more frequent. The time has arrived when a closer understanding should be reached between the officials of the different Regions of the B.B.C. and the Central Council of Church Bellringers. A statement was made at the Norwich Council meeting of preliminary negotiations and discussions in one Region. At the present time selection seems rather an haphazard affair, although the B.B.C. on their part have precautionary tests of the recordings. According to information which reached this office two towers were selected last Christmas: East Hagbourne, North Berks, for the overseas listeners, and Allesley Parish Church, Warwickshire, which was heard on the Midland Regional on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Both these towers contributed to the programme what might be called typical village bells and did well.

Ringers take a legitimate pride when their own bells are broadcast; in the case of the writer's own tower meticulous care was observed to ensure good striking. What the Exercise is anxious about is that the standard of ringing is good and that the towers selected are musical rings. The vast network of information available to the Central Council would readily be placed at the disposal of the B.B.C. if an appropriate liaison was established. The Exercise is proud of the bells of these isles; the people of this land have been accustomed to



Church bells and, as the B.B.C. questionnaire shows, they are still listened to with affection.

In the ranks of radio listeners are to be found hundreds of ringers, as letters to the Editor have indicated. We would specially ask conductors when they have given a recording or are to appear in a programme to let the Editor know as early as possible. We are only too anxious to give publicity to such occasions; they should be recorded in 'The Ringing World,' and readers should be given an opportunity of listening-in to these broadcasts, which are almost of 100 per cent. interest to the Exercise. To the technical ear of the ringer there are a number of finer points about such broadcasts which would be missed by the average listener. There is not a broadcast of bells which does not bring back memories to some ringer, and among many peal ringers the knowledge of bells is unique. If discussions take place between the Council and the B.B.C. on ringing generally, we trust that this question of advanced publicity of bells will be raised. Some of the best broadcasts of bells have been incorporated in the overseas programme, and to our knowledge there are many of our readers who desire information as to wavelengths of such events.

Lastly, ringers as a body are grateful to the B.B.C. for the outstanding honour conferred on the Exercise when Bow bells were selected for the interval signal. While perhaps to the Cockney these bells have a special appeal, nevertheless the country has grown accustomed to the rhythmic beauty of this recording. It is the sincere hope that such a sound signal which is traditionally English will be maintained. Many have found courage and inspiration in the hallowed message of Bow bells apart from the legendary association with Dick Whittington.

## TEN BELL PEALS

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

The conductor's first peal of Yorkshire Royal.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 7
*LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 8
†EDWIN G. MOORE ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5	FRANCIS A. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

†BASIL JONES ... Treble	†ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
*ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
JOHN WORTH ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 8
*JAMES S. WEBB ... 4	*THOMAS ROGERS ... 9
*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

\* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Mon., Jan. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part, 7th observation. Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

*MRS. F. METHAM ... Treble	NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 6
MISS JEAN METHAM ... 3	HAROLD MARCON ... 7
†ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 4	CYRIL WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal, † First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled. In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	GERALD DARE ... 5
MARY DARE ... 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 6
EILEEN BASTOW ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

In memoriam to Canon Mackintosh. First peal in the method by a local band for the Rochdale Branch.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

E. DORICE KELLY ... Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 5
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 2	HAROLD TAYLOR ... 6
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
*GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson, and also George Thorpe, member of Dore company, who was killed in an accident on January 18th.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. HEATH ... Treble	ROBERT E. COLES ... 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 3	ERNEST STITCH ... 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 4	WILLIAM T. PETTY ... Tenor

Composed by DR. A. W. CARPENTER. Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal in the method for all, on the bells and for the association; also the first peal in the method rung in Wales. A. W. Heath has now completed the circle in this tower.



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SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY & NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 5
*JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2	GEORGE W. MILLS ... 6
NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 7
CYRIL WANDER ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal of Major. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. JOYCE FINN ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
FRANK LORD ... 2	PHILIP A. BARNES ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 4	FRED LACEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF EARDLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
GEORGE V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

First peal ever rung in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JOHN T. GARTSIDE ... Treble	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 5
*FREDK. RICHARD HARRIS ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
EDWARD IDDON ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
ALBERT MORLEY ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal of Triples.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED MEARS ... Treble	JOHN S. WALTON ... 5
*PHILIP H. SPECK ... 2	EDWIN S. SMITH ... 6
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY WILD ... Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 5
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 2	ALBERT V. PICKLES ... 6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
GERALD M. DARE ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Ivor Herman (first quarter of Minor) 1, R. J. Sharp 2, M. J. Lockey (first quarter inside) 3, Tom Harris 4, A. C. Sinfield 5, C. E. Jeffries (conductor) 6.  
ELSTOW, BEDS.—1,440 of Spliced Treble Bob and Surprise Minor, being 720 of Morning Star, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, and 720 of Surfleet, Beverley and Durham Surprise Minor: Brian Sims 1, R. J. Sharp 2, C. H. Harding 3, R. J. Houghton 4, A. C. Sinfield 5, C. E. Jeffries (conductor) 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHAS. J. GARDNER ... Treble	*HENRY AUSTIN ... 5
THOMAS MOULDEN ... 2	†IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 6
ARTHUR H. HOLLIDAY ... 3	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 7
MARGARET E. RICHARDS ... 4	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. TRUEMAN.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the wedding of Austen A. Bailey and Joyce, eldest daughter of H. E. Wildern, churchwarden.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. B. ROWSELL (Jesus) Treble	J. H. HAYWARD (Christ's) 5
†K. S. B. CROFT (St. John's) ... 2	R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) ... 6
LORD WRENBURY (King's) 3	E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) 7
J. F. MOOR (King's) ... 4	R. F. B. STEED (Caius)...Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method on tower bells. First peal as conductor.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. W. Parker's Odd Bob Five-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
GEORGE HESKETH ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	FREDERICK S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... 6
SILVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	CHARLES W. BEECROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Four-part.

*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... Treble	*JAMES BLACKBURN ... 5
*THOMAS BARKER ... 2	JOHN JACKSON ... 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 3	*KENNETH HALL ... 7
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 4	JOHN BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SQUIRE CROFT ... Treble	ALFRED PRIOR ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
*CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
*THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

BADGEWORTH, GLOS.—On Jan. 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): W. Woodyatt 1, W. Oakley 2, C. Rouse 3, M. Clifford (conductor) 4, N. Davis 5, A. Newman 6.



STAINES, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SIDNEY SABAN ... ..Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
WALTER SPARROW ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 4	TONY PRICE ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* First eight-bell peal.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
*NATHANIEL T. MOXON ... 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal of Stedman. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
HARRY MILES ... 2	*WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... 6
E. LEONARD TAYLOR ... 3	†ALAN CARVETH ... ..7
CYRIL E. LANXON ... 4	EDWARD SANDERS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples on the bells.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Middleton's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK HOWE ... ..Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
JOHN H. HUNT ... 2	HENRY STALHAM ... 6
ROBERT PRIDGEOON ... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
ALBERT W. BOND ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in a Treble Bob method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

THOMAS W. TOMLINSON Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5
PETER F. DAVY ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

CARRICKFERGUS, NORTHERN IRELAND.  
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM PRATT ... ..Treble	JAMES RUSH ... 5
JOHN PALMER ... 2	*FRED E. DUKES ... 6
*NAT. SAVAGE ... 3	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 7
*JAMES EDGAR ... 4	HARRY BROWN ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by H. BROWN.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th and also for that of his daughter.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN W. LANGLEY ...Treble	HERBERT S. ARBIN ... 5
*MISS PAULINE JACKSON ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
MRS. T. J. LOCK ... 3	THOMAS BEVAN ... 7
FREDERICK A. BARKER ... 4	CHARLES W. WARD Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

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

LYMM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

CECIL RADDON ... ..Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	WALTER ALMAN ... 6
JOHN E. BEST ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

EDMONTON, LONDON.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MARGARET F. EMERE ...Treble	ALFRED HOUSE ... 5
VICTOR R. WOODARDS ... 2	DENNIS H. LANGDON ... 6
PHILIP J. COWARD ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ERIC A. DENCH ... 4	W. DOUGLAS SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.

\* First peal.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MISS M. BEAMISH ...Treble	JOHN GIBBONS ... 5
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 6
JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... ..Tenor

Conducted by L. TREVOR.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Cambridge Major by the local band.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN ORME ... ..Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
†JAMES S. WEBB ... 2	WALTER ALMAN ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Bristol.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(Eastern Division.)

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT W. R. PERCY ...Treble	REV. P. J. BOULSOVER ... 5
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 2	JOHN A. DOWNING ... 6
*BERYL R. COWLIN ... 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Jan. 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. L. Brown 1, J. C. Birt 2, L. H. Bowler 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, A. Cutler 5, D. K. Judd 6, F. A. Finch 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. E. Taylor 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, R. E. Constant 3, W. W. Ring 4, G. A. Naylor 5, F. J. Cheal 6, T. Cullingworth (conductor) 7, G. J. Butcher 8.



### IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.  
BURLY P. MORRIS ... *Treble* | HARRY RICHARDSON ... 5  
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 2 | BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 6  
\*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3 | GEORGE CARE ... 7  
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 4 | GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

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

### HARPENDEN, HERTS. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.  
H. E. C. GOODENOUGH *Treble* | †THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 5  
\*I. LESLIE T. HANSELL ... 2 | DENIS A. BAYLES ... 6  
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 3 | \*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 7  
ARTHUR DAY ... 4 | ‡FREDERICK C. JACKLIN *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Triples and in the method. ‡ First peal as conductor.

### PENHURST, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.  
BERNARD V. COLLISON *Treble* | ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 5  
\*DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2 | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6  
ROBERT COLLINS ... 3 | THOMAS E. SONE ... 7  
ERNEST J. DADD ... 4 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... *Tenor*  
Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal in the method. Birthday peal for Mrs. A. W. Durham.

### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.  
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT *Treble* | †RONALD EDWARDS ... 5  
MARY WALSHAW ... 2 | ALBERT FORD ... 6  
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 3 | HERBERT LUDKIN ... 7  
\*JOHN BARKER ... 4 | †VERNON TURNER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Ted Shaw, of Oldham, Lancashire's oldest ringer, and John Rolls, Ashton's oldest ringer, both of whom were interred during the week.

### SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.  
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... *Treble* | CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5  
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2 | WALTER ALMAN ... 6  
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3 | GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7  
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 4 | \*JOSEPH RIDYARD ... *Tenor*  
Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of London.

### EWHRST, SURREY.

#### THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.  
\*ERIC T. LEE ... *Treble* | TOM PAGE ... 5  
\*GEORGE L. GROVER ... 2 | EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6  
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7  
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 4 | C. ERNEST SMITH ... *Tenor*  
Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

**SHEPshed, LEICS.**—On Jan. 19th, 1.264 Little Bob Major: A. Wilson 1, Miss M. Smith 2, E. Walley 3, E. Webster 4, J. W. Bowley 5, C. W. Hall 6, H. Kirby 7, G. R. Edwards (conductor) 8. First quarter in method by all except conductor.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

### SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.  
\*JOHN E. MANNERS ... *Treble* | THOMAS I. HOLBOROW ... 4  
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 2 | WM. M. GREENAWAY ... 5  
MISS MERCIA BOOKER ... 3 | GEORGE F. CAPELING ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal (aged 13). A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hassett).

### BURGH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH & ANDREW,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.  
LEWIS J. LAST ... *Treble* | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4  
\*BASIL OSBORNE ... 2 | SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5  
CHARLES CLARKE ... 3 | CECIL W. PIPE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* First peal. First peal of Bob Minor as conductor.

### HATESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 1 ton.  
REV. BEAUMONT RUSSELL *Treble* | JESSE HALLETT ... 4  
WALTER STARR ... 2 | SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5  
TREVOR HAYWARD ... 3 | KENNETH MEDWAY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on his election as chairman of the Bath Branch.

### BATHAMPTON, NEAR BATH.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
\*ARTHUR JEYKINS ... *Treble* | MICHAEL POWELL ... 4  
RAYMOND C. BREWER ... 2 | SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5  
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3 | \*GEORGE P. DYER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

\* First peal. A welcome home from H.M.F. of the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6. Also for the engagement of the ringer of the 2nd.

### WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob.  
WILLIAM H. EDWARDS ... *Treble* | ERNEST TREAGUS ... 4  
CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 2 | CECIL H. WOOD ... 5  
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3 | LEONARD STILWELL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by L. STILWELL.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Randall Williams. First peal of Minor as conductor.

### WESTON-ON-THE-GREEN, OXFORDSHIRE

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being four extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire; three extents each of Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Old, Norfolk, April Day and Antelope; and two extents of Oxford Bob.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in A.

\*GILBERT WRIGHT ... *Treble* | CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 3  
HARRY P. FLOYD ... 2 | REV. C. ELIOT WIGG ... 4  
ALAN R. PINK ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal. First peal in 13 methods by all the band, and the first peal on the bells. The greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

**STAINES, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Lathbury 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, E. Butler 3, E. Armstrong 4, Mr. Lathbury 5, R. Grimwood 6, W. Peck (conductor) 7, J. Greenough 8.



ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GILBERT NEWBERRY ... Treble	REGINALD G. PERRY ... 4
†WILLIAM WARREN ... 2	ARTHUR H. REED ... 5
†JAMES COLE ... 3	THOMAS HANCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Seven extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*EDWARD LEDSAM ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 4
VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 2	ARTHUR MORRIS ... 5
THOMAS ABBOTTS ... 3	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by the Sunday band.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob.

WALTER G. SOAR ... Treble	*WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 4
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 2	TOM J. MARRIOTT ... 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. ROWLEY.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung for the centenary of the recasting of the bells.

MONTFORD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... Treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 4
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 5
JOHN F. BUTLER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Minor.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

TREVOR PRITCHARD ... Treble	LESLIE BARRY ... 4
*JEAN COWLARD ... 2	†PATRICK ALLEN ... 5
*ILINE WHEATLEY ... 3	CHARLES HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

*HAROLD DRAKE ... Treble	†J. J. TAYLOR ... 4
J. J. TUNE ... 2	W. A. HUDSON ... 5
R. B. SMITH ... 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung following the institution and induction of the Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, B.D.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN, ANNE AND LAWRENCE,

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

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM H. SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM HAYES ... 4
JOSEPH PRENTICE ... 2	JOHN N. LINDON ... 5
DAVID SMITH ... 3	THOMAS W. CHAMBERS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

Birthday compliment to the treble ringer, who has also completed 50 years as a ringer at the above church.

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Notts Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDK. JACKSON ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... 4
OSWY STREET ... 2	HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
JOHN T. BARTRAM ... 3	HARRY BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

In memoriam to Joseph Swindon, Everton, a founder of the North Notts Branch, who was laid to rest on January 14th.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY,

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

Being seven different extents of 720.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*SIDNEY H. SEAGER ... Treble	JOHN QUICK ... 4
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 2	*REG. C. WOODLEY ... 5
*JOHN CARTER ... 3	BRIAN PIDGEON ... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN PIDGEON.

\* First peal of Minor.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and 240 Morris' Arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*EDWARD W. ELSIGOOD Treble	*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 4
*JAMES H. WEBB ... 2	ERIC NOBLES ... 5
*VICTOR A. PERRY ... 3	*WILLIAM J. ELSIGOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles in four methods as conductor. Rung for the retirement of the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Robertson).

DUSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Mon., Feb. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 lb.

ALFRED BECKWITH ... Treble	PERCY AMOS ... 3
REGINALD FINCH ... 2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

HALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 6, STANWAY DRIVE.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in B.

DAVID VINCENT ... 1-2	MISS MARGARET L. TUTT ... 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3-4	JOHN WORTH ... 7-8

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by J. WORTH.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Feb. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN BAPTIST COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6
BETTY SPICE ... 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE. The first peal in the method by all the band and for the society; also the first peal in the method on handbells. Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the society.

OXFORD.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

IN LADY MARGARET HALL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14 in D.

*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 1-2	MARIE R. CROSS ... 5-6
DENIS N. LAYTON ... 3-4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* First handbell peal.



**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On Jan. 26th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Williamson (first quarter) 1, P. Eldridge (first as conductor) 2, W. Denyer 3, K. Williamson 4, R. Clist 5, C. W. Denyer 6, W. H. Viggers 7, H. Williamson 8.

**AMESBURY, WILTS.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. L. Harris 1, L. A. Page 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, P. Anger 4, L. Harris 5, W. A. Theobald 6, P. D. Wenham (conductor) 7, L. A. Tremear 8. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles.

**BENINGTON, Lincs.**—On Jan. 26th at All Saints', 1,260 Bob Minor: G. Dawson (first quarter) 1, A. Pearson 2, W. Houghton 3, H. Harper 4, F. P. Harwood (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. Barnes 6.

**BICKER, Lincs.**—On Feb. 4th at St. Swithin's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise with the bells half-muffled: R. Howard 1, J. P. Morris 2, W. B. Dawson 3, W. G. Short 4, G. R. Dawson 5, A. H. Bennett (conductor) 6. A token of respect to Frederick Charles Pearson, of Donington, a local ringer, interred on the above date.

**BREWOOD, STAFFS.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Dumbell (first quarter) 1, G. Warner 2, A. G. Hunt 3, T. Reynolds 4, E. E. Speake 5, R. W. Braughton (first quarter inside) 6, R. Hawksworth (first touch of Triples as conductor) 7, C. S. Dumbell 8.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 2nd at St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Hart 1, A. Gravett 2, R. G. Cross (conductor) 3, G. Ades 4, A. W. Bond 5, W. C. Hart 6, F. Page 7, A. Hobden 8.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—On Jan. 25th at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Roden 1, Noreen Brain (first inside) 2, B. W. Key (conductor) 3, G. Harrison 4, S. D. Ainger 5, W. J. Leach 6, G. L. Roden 7, E. J. White 8, L. Chamberlain 9. 8.9 covering. Rung for patronal festival.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CALNE, WILTS.**—On Feb. 1st at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Haines 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, H. Parsons 3, F. Walker 4, E. Dixon 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (conductor) 7, A. Saye 8.

**CHESTER.**—On Jan. 27th at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, 1,344 Marlborough Bob Major: G. F. Sperring 1, J. Hayes 2, J. W. Best 3, J. Swindley 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, J. S. Webb 6, H. O. Baker 7, P. Swindley (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by 1, 6 and 7.

**CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 22nd at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Collins 1, F. Harvey 2, F. Bird 3, P. Hull 4 (first quarter as conductor) 5, G. Lawrence 6. Rung for the induction of the new Rector (the Rev. J. Bromley).

**CHIPSTABLE.**—On Feb. 4th at the Church of All Saints, 1,448 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. F. Beer 1, S. Smith 2, C. Tarr 3, H. Purchase 4, G. Sparkes 5, E. Quicke (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Cambridge by all, also on the bells.

**EAST CROMPTON, LANCs.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 of Minor, being 36 Plain Bob, 504 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 changes of London Scholars, Sandal and Kingston Spliced: B. Whitehead 1, F. Butterworth 2, R. H. Byrom 3, J. Butterworth (conductor) 4, E. Harrison 5, J. R. Buckley 6. Rung on the 33rd anniversary of the 3rd ringer's wedding day and the 4th ringer's 61st birthday.

**EVERSHOT, DORSET.**—On Jan. 26th at St. Osmund's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. T. Groves (first quarter) 1, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 2, H. Smith 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. C. R. Vine 5, W. Groves 6. For the induction of the Rev. Kelsey as Rector of this parish.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gill 1, W. Simmonds 2 and 3, H. Colcombe 4, F. Dodson 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, W. Shepherd (conductor) 7, R. Clew 8.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—On Feb. 2nd at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Oldroyd 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, W. R. Morey 3, E. Lee (first quarter of Stedman) 4, W. Shepherd 5, C. E. Smith 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, F. Radford 8.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Clarke 1, A. Burgess 2, R. Cochrane 3, A. Cull 4, A. White (conductor) 5, H. Nobbs 6, D. Price 7, J. T. Kentish 8.

**KEMPSEY, WORCS.**—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Higgins 1, F. J. Cubberley 2, P. Shortland (first inside) 3, G. H. Derrington (first inside) 4, E. F. Cubberley (conductor) 5, F. Salter 6.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—At All Saints' Church on Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Bob Major: E. Dodds 1, A. F. Thirst 2, Sheila Harris 3, G. Dodds 4, F. D. Bishop 5, D. J. Charnley (first away from covering bell) 6, H. W. Rogers 7, F. C. W. Knight (conductor) 8.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—On Feb. 2nd at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, J. Bullock 2, S. Croft 3, W. J. Ellis 4, C. Ottley 5, L. Bowler 6, R. Sanders 7, W. Hardy 8.

**LLANDUDNO, CARNARVON.**—On Jan. 29th at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. Oliver 1, Miss K. Ruffell 2, Miss M. Ockleston (first quarter-peal) 3, J. Flood 4, L. S. Griffiths (conductor) 5, H. Geeson 6. All are Sunday service ringers.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, A. J. Hicks (conductor) 2, C. E. Taylor 3, R. J. Hicks 4, J. Rich (first quarter) 5, L. Duke 6. First quarter by an entire Marhamchurch set.

**NORTH MARSTON, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 29th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor: W. Banner 1, F. Gibbard (first as conductor) 2, G. Edmans 3, W. Woodford 4, H. France 5, F. Gregory 6. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

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At the meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Slough on February 22nd a memorial tablet will be unveiled to Mr. W. H. Fussell. We understand the tablet has been beautifully executed.

As we were going to press we received a notification of the death at Saffron Walden on February 7th of Mr. Ernest A. Pitstow, aged 86.

Six of the band who rang the peal of Bob Major at Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, on January 25th were from Holywood.

A half-century as a ringer at Knowle, Warwickshire, has been completed by William H. Smith. He rang the treble to a peal in honour of his record.

Corrections.—Regarding the peal of Stedman Cinques at Saffron Walden, the ringer of the seventh was Frank B. Lufkin and not Frank A. Lufkin. The church is dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin.

A helpful book for the young ringer is 'Elementary Change Ringing,' by the Rev. F. F. Rigby. The publishers are the S.P.C.K., Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2. Price 3s. 6d.

A pleasant surprise awaited the ringers of Adlington, Lancs, on the completion of their peal of Stedman Triples on January 25th. The Vicar came into the ringing chamber, and after congratulating the band, invited them to tea at the Vicarage.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Edmonton on January 26th was rung by a local band in appreciation of the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who taught all the ringers except the 5th and 6th to handle and ring a bell. It was a farewell peal to Dennis H. Langdon, who is joining the Forces, and a welcome home to W. Douglas Smith.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Memorable was the annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild on February 1st for the dramatic termination of the ringing at Eastwood. It emphasises the importance of coöperation in the belfry when an emergency arises. Conductors should bring this incident to the attention of all young ringers with clear instructions as to what to do.

Watch the company Mr. F. Dunkerley has at Moorside, Lancs. They have rung their first together of Double Norwich and have Cambridge as their next objective, which they hope to complete this summer.

News has reached Wollaston, Worcs., of the death in Canada of Mr. Charles Frederick White, a former member of the local band. In his memory 720 London Surprise Minor was rung by J. Bass 1, R. Matthews 2, F. Handley 3, S. G. Thompson 4, H. V. Cooper (conductor) 5, C. Richards 6.

A noble effort comes from Weedon Bec, Northants, where five of the company rang their first peal of Doubles, and the conductor, Mr. Eric Nobles, called his first of Doubles in four methods.

The whole of the post-war girls' band at Burnham, Bucks, has now rung one or more peals of 5,000 changes, with Miss Gwen Murkitt completing the list on Saturday, February 8th, by ringing the treble to a tripple peal of Grandsire Triples. Moral: Train some more.

According to the copy received, the peal of Doubles at Duston, Northants, on February 3rd, was not rung for any Association. We hope the ringers are not outside the pale!

It was not intentional that three of the four districts in the Guildford Guild held their annual meetings last Saturday. Protests have been lodged.

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## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Although this Guild in its present form only dates back to 1924, it is a continuation of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society, which was formed at Raunds on July 5th, 1883, by the Vicar of Raunds, the Rev. Hugh Bryan, who became the first secretary. By the end of that year 63 members were on the books. The society grew steadily and change ringing and some peal ringing became well established.

On his retirement in 1892, the Rev. Hugh Bryan was presented with an inscribed copy of North's 'Bells of Northamptonshire.' About ten years ago the Guild secretary recovered this book from a firm of dealers in second-hand books and presented it to the Guild to be in the hands of the Guild secretary and loaned to members.

In 1896 the title of the society was changed to 'The Central Northamptonshire Association,' and that year at the annual meeting a discussion took place on the advisability of forming a Diocesan Association, but it was thought that matters were not ripe for this at the time. This society was split into three districts in 1905.

## GOLD MEDALS FOR 100 PEALS.

One rule of the early days was that 'all members who ring 100 peals for the association shall receive a gold medal.' From the reports, those who received these medals were Messrs. J. B. Houghton, J. Garrett, W. Perkins, A. Y. Tyler, W. V. Newman, T. R. Hensher, W. Hensher, J. B. Martin, A. H. Martin, F. Wilford, F. W. Sawfoot, D. J. Nichols and E. J. Chapman. In 1914 this was discontinued and a new rule passed that a certificate, which bore a photograph of Peterborough Cathedral, be awarded to all members ringing their first peal on a working bell. This is still in force.

By 1923 there were five districts, and as the outcome of a meeting at Wellingborough,

addressed by the Bishop of Peterborough, it was decided to form a Diocesan Guild for the whole of the diocese which covers the counties of Northamptonshire and Rutland. This was formed at Wellingborough on January 5th, 1924, with the addition of Oundle and District Society and also the Peterborough and District Society.

The chief officers elected were the president, the Dean of Peterborough, Master, Mr. F. Wilford, and general secretary, Mr. D. J. Nichols. Mr. Nichols had done most of the routine work and the organising which made the formation of the Guild possible. There were now 81 towers in union, seven branches and over 600 members. In 1925 Daventry Branch was formed, and in 1930 the Towcester and District Society joined as the Towcester Branch of the Guild.

Early in 1926, Mr. Nichols, who had been in poor health for some time, had to resign his office. Mr. R. G. Black, the Kettering Branch secretary, was elected to succeed him. He still holds the office, combined with that of guild treasurer, and is the only official of the Guild to have held office continuously since its formation. Mr. Nichols died in 1928 at the early age of 48. He had rung about 130 peals, all of them for the local association or guild. He was the leader of Kettering band for several years and conducted peals by the local band in all the standard methods, and Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

Rutland Branch was formed in 1933, the membership of the Guild in that year being 98 honorary and 843 ringing members. Mr. Wilford resigned the Mastership in 1935 and the Rev. E. S. Powell was elected to the office. Mr. Wilford died in 1936. He had been a representative on the Central Council for over 30 years and attended every meeting until prevented by his illness, from which he did not recover.

The Guild weathered the war years well, and were ably guided during this difficult time by the Rev. E. S. Powell, the Master. The latter recently resigned the living of Staver-ton, and on retirement has left the diocese. In 1944 there were 145 members in H.M. Forces, which is a high percentage. In 1945, 112 new members were elected, mostly young people of both sexes.

The late Mr. A. H. Martin, of Higham Ferrers who died in 1941, was believed to be the last ringing member who had attended the 1883 meeting and had a continuous membership. In 1943 the Ven. C. J. Grimes, Archdeacon of Northampton, was elected resident.

The general secretaries since 1883 were the Rev. H. Bryan to 1892, Mr. F. J. Dennes 1892 to 1902, Mr. T. R. Hensher 1902 to 1906, Mr. F. Wilford 1906 to 1920, Mr. D. J. Nichols 1920 to 1926, Mr. F. G. Black 1926 to present time.

The Belfry Repairs Fund was formed in 1917 from collections at services, and in 1933, when the Guild was ten years old, the sum of £229 had been collected and grants had been made of £126 to various towers for restorations and augmentations. The Belfry Restoration Fund is still flourishing and at the end of last year was worth over £209.

## PEALS IN NORTHANTS.

The earliest known peals in Northants are the two peals of Grandsire Triples rung at Kettering in 1729 and 1731 and which are recorded on the ancient peal boards still in that tower. The first peal of Major was a peal of Bob Major at St. Peter's, Northampton, by the College Youths in 1739, and was conducted by Benjamin Annable, who rang the seventh. This peal is No. 45 in the College Youths records.

Peals rung from 1883 to 1893 were Minor, Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples and Bob



THE LATE MR. FRED WILFORD

Major; Treble Bob in 1894; Double Norwich in 1896; Stedman Triples in 1897; Superlative 1897; Real Double Norwich 1898; Grandsire Caters 1898. In 1900 Mr. A. Y. Tyler conducted 9,312 of Superlative at Irthlingborough; Stedman Caters in 1901 and Treble Ten 1903, at St. Giles', Northampton, London in 1903, Cambridge in 1905, Bristol 1912, Cambridge Royal 1922, and a peal of Minor, 1922, by six ladies, this being the first time a band of ladies had rung a peal with the tenor 'turned in.' Erin Triples were rung in 1922, and Surprise Minor 1922. The total of peals up to the end of 1923 was 986.

The peals rung from 1924 to 1945 totalled 722, and Mr. H. M. Day conducted several of Surprise Minor up to 32 methods. The Irthlingborough band, who rang the first of Surprise Major, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol, have also rung Irthlingborough and Irchester Surprise (the first in the methods) and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

## HANDBELL RINGING.

One peal in hand was rung at Irthlingborough in 1905, being 5,056 Bob Major, conducted by A. Y. Tyler. In 1910 the Kettering band, assisted by Mr. E. M. Atkins, rang Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Bob Royal was rung in 1911, Grandsire Caters in 1912, also Kent Treble Bob and Little Bob Major. In 1914 Kent Treble Bob Royal and in 1921 a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. This band in the period 1910 to 1921 rang about 40 peals in hand.

According to North, 1878, there were them nine rings of eight bells, 43 of six bells and 105 of five bells in Northants. In 1938 the numbers were two rings of ten, 26 of eight, 70 of six and 97 rings of five. The oldest dated bell is the second at Cold Ashby and is dated 1317.

CLAPHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church: Mrs. Lathbury 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, T. H. Tafender (conductor) 3, Miss Mary Cole (first quarter in method) 4, W. J. Ellis 5, R. Lathbury 6, J. Bullock 7, S. Croft 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 19th at Christ Church, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Nash 1, Mrs. C. J. Mathews 2, A. W. Coles 3, J. G. Nash 4, C. F. Sayers 5, S. Wade 6, T. J. Lock 7, H. W. Clark 8, C. J. Mathews 9, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 10. First quarter of Cambridge Royal for ringers of 2, 5 and 10.



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# OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

## 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

The 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers was celebrated in Oxford during the first week-end of February. The ringing programme was a full one, though there were no tower-bell peals. A proposed attempt for Stedman Cinques by the society at Christ Church had to be cancelled owing to several last-minute withdrawals. Handbell peal attempts began on the afternoon of Friday, January 31st, but unfortunately met with no success. On Sunday afternoon, however, the society rang the first peal of Winchester Bob Major on handbells.

Official proceedings commenced on the morning of Saturday, February 1st, with ringing at St. Ebbe's (8) from 9.45 to 10.45. The society's festival service, conducted by the president of the society (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), then followed at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The preacher was the Lord Bishop of Oxford. His useful and inspiring address was based on the text, 'I have a message from God unto thee' (Judges iii. 20), and once again the reminder was given that absence from divine service was a negation of the message ringers were called to deliver.

Ringing in the afternoon took place at the Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8) and at Magdalen (10), and following an informal tea in the New Room, Magdalen, this part of the day's proceedings ended with an enjoyable hour's ring on the magnificent heavy eight at Merton.

## THE DINNER.

Sixty-six persons sat down to dinner at the Randolph Hotel, where the society was pleased to welcome as the guest of honour Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council. The other guests were Miss M. R. Cross and Messrs. W. F. Judge, V. J. Bennett and W. C. Porter, of the Oxford Society, and the visitors were Messrs. R. F. B. Speed, P. K. Williamson, O. W. Woolley and Dr. F. S. Poole, representing the Cambridge University Guild, Miss B. Podger and Mr. G. T. Beynon from the Bristol University Society, Messrs. P. M. J. Gray and D. Layton from the London University Society, Mrs. C. E. Wigg and Mr. P. A. Corby. Before the dinner a photograph of all present was taken, and immediately afterwards three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus were rung by resident members of the society.

After the loyal toast, the toast of the society was proposed by Dr. J. E. Spice, who noted with pleasure the presence of two other past masters, Messrs. H. Miles and A. E. F. Trotman. In sketching the history of the society since its foundation in 1872, Dr. Spice naturally had most to say of the period 1939-45 when he had been in residence, a period chiefly remarkable for the achievements of the society on handbells, and for the growth of the society to its present scale—a growth encouraged by the enthusiasm of lady members.

In replying to the toast, the present Master, Miss B. Spice, briefly reviewed the events of the past year. Notable inceptions had been the short tour held at Rochester in August, 1946, and the farming-cum-ringing fortnight enjoyed by present members at Honeybourne, Worcs., in the late summer. The present academic year had brought an unprecedented flow of recruits—as witnessed by the fact that 40 of those present at the dinner were resident members of the society—and, in addition to the hard work spent in teaching them, time had been found in the Michaelmas term for the ringing of nine peals, a record number for one term.

## THE GUESTS.

The President then welcomed the guests and visitors. He regretted the absence of several old members, notably of Canon Co'erride, from whom a telegram of good wishes was read, and of the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, both of whom had played a large part in the early life of the society. The good wishes of other

old members were also conveyed to the gathering.

Mr. Lewis, responding to this welcome, expressed the pleasure of all the visitors at being able to be present. He recounted various amusing incidents which had taken place in joint peal attempts of the C.U.G. and O.U.S., and drew several morals from his stories in connection with good handling and striking of bells.

The toast of 'The Oxford Society' was next proposed by Mr. A. E. F. Trotman. He recalled with gratitude the invaluable help which the City ringers had always given to the society, making special reference to the period 1932-3 when he had been Master. Mr. V. J. Bennett, secretary of the Oxford Society, suitably replied.

Miss K. Higgins then briefly toasted 'Kindred Societies.' She hoped the younger University Societies would be able to look back on their lives with equal pride when they were 75 years o.d. In his reply, Mr. D. Layton expressed the sincere gratitude of the new University Societies to the O.U.S.C.R. for its hospitality on these occasions, and for the help and encouragement it had given, not only in providing new opportunities for ringing, but also in enlarging the friendship among ringers.

## 'ENGAGED COUPLES.'

The last toast was in a somewhat lighter vein, being that of the engaged couples, three and a half of whom were present. Mr. J. H. P. Slade (a present member) turned his ready wit to great advantage and obviously enjoyed his descriptions of Cambridge turning to Oxford and Oxford to the North. Miss M. D. Telford expressed the thanks of those concerned for the good wishes which had been given, and concluded by saying that she had always been brought up to 'follow the Master' in all things.

Before going on to a short general meeting, some reminiscences of the very early life of the society were given by Dr. F. S. Poole, whose father was one of the foundation members, and who had left an interesting record of the earliest touches rung by him and his contemporaries.

## TOUR FROM SHREWSBURY.

The main business of the meeting was the alteration in the proposed date and place of the tour. This is now arranged for the first week in August, immediately preceding the U.A.C.R. tour, and it is hoped to be held at Shrewsbury.

Sunday rightly began with a Corporate Communion for the society, celebrated by the Rev. Blake Wood in the Eastern Crypt of the University Church at 8 a.m.

Visitors were then welcomed by the Oxford Society to the usual Sunday ringing at Christ Church, All Saints' and St. Giles', and some also joined the University Society at St. Mary Magdalene's, St. Cross' and St. Thomas-the-Martyr's. The bells of New College were rung for evensong, and finally the glorious six of St. Mary's heralded the opening service of the Mission to the University held during the week.

Thus concluded a most enjoyable week-end, and a fitting commemoration of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, 75 years ago.

**PADBURY, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Townsend (first quarter) 1, F. D. Wesley (first quarter) 2, W. Yates, jun. 3, C. Gough 4, E. Nicholls (conductor) 5, W. Yates, sen. 6.

**PAINSWICK, GLOS.**—Ha'f-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's Church on Jan. 28th: E. J. Birt 1, S. G. Goulding (conductor) 2, W. Staite 3, R. Watts 4, D. Thornton 5, L. H. Jones 6, D. L. Jones 7, C. D. Launder 8.

**WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.**—On Feb. 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Pimm 1, H. P. Floyd 2, C. Bustin (first quarter inside) 3, T. W. Bond 4, L. Oliffe 5, G. Wright 6, A. R. Pink (conductor) 7, E. Knight (first quarter) 8.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Editor regrets that at the the order of the Government through the fuel emergency the next two issues of 'The Ringing World,' in common with all other periodicals, will be suspended.

The next publication, unless further restrictions are announced, will be on Friday, March 7th.

Financial adjustments will be made in respect of notices and quarterly, half-yearly and yearly subscriptions.

## Oxford Diocesan Guild

### MAKE HISTORY AT BLOXHAM.

When the Banbury and District Branch met at Bloxham on January 25th it was the first time, according to present records, that a meeting had been held at this beautiful parish church with its celebrated spire, one of three in line across the countryside. The local saying about it is: Bloxham for length, Adderbury for strength, King's Sutton for beauty. (King's Sutton is in Northants, but it doesn't give Bloxham many points.)

The ring of eight in the tower (tenor 27 cwt.) have not been rung together until recently for some 20 years. Permission has been given for the time being for the whole to be rung for short touches. The front six have been rung regularly each Sunday, and for practice when required by the local band during the 20 years. Sixty members attended the meeting; thanks to the efforts of the Vicar (the Rev. B. R. Buchanan) in trying to do all that is possible in order that the whole ring may be used, the members were able to ring Triples and Major. The service was conducted by the Vicar and the address given by the Rev. Sholto Douglas. Tea was prepared by the local ringers and relatives.

A record number of new members was elected at the business meeting, 15 in all from various towers. The next meeting, a joint one with the Bicester Deanery Branch, is to be held at Lower Heyford with Rousham in April.

The members stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute to the memory of Mr. J. Cuss, who had died recently.

The secretary was instructed to convey the best thanks and appreciation of the members of the branch to Mr. L. J. Malings, who had left Oxfordshire for South Wales, for the great assistance he had given to the Guild in teaching young ringers and in many ways furthering the art of change ringing in the right spirit, that of service to the Church.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and to all who contributed to make the meeting so happy and enjoyable. Rounds to Major again completed the day there, other members going on to Adderbury, making good use of the fine ring of eight in that tower.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Feb. 2nd at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Edwards 1, R. A. Pearson 2, N. F. Bull 3, W. R. Hammons (conductor) 4, P. D. Bishop 5, M. Smith 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 5 and 6. First 'inside' for ringer of 3rd.

**OTLEY, YORKS.**—On Feb. 3rd, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. M. Heaton (first quarter of Grandsire) 1, Miss J. A. Southerst (first in method as conductor) 2, H. J. Roberts 3, R. F. Smith 4, J. F. Hodson 5, G. Benfield 6, D. Roe 7, P. H. Whitaker 8.



# ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

## PLANNING BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

The main feature at the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held on February 1st in accordance with tradition at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, was plans for the appropriate celebration of the bicentenary of the society. There is to be a dinner on July 12th and it is also hoped to hold a commemorative service.

Preceding the business part of the programme, the bells were available from 3 to 5 p.m., during which time the capacity of the ringing chamber was taxed to the utmost, as at one period over 90 people were counted there. A number of young members had their first pull on twelve bells, and throughout the afternoon the range of methods rung extended from rounds to Cambridge Maximus. Apart from members of the society present, a goodly number of visitors were welcomed in the tower, among the foremost of whom was Mr. George Fearn, of Birmingham.

Tea was provided in the crypt, which, like the ringing chamber, was scarcely big enough to accommodate the large gathering in comfort, although all those who had notified their intention of being present were supplied with food and drink. In all 68 persons cut of 70 who said they would be present turned up.

The meeting was held in the Vestry Hall, a beautifully paneled chamber overlooking the church on the north side. The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead presided and called upon the meeting at the outset to stand in silence in memory of Mr. Rupert Richardson, Major J. H. B. Hesse and other ringers who had died since the last annual meeting.

### NEW MEMBERS RECORD.

Mr. G. W. Steere (hon. secretary) presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £48 8s. 4d., against £36 11s. 9d. at the beginning of the year.

The annual report stated that the year could be considered a period of steady progress. Thirty-six new members had been elected, a number not approached during the last half-century, as on only two occasions had the figure reached 30. Mr. Frank C. W. Knight was in no small measure responsible for the large increase.

Eleven peals had been rung at High Wycombe, Beckenham, Milton-next-Gravesend, Bexley, Kingston-on-Thames, Calne (Wilts), Guildford (2) and Burnham (2), and one on handbells. The peal at Burnham was in memory of Brian O'Neill and Peter A. Blamey, two members of the society.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung on Dec. 1st, 1945, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields to commemorate the termination of the war has been duly recorded in the belfry, and the tablet hangs side by side with a similar record of the 1914-18 war. In this respect thanks were due to Mr. C. J. Matthews, who secured the services of a capable artist to do the work.

The report and accounts were adopted and Mr. C. J. Matthews was thanked for his kind offices in regard to printing the report.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. N. Harding (Slough), J. Millhouse and K. Mayer (Lincoln). New members elected were Miss Gwen Murkett, Miss Betty Hill, Miss Betty Frost, Miss Betty Hewison, Mrs. O. Barnett, Miss Mary Jaycock, Messrs. Clifford Vessey, Edwin J. Upton, Charles R. Chambers, William Picthall, Robert G. Rayfield, Walter Lemon, Frank Hopgood and Eric Dodds.

Meetings to be arranged for 1947 were: Burnham, March 29th; Prittlewell, June 14th; and Ansley, September 27th.

At the election of officers, Mr. A. H. Pulling expressed the opinion that the Master should be changed annually, and as the Cumberlands were a national society, the Mastership should not be necessarily tied with Sunday ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. With this end in view he proposed Mr. E. A. Barnett as Master.

Mr. Barnett, while thanking his proposer for the honour, declined, stating he could not undertake the Mastership, as he was not in a position to attend regularly at St. Martin's.

There were several who spoke against this proposition, and it was argued it would be most disloyal to Mr. Cross, who had held the post for so long and so successfully, to make a change just at the moment when the society was about to celebrate its 200th anniversary.

Mr. Cross was the only nominee and his reelection was carried with acclamation.

Other officers elected were: Treasurer and secretary, Mr. G. W. Steere; senior steward, Mr. T. Bevan; junior steward, Mr. F. Hawthorne; trustees, Messrs. C. J. Matthews and Ralph Winterton.

### THE BICENTENARY.

With regard to the suggested dinner to commemorate the 200th anniversary, it was decided to go ahead with the arrangements and book July 12th as the prescribed date. The venue would be the Old Bell Restaurant, E.C.1, and the number would be limited to 100. An official announcement will be made shortly on this subject, but it was stressed that all applications for tickets would be treated in strict order of receipt, and that a remittance should accompany all applications for tickets.

In connection with the dinner, it is hoped to arrange a special service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

A dinner committee of the officers of the society, augmented by the inclusion of Mrs. E. E. Davis and Messrs. Frank C. W. Knight and James E. Bailey, was appointed.

In the absence of Dr. Perry (churchwarden), unable to attend through illness, the society were welcomed to St. Martin's by Mr. Ambler.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Felstead for presiding, also to the Church Council for use of the bells and Vestry Hall, and Mr. G. Radley voiced the appreciation of the members for the work done by the officers.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### SOUTH OXON BRANCH HAS 40 NEW MEMBERS.

Forty new members at one meeting; That is how enrolments are taking place in the South Oxon Branch as happened at their meeting on January 26th at Benson. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) presided in the absence through illness of the branch chairman, supported by the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz) and the general secretary (Mr. T. Hibbert) and no fewer than five branch secretaries.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Hughes), assisted by the Master and Deputy Master. As to the ringing, some new members had their first touch of Triples, while others had their first 'pull' on the bells.

## 5 090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

BY BRIAN D. PRICE.

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First rung at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, on January 18th, 1947, conducted by C. H. Kippin.

## OBITUARY

### MR. FREDERICK C. PEARSON.

The recent death of Mr. Frederick Charles Pearson, of Donington, Lincolnshire, aged 37, after a long illness, was received with deep regret by ringers in the Boston and Spalding area.

He learned to ring at Donington in 1924 at the age of 14 and rang his first peal in the same year. He had about 10 peals to his credit, but was prevented through ill-health, while still in his teens, from further peal ringing. He continued to be a Sunday service ringer when his health allowed.

Following the interment at Donington on February 4th, a quarter-peal with bells half-muffled was rung at the Parish Church, being 1,260 changes Bob Minor, by H. Clark (first quarter) 1, J. E. Allen 2, E. Staples 3, A. E. Woods 4, C. Wander (conductor) 5, S. V. Woods 6.

### MR. JOHN ROLLS.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, has lost its oldest ringer in the person of Mr. John Rolls, at the age of 94.

A native of Olney, Bedfordshire, Mr. Rolls helped to keep the bells going during the first world war at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, and was a very regular ringer.

A man of most kind and genial nature, he was beloved by all who knew him. He leaves a very large family and many grandchildren. The funeral was on January 29th. W.W.W.

### MR. TED SHAW

One of the oldest members of the Lancashire Association and a member of the old Midland Counties Association, Mr. Ted Shaw died at Leesfield, Oldham, aged 87.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday, January 29th. The bells at Leesfield were rung half-muffled, also a course of Grandside Doubles over the grave by Herbert Barlow 1-2, Walter W. Wolstencroft 3-4, John Walmsley 5-6. W.W.W.

### MR. DAVID H. WHITING.

The funeral took place at Diss Cemetery on January 25th of Mr. David H. Whiting, aged 73. The Rector (the Rev. J. A. Appleton) officiated.

A lifelong campanologist, Mr. Whiting rang at Wakefield Cathedral, Yorkshire, in his younger days, later moving to Yaxley, Suffolk, where he became captain of the local company. He came to Diss about eight years ago and joined the St. Mary's Society. His peal total was 88, ringing in 30 for the Norwich Association and 58 for the Suffolk Guild. He was also a keen handbell ringer.

Four members of the local band rang handbells over the grave: W. Elsey 1-2, Mrs. J. Tonge 3-4, Miss Kathleen Harrison 5-6, A. G. Harrison 7-8. The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled for morning service on February 2nd.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### THE YOUNGEST MEMBER.

By the election of Michael David Goodman, aged 10, at the annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Mulbarton on January 11th, the Association has its youngest member. Also elected were Ronald Dove and George Adams.

The branch chairman, the Rev. Blyth, who was in the chair, was re-elected, as was Mr. H. Tooke, secretary. To the committee were elected Messrs. G. Bailey, C. Curson, W. C. Duffield, F. C. Goodman and the Rev. G. W. Wilson. Buxton was selected for the next meeting on April 19th.

The president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) conducted the service, and tea was served by Mrs. Goodman and friends. Members were present from Attleborough, Buxton, Diss, Northrepps, Hethersett, Garboldisham, New Buckenham, Fornsett, Gorleston, Norwich, Scottow, Saxlingham, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, Yaxley and the local company.



# CORRESPONDENTS' VIEWS AND COMMENTS

## Vancouver Ringer's Distinction

Dear Sir,—I am writing this thanking you for giving us in Vancouver, B.C., so much space and notice in the front page, etc., of 'The Ringing World.' But in the issue of December 20th, 1946, there is a mistake about my ringing a peal at Macclesfield and other places in England. Those peals should be credited to Mr. Andy B. Lomas, who is now ringing at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, V.T., B.C. I, of course, rang at the Coronation of King George V. here at Vancouver, being the first peal ever rung in Canada.

I have never rung a peal in England. I learned on the bells I installed here; perhaps I have the distinction of installing a peal in a tower, learning to ring on them and ringing on them the first peal in the country. Whilst visiting in England in 1912 I rang at Old Windsor, some of the ringers I remember being J. L. McDonald, the late J. H. B. Hesse, A. H. Pulling and other well-known peal ringers. But I could not call it a peal, as there was an awful mix up about half-way; in fact, there were several rounds of good firing and I was astonished later to see it recorded as a peal in 'The Ringing World' on my arrival back here.

Our peal we rang here on July 1st, 1911, was, I can honestly say, perfect as to being a true peal, not a bell being out of place and the striking good throughout. Some 85 or 90 years ago a peal was rung in the tower of Christ Church, Philadelphia, Penn., U.S.A., and recorded in that tower as rung by nine men, the tenor man having to give up and was relieved by another. Therefore, I think we in Vancouver can say we have rung the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung by eight men on the American continent.—Yours very truly,

A. C. LIMPUS.

208, Union Street, Vancouver, B.C.

## YOUNGEST GIRL RINGER

Dear Sir,—As Mr. George Gilbert appears to be keeping a record of the achievements of the youngsters in the Exercise, may I remind him that he has omitted one from his list? If he will look up the issue of 'The Ringing World,' dated November 1st, 1946, on page 511 he will read of Margaret Beamish having rung the 2nd to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Chilvers Coton on October 12th at the age of 11 years. True, at first glance, the footnote was rather misleading, but that was made quite clear in Belfry Gossip the following week. Margaret was 11 on June 24th, 1946, and so was 11½ when she rang the peal.

On December 28th last she was in a peal attempt for Cambridge Major, ringing the 2nd. Unfortunately, the attempt broke down after an hour's good ringing, but through no fault of hers. However, she achieved a peal of Cambridge Major on January 27th at Chilvers Coton, ringing the treble in faultless style.—Sincerely yours,

A. H. BEAMISH.

21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

## BELLS RUNG BACKWARDS

Dear Sir,—Regarding bells ringing backwards. This was always the ancient form of declaration of war, and I hope they remembered it in 1940.

There are two well-known literary references:—

(a) 'Bonnie Dundee':—

'The bells they ring backwards.'

(b) Sir Walter Scott in 'Last Minstrel':—  
'The live-long night in Branksome rang  
The ceaseless sound of steel.

The castle bell with backward clang  
Sent back a louder peal.'

But how Sir Walter's men managed to ring one bell backwards still beats me.—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

## London Vergers

### A WILTSHIRE RINGER'S EXPERIENCE.

Sir,—I feel I would like to express my views concerning the above as referred to by Mr. Appleton in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' Doubtless, he and his friend were disappointed for not being permitted to visit the belfry at their first verbal request to a verger.

But why blame the verger?

To avoid a similar disappointment in future, Mr. Appleton would do better if he followed the procedure I have during the past few years, in which I have raised and taught a new band of ringers at our church, either for ringing or inspecting some notable peal.

I make my plans beforehand, then write to the incumbents requesting permission for the visit. I always enclose a stamped and addressed envelope for a reply. I do the latter because some of us ringers are better off financially than some clergy whose stipends have not been increased with the cost of living. I do not approve of them paying even the cost of a postage stamp to provide us with the pleasures of an outing. During last year I sent out 14 such applications and received favourable replies from them all.

During May I took the band to London after having requested permission to visit Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's foundry. I received a favourable reply from Mr. Hughes, who provided us with a most interesting hour. This was on a Saturday, and he was the only member of the staff we saw there. We were very much impressed, as it did appear to us that he had turned up specifically to oblige us. This is only one instance of the fruits of making the arrangements beforehand.

Regarding the places we visited on the same trip where we had no intentions of first visiting and did not make the arrangements. We went on to St. Paul's and enjoyed a good look round. Suddenly I met a verger, and after some conversation I asked him if we could see the bells. He was very polite and told me that we could not. He added that I should have written to the Dean beforehand. I accepted this and informed the band, but this verger was not satisfied, probably because I had mentioned to him previously that we had travelled a hundred miles that day to London. He took me to the Dean's verger, who again told me that such visits were at the discretion of the Dean only, but under the circumstances he took it upon himself to grant the request.

The first verger we met took us up the famous Wren's stairway to the ringing chamber, then on to the bell chamber, from which place we had a good view of the famous dome, also an interesting talk on its structure. Then one to the clock, Great Peter and the clock bells. Returning again to the nave, the verger expressed his regrets that he could not show us the crypt. Another hour well spent. Could anyone wish for more courtesy than this?

Next we visited St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where a congregation had assembled for a service which was about to commence. I asked the verger there about seeing the bells, but he informed me that during the service he was to remain present, but would gladly take us up the tower afterwards, but being as we were strangers to him, he would not allow us to ascend without him. I commend him for such a decision. Time did not permit us to accept his kind offer.

I have no desire to question what is required of these vergers at their work. As a ringer, it is not my business. I look upon them as paid servants, and as such they have a duty to perform. Providing they satisfy their employers, I see no reason why ringers should rebuke them for not doing certain favours.

I have always found them obliging and courteous, but our chief interest, or that of a

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## Ringers' Names on Bells

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest about some of the names of ringers recorded on bells. We have one at Aldbourne, Wiltshire, and as it is of an earlier date than those already mentioned, I thought it would be of further interest to some of your readers.

When the six were augmented to eight in 1778, the bell founder, Robert Wells, gave the treble and two of the ringers gave the second with the following inscription: 'Jos: Pizzie, Willm Gwyn. Music and ringing we like so well and for that reason we gave this bell.'

These two ringers also rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples 19 years later, this being recorded on an old peal board, 1797.—Yours truly,

T. A. PALMER.

Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts.

## AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I was the instigator of having the old bad going eight bells, also bad tone, recast into a splendid peal of eight bells at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, in 1923. The following inscription was cast on the tenor bell:—

'To the Glory of God and in memory of George and Mary Stevens, the bells in the tower of this church were recast and rehung by their nephew, Robert Raisbeck Gelling, 1923. Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, Vicar. James George, Ringing Master.'

On August 18th, 1917, I conducted a peal of Stedman Triples on the old bells in 2 hours and 56 minutes at this church. On January 28th, 1924, I conducted a peal of Stedman Triples on the new bells in 2 hours and 57 minutes at this church.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES GEORGE.

63, Thurlston Avenue, Sheldon, Birmingham 26.

## FORTHCOMING BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Miss Look's suggestion in her letter under the above heading which appeared in your last issue.

If 'The Ringing World' could possibly mention forthcoming ringing broadcasts it would be of great value. I frequently 'twiddle the knobs' on a Sunday evening in the hope of hearing some ringing, and if there is any I probably get the correct station just before the ringing ceases.—Yours, etc.,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Bleak House, Alton Pancras, Dorchester.

## BACK NUMBERS

Dear Sir,—Following the example set by two people recently, I shall be glad if you will make it known that I have a number of spare copies of 'The Ringing World' for 1935 and 1936; and I shall be glad to send these (so long as they last) to any who care to ask for them, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope.

In return, I wonder if anyone can supply me with a copy of the issue dated November 28th, 1941? For this I should be most grateful.—Yours faithfully,

L. K. BOWLING (Miss),

27, Ancaster Road, Leeds 6.

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steeplejack who would be pleased to see the weathercock, may not be theirs! Most vergers are advanced in years, while many of them suffer from some physical disability which only permits them to do a verger's work on the ground floor of a church, and I do think it is unfair to rebuke them because of an isolated matter as complained of. It is asking a lot of these elderly gentlemen to ascend sometimes a hundred steps to unlock a door.  
H. GUMMER, Ringing Captain.  
Steeple Ashton, Wilts.



## Bath and Wells Association

### CARY DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of Cary Deanery Branch was held on January 25th at the Church of St. James, Castle Cary, attended by 50 ringers, representing the towers of Barton St. David, Batcombe, Bruton, Castle Cary, Ditchat, Evercreech, Horsington, Maperton, North Cadbury, North Cheriton, South Cadbury, Templecombe and Wincanton, with visitors from Bath, Chilcompton, Drayton, Longbridge Deverell, Semley, Warminster and Yeovil.

The Vicar (Prebendary Kempe) welcomed the ringers.

At the business meeting the Rev. J. F. Holt (Batcombe) was unanimously elected president and the following officers re-elected: Mr. H. C. Lintern, secretary; Mr. H. J. Sanger, Ringing Master; Mr. H. P. Sparks, Deputy Ringing Master. Four new ringing members were elected.

The secretary, in a resumé of the year's activities, stated that at the four meetings held there had been an average attendance of 41; four honorary members and 24 new ringing members had been elected. A hearty welcome was extended to a very old member of the branch, Mr. Jack Norris, who had recently recovered from a serious accident. Mr. Norris, who is 80, has been a ringer at South Cheriton Church for 63 years.

Meetings were arranged as follows: South Cadbury, April 26th; Horsington, July 26th; Barton St. David, October 25th; with the annual at Wincanton on January 24th.

The tower was revisited, all classes were catered for and ringing continued until 8.45 p.m.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

#### DORCHESTER BRANCH'S GOOD REPORT.

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Dorchester on January 18th, and was attended by over 80 members and friends. The bells of St. Peter's (8) and St. George's, Fordington (6) were available from 3 p.m. onwards, and good use was made of both towers.

The Guild service was conducted by the branch chairman (Canon A. W. Markby), and the address given by the Ven. J. C. Shute.

The general meeting followed the tea in St. Peter's Institute, when it was stated that the branch membership had increased to 169, of whom 139 were ringing members. The meeting was honoured by the attendance of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. C. Cox, who congratulated the branch on its enthusiasm.

The secretary, in her annual report, mentioned with regret the passing of the Rev. R. H. Gundry, a former Master of the Guild. One tower (Wyke Regis) had been reopened and already a peal of Bob Major had been rung there, and it was hoped that the new ring of six at Martinstown would be ready early in the summer.

The Ven. J. C. Shute stated that he hoped soon to have the bells of Puddlehinton in ringing order.

Re-elections were as follows: Chairman, Canon A. W. Markby; vice-chairman, Canon D. F. Smeek; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey. Mrs. Godley, the hon. secretary and treasurer, not wishing to continue in office, Mr. J. H. Hayne was elected to the post, and Mr. F. V. Stedman was elected Deputy Ringing Master in place of Mr. Hayne, who had held this office during the past year. Twenty-one new ringing members, five associate members and one honorary member were elected.

It was suggested that meetings be held at the following towers during 1947: Wyke Regis, Buckland Newton, Martinstown, Charminster, and West Lulworth, final arrangements to be made by the secretary.

Votes of thanks were expressed to all who had helped in any way to make the service and meeting so helpful and enjoyable.

## Guildford Guild

### MR. R. HASTED RETIRES FROM MASTERSHIP OF FARNHAM DISTRICT.

For nearly 20 years Ringing Master of the Farnham District, Mr. R. Hasted, captain of the Farnham tower, has retired. At the annual meeting of the district on January 25th a copper beech walking stick bearing an inscribed silver band and a testimonial, which stated that the gift was made 'in gratitude and affection' by ringing members of the branch, was presented to him.

Mr. W. A. Dollimore, in making the presentation, said they wished him many years of continued interest in bellringing and hoped that with the aid of that stick he would walk round to all the churches in the district to see how they were behaving.

Mr. A. J. Stedman presided at the meeting, attended by 80 ringers. The annual report, presented by Mr. C. W. Denyer, stated that the standard of ringing at the five meetings held was somewhat disappointing. He appealed for extra effort to ensure ringing for all services on Sundays, the first duty of ringers.

The condition of certain bells and bell frames in the area was rather worrying. Some work was necessary at Bagshot and at Ash, and attention was necessary to ensure that the bells were kept going. The bells at Hawley were in a poor state, but there was little prospect of repairs there at the moment.

There were two candidates for Ringing Master—Mr. C. W. Denyer and Mr. W. H. Viggers. The former was elected by ballot. Other officers elected were: Hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. S. G. Joyce; to Guild Executive, Mr. P. Eldridge and Mr. W. H. Viggers (ringing), Mr. W. A. Dollimore (honorary). It was decided to support the nomination of the following Guild officers: Mr. A. Harman (Master), Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mr. R. Hasted (auditor).

Meetings during the year will be at Crow-dall, Hawley, Bentley, Bagshot and Ash.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes). District members attended from Ash, Aldershot, Bentley, Seale, Farnham, Frensham, Yorktown, Farnborough and Bagshot, and visitors from Leatherhead, Croydon, Thames Ditton, Kingston, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Alton, Pirbright, Godalming, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, and Clandon.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

#### MEETING AT PUDSEY.

When the society held its first meeting of 1947 at Pudsey on February 1st an announcement was made that Canon C. C. Marshall's health showed continued improvement after his accident. The secretary was asked to send him the society's best wishes for his recovery.

The president was in the chair and members were present from Armley, Bat'ev, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley St. Chad, Idle, Pudsey and Shipley. Apologies for absence were received from Canon C. C. Marshall, Messrs. P. J. Johnson and F. Hutchinson.

Three new members were elected, viz., Miss Norma Bickerdike, Miss Mary Shearsmith, of Pudsey, and Mr. Donald Marshall, of Bradford Cathedral.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Miss L. K. Bowling, this was supported by Mr. John McGlenn, who said that although the weather conditions were cold, the welcome to Pudsey was as warm as ever. Mr. W. Barton acknowledged the thanks.

The next meeting is due to be held at Birstall on February 22nd.

## Southwell Diocesan Guild

### A DRAMATIC TERMINATION.

The annual meeting was held at Eastwood on February 1st, and ringers from Nottingham, Daybrook, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Greasley, Derby and members of the local band rang from 2.30 p.m., including rounds for the learners, followed by Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Plain Bob, also Double Norwich, until 5 p.m.

After an excellent tea, arranged by Mr. J. Johnson, of Eastwood, the meeting was held. The Rev. Robert Leaney kindly acted as chairman, and gave a warm welcome to all present.

The election of officers was the chief item. A summary of the past year's ringing in the diocese was reviewed by Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., who gave some good advice and encouragement. The past year's performances, he said, had been praiseworthy, five scoring their first peal, while 39 scored their first in the method, a figure which he hoped would be improved upon in 1947.

Mr. Groombridge also added that while five-bell methods were recognised for peals, he did not care to see these practised where eight and ten bells were available, as it pointed more or less to peal grabbing.

In conclusion, Mr. J. Hobbs, of Watnall, gave some interesting information on the history of Eastwood bells. Ringing on handbells followed the talk, while the rest of the members indulged in further ringing in the tower until about 8.30 p.m.

The bells were lowered in a most unusual fashion. A few rounds were followed by a loud noise from above, which startled the man on the tenor and caused him to make straight for the door, leaving the rope swinging to and fro. The rope then lashed around the electric fittings, tearing the wiring and bulb away from the sockets and putting the tower in darkness. The rest of the band did their best to carry on. An exciting five minutes, ending up fortunately with no one the worse for the experience, only a job for the steep-keeper of replacing the clapper in the tenor bell! T.V.J.

### MARRIAGE OF MR. ROLAND PARK

The hon. secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. Roland Park, of Darlington, was married on February 8th to Miss Irene Richardson in Darlington. Mr. Park has been secretary of the association since September 1st, 1936. He and his wife, however, are leaving the country for Venezuela on a tour of duty for the South American organisation of his firm. Mr. and Mrs. Park will be away for two years.

Until the next annual meeting of the Association, therefore, his brother, Mr. W. Norman Park, of 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington, will take over the duties of secretary.

Mr. Park says that one of the things he will miss most during his absence is his connection with the Exercise. He intends to make up for it on his return.

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### BIRTH

LEWIS.—On Feb. 2nd, at 306, Wylds Lane, Worcester, to Florence (née Johnson), wife of Thomas W. Lewis, a son (Roger Linden).

### MARRIAGE

PARK — RICHARDSON. — On Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1947, Roland Park to Irene Richardson, both of Darlington.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual at Spalding, Feb. 15th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea at British Restaurant at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting in Church School 4.45.

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting St. Mary's, Reading, Feb. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Annual meeting Chiswick, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Annual business meeting following tea.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgell Road, W.13 (Perivale 5320).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 15th, Barnet (8), from 3 p.m. Practice method: Yorkshire Surprise. Own tea arrangements (numerous cafes).—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Clifton, York, Feb. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 4 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—T. H. Foster.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Wordsley, 3, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Cups of tea 5 p.m.; bring own food.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge.

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Western District (Southern Division).—Meeting in conjunction with the Sussex C.A. at Chichester, Feb. 15th. Will lady ringers please attend if possible.—Mrs. G. W. Tamplin, Hon. Sec.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Lamberhurst (6), Feb. 15th, at 3 p.m.—R. Tappenden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Stapleford (6), Feb. 15th. Bells, 3. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Magpie Cafe 5 p.m. Please come and support your district meetings.—H. L. Martin.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—A hearty welcome awaits you at North Muskham to-morrow (Feb. 15th). Bells available 3. Food and drink provided. Come and support a new branch!!—J. W. Raithby.

BARKING, ESSEX.—Service ringing on Sunday mornings each month, 10 a.m., and weekly practices on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m., commencing Feb. 20th. All ringers welcomed.—A. W. Beard, Hon. Sec., 159, Clements Road, E.C.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Willingham (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly meeting, Bonvilston, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington.

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District (Eastern Division).—A meeting in conjunction with the Sussex County Association (Eastern Division) will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Names for tea not later than Feb. 17th. Will lady ringers please make an effort to attend?—Mrs. B. Percy, Hon. Sec., 5, Moy Avenue, Eastbourne.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—Meeting at Beckenham, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m., Verney's Restaurant, High Street. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Rawlings, 41, Monivea Road, Beckenham, Kent. Train 2.30, Victoria to Beckenham Junction.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Annual, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Feb. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea Pier Hotel, 3s. 6d. (members 1s. 9d.), 5.30. Names to Mrs. B. Percy, 5, Moy Avenue, Eastbourne, by Feb. 17th. St. Saviour's bells after tea.—John Downing, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern (6), Feb. 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Rectory. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western district.—The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDS ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Cardington (8), Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—Miss P. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Slough (8), Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 17th certain.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Warmley (6), Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Northern District.—St. James' and St. Basil's, Newcastle (8), Feb. 22nd, 3.30. Tea (2s.); names to K. Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle, 4, by 17th.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Alderminster (6 bells), 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Cup of tea provided, but bring your own food.—A good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Bawtry (6) 2.30 p.m., Feb. 22nd. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 21, Ashern Road, Bentley, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting at Shipham, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Feb. 22nd, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30.—A. B. Peck.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly, Ilkeston, Feb. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Tea (2s.) 5. Names to Mr. F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, Feb. 19th latest. After tea, special business: formation Ilkeston District.—W. A. Parsons, Local Sec.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Gaywood, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Names, please to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.



**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—**

Meeting at Birstall, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members bring own food. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**LEICESTER GUILD.—**

Leicester District.—Knighton (5), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 19th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.—**

Bolton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls', Bolton, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—**

Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Daresbury, Feb. 22nd. Names to Mr. S. Booth, Daresbury, for tea by the 19th.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.—**

Rossendale Branch.—Newchurch (8), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—**

Hunts District.—The annual meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Will arrange tea if possible. Cafes in town open otherwise.—H. J. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots

**NORWICH ASSN.—**

South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Diss (8), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. at the Waveney Cafe. Names by Feb. 26th. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

**SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD.—**

Southern District.—Meeting Aberavon (8), March 1st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**KENT ASSN.—**

Maidstone District.—Ightham (6), March 1st. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—**

The 59th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 1st, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets to fully paid up ringing members 3s. each, to other members and friends 7s. 6d. each. As the number is strictly limited, early application for tickets, enclosing remittance, is requested, to T. H. Reeves,

**The 'Houseling' and the 'Passing Bells'**

BY ERNEST MORRIS.

In the Middle Ages, when a man fell grievously sick, the priest with bell, book and candle proceeded to the sick bed, lest he should die 'unhousell'd, disappointed, unanneal'd.' The 'houseling' bell, which is sometimes mentioned in the Edwardian Inventories, was a handbell carried in procession and rung when the Eucharist was borne to the sick person, that all might be warned of its approach and pay reverence, and might pray for the sick and dying person. In 1305 Archbishop Winchelsey issued a statute which, broadly speaking, remained in force until the Reformation, ordering parishes to provide certain vestments, chalice, etc., and among various items we find 'a bell to ring when the Body of Christ is carried to the sick.' In an Inventory of 1488 at St. Christopher-le-Stock, London, there is mentioned a 'cloth of gold . . . that serveth to bere over the Sacrament, with iiij bellis longyng thereto.' The parish of St. Michael, Cornhill, in 1469 purchased 'a little bell that ryngeth afore the sacrament.' Among the jewels belonging to 'owre Lady Church' at Sandwich in 1483 was 'a bell of sylver to be boryn with the Sacrament of IX ounces j quarter.' This bell was sometimes called the 'Houseling-bell' as at Great Gonerby, Lincs, in 1566, or a 'bossell-bell' as at Ilkeston.

Its use is referred to and condemned by Cramer in his Visitation Articles (1549):—'Item. That going to the sick with the Sacrament the minister have not with him either Light or Bells.' These handbells were also used in processions on the Rogation days, and notices of them as used for that purpose and similar are occasionally met with: at Addington, Surrey, in 1552 they possessed 'a Procession bell' and at Wattenbury were 'ij procession bells.' The Injunctions of Archbishop Grindal in 1571, whilst directing 'perambulation to be used by the people for viewing the bounds of their parish in the days of Rogation commonly called cross-week or Gangdays,' prohibit the wearing of the surplice by the minister, or the carrying of banners or handbells.

Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**OXFORD GUILD.—**North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twyford, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 22nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—**South Forest Branch.—Ruardean, Mar. 8th, 3.15. Dedication of memorial to Wm. Bishop by the Bishop of Gloucester, 4.15. Names for tea by March 3rd to Oliver Thomas, 11, Victoria Road, Lydney.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—**Two new treble bells, at the Parish Church, Mildenhall, will be dedicated by the Bishop of the diocese on Mar. 22nd. Fuller details later.—P. Fordham.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—**The two new treble bells at Allesley Parish Church, Warwickshire, will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Coventry on Saturday, March 22nd.

Naogeorgus in his 'Popish Kingdome' (1570), refers to the custom thus:—

'Saint John before the bread doth go, and poynting towards him  
Doth shew the same to the Lambe that takes away our sinne.

On whome two clad in Angela shape, do sundrie flowers fling,

A number great of Sacring belles with pleasant sounde doe ringe.'

An inscription sometimes found on bells, as in Dorset and Somerset:—

'I sound to bid the sick repent

In hope and life when breath is spent.'

may be regarded as having reference to this period of man's career. Then comes the next stage in the sick man's pilgrimage on earth, the tolling of one of the church bells called the 'Passing Bell,' or sometimes the 'Soul Bell.'

'Toll the bell a solemn toll;

Slow and solemn let it be;

Cry for the departing soul,

"Misere Domine."

The ringing of the passing-bell, which is peculiar to England, is one of the earliest recorded uses to which the church bell was put in this country. The Venerable Bede, in relating the circumstances of the death of St. Hilda of Stranaeshalch (Whitby) in the year 680 says:—

'This nun on a sudden heard the well-known sound of a bell in the air, which used to awake and call them to prayers when any one of them was taken out of this world.'

Among the many objections of the Brownists, it is laid to the charge of the Church of England that though we deny the doctrine of Purgatory and teach the contrary, yet how well our practice suits with it may be considered in our ringing of hallowed bells for the soul. 'We call them,' says Bishop Hall, 'soul-bells, for that they signify the departure of the soul, not for that they help the passage of the soul.' The word 'passing' as here used signifies clearly the same as 'departing,' i.e., passing from life to death. So that even from the name we may gather that it was the intention in tolling a passing-bell to pray for the person dying, and who was not dead. The following clause in the 'Advertisements for due Order' in the 7th year of Queen Elizabeth is much to our purpose:—

'Item. that when anye Christian bodie is in passing, that the bell be tolled, and that the Curate be speciallie called for to comforte the sicke person: and after the time of his passage to ringe no more but one shorte peale and one before the buriall, and another short peall before the burialle.'

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**

Despite the cold weather on January 25th, 100 ringers sat down to tea at the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District at Basingstoke.

Canon A. W. Chute, who conducted the Guild service at St. Michael's Church, presided, and the secretary reported a year of steady progress. Ninety-five members paid their subscriptions and those from one or two towers were too late for inclusion in 1946 accounts. With those members in the Forces the membership was well over 100.

Branch officers elected were: Chairman, Canon A. W. Chute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Chesterman; executive committee, Messrs. C. J. Munday and W. Cift; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Ostler; hon. auditor, Mr. R. C. Flew. Eighteen new members were elected.

A hearty welcome home was given to those from H.M. Forces, and it was resolved to place on record those who had paid the supreme sacrifice from the district, viz., Donald Balaam and John Goldsmith (Wootton St. Lawrence), Ernest Hearnman (Vatelev), Ronald Kingham and Donald Nash (Basingstoke).

Both St. Michael's and All Saints' towers were visited during the afternoon and evening.



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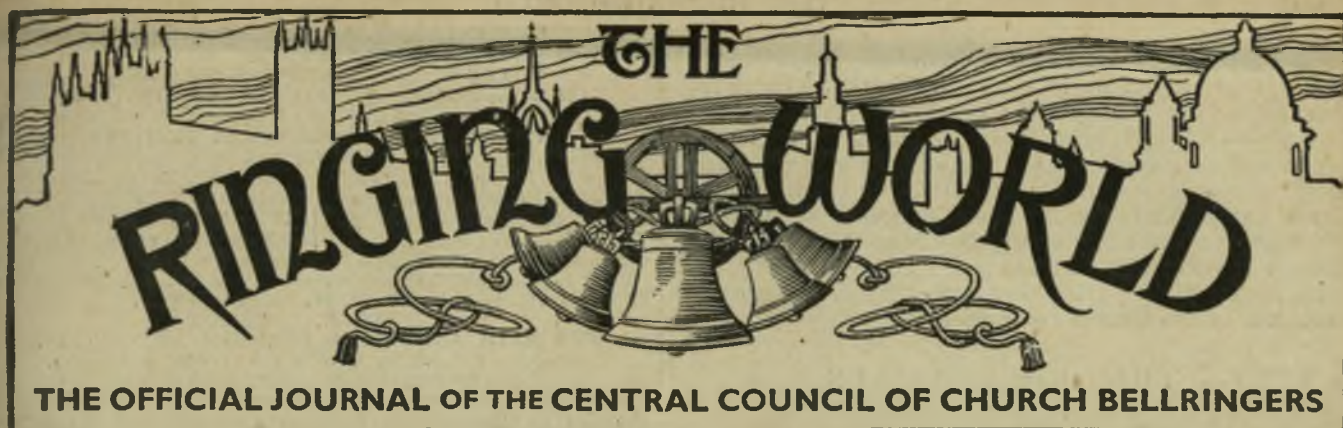
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## THE BLIZZARD

For 36 years 'The Ringing World' has maintained a continuous publication. The break that occurred after our last issue was unexpected. For the first time in history a nation-wide stoppage of an important section of the Press was ordered. The Trade and Periodical Press was one of the sacrifices insisted upon by the Government in its endeavours to conserve fuel. Testimony is not lacking as to the severity of the blizzard that has swept the country and disrupted communications by land and sea. We trust that the electricity not required for the production of this journal was used to bring warmth and comfort to some families and that the surrender has not been in vain. The first Sunday after the imposition of the ban had that famous epistle of St. Paul's in which he defines charity or, as the word was intended to be used, love. It was not the reference to 'tinkling cymbals' that appealed to the writer, but rather 'though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.' And so we trust that the sacrifice the Exercise has made has been accompanied by the greatest of those three virtues—charity.

In this issue is compressed three weeks' news. The most striking thing the pages of this journal show is the undimmed enthusiasm of ringers in almost every part of the country to carry on. Climatic conditions were not interpreted as cancellations; meetings were held and programmes carried through. Perhaps the most outstanding example of this 'Excelsior' spirit overcoming snow and ice comes from Pocklington, Yorkshire. All the roads into the village in the Beverley district were blocked with snow; the only approach was by train; nevertheless 30 members attended and were greeted with the sight of rescue teams of the R.A.F. going out on their errands of mercy to bring relief to snow-bound villages.

Naturally the veterans who remember the severity of the winter of 1884-5 were unimpressed by conditions that have prevailed during February. One member of 80 in the Oxford Diocesan Guild area walked two miles on the slippery roads from the nearest bus halt to attend a meeting at Chieveley. Kent will play second fiddle to no other part of England. Accordingly, Mr. F. J. Lambert, sen., for his 80th birthday on February 21st, left his own village of Horsmonden to go to Benenden and successfully rang his 250th peal! There is nothing anæmic about such forbears who show the pertinacity of the English ringers.



Another county apt to suffer from being snowbound is Derbyshire, especially in the Peak District. Three lady members were among those who made the journey to Newhall—Arctic Newhall. Our suffering correspondent described the occasion. On the journey home the drifting snow dislocated the bus service, and the three members experienced the greatest difficulty in trudging through the deep snow for the last two miles. The great thing, however, behind these past three weeks is that the bells of the British Isles have been rung proclaiming the message of the Church to her people.

## TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

### A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN BIBBY ... .. Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 6
MISS NORAH BIBBY ... 2	*FREDERICK GRUNDY ... 7
CECIL RADDON ... .. 3	*WALTER ALMAN ... .. 8
GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
*CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.  
\* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 3	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 8
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 4	*DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. 9
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 5	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. 50th peal as conductor, also first of Royal as conductor. First peal of New Cambridge Royal by the Association.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALBERT M. TYLER ... Treble	EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 8
*ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 4	DAVID MACKAY ... .. 9
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN D. A. CLEAVER ... Treble	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 6
PATRICIA HOLMES ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

ELY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY W. SHARP ... .. Treble	ARTHUR W. ROLFE ... .. 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	RONALD H. BULLEN... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.  
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples in Ely, in which Mr. H. W. Sharp took part.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part, 7th Observation. Tenor 20 cwt.

*ALBERT TURNER ... .. Treble	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 2	HARRY CHURCHILL ... .. 6
HARRY PURCHASE ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG... .. 7
RONALD W. HAYWARD... 4	HARRY COMMINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

\* First peal on eight.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... Treble	†CHARLES OSLER ... .. 5
†RONALD A. HICKMAN ... 2	ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... .. 6
*OLIVE J. OSLER ... .. 3	DAVID H. ANSTEY ... .. 7
CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 4	JOHN B. WOODLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID H. ANSTEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS GWEN MURKITT Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
GORDON W. LIMMER ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES 4	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal (age 15).

CHOLSEY, BERKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11 cwt. approx.

ALAN R. PINK ... .. Treble	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
EDWIN G. MOORE ... .. 4	RICHARD WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. PORTER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal on the bells since being augmented.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS M. E. RIDYARD... Treble	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 5
MISS E. M. SUART ... 2	*CHARLES GREGORY ... 6
TOM MARSHALL ... .. 3	*TOM H. SMITH ... .. 7
*JACK POUNDS ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

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On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
ALFRED B. PECK ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
*ERIC A. DENCH ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's Composition.

*HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	*FRANK REED ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* First peal of Surprise.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt 7 lb.

MRS. M. MARSHALLSAY ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOM PAGE ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
ERNEST F. HOWELL ... Treble	*HENRY C. WEAVER ... 5
*RICHARD G. BLACKMAN ... 2	JOHN H. HUNT ... 6
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 3	PETER N. BOND ... 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	*STANLEY G. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal in the method.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 13 cwt.
SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	ROBERT LARKEY ... 5
JAMES MARSH ... 2	*WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 6
JAMES TAYLOR ... 3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 4	HARRY MOORCROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. DEACON.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE ROMMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN SCOTT ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
JOHN S. MASON ... 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX. — On Feb. 10th, 1260 Stedman Triples: Dr. Spencer-Phillips 1, Ian Hall 2, George Green 3, William Singer 4, Harry Carter 5, Richard C. Clark 6, Percy Green (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, Leslie Ainger, 8. First quarter of Stedman by the ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Green, who has completed 60 years as a ringer at Great Baddow.

GUISELEY, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*J. D. ARMITAGE ... Treble	H. M. HEATON ... 5
*A. WEAR ... 2	*A. C. WALSH ... 6
*G. DIXON ... 3	J. MCGLENN ... 7
M. ROBSON ... 4	W. DIXON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. MCGLENN.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method on tower bells. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

\* KILBURN, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Guild.)

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
MAURICE HODGSON ... 2	*ALAN TOZER ... 6
*ALFRED BONE ... 3	*STANLEY PACEY ... 7
*MISS R. MARY DAVIES ... 4	D. C. BIRKINSHAW ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 26). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* 250th peal.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*RUTH TABRAHAM ... Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	*WILLIAM H. EASTWELL ... 6
*HENRY A. R. POSNETT ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
DAVID PEARCE ... 4	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 6
ROBERT W. GREEEN ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	SQUIRE CROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... 5
*MARY WALSHAW ... 2	*REV. R. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 6
*HAROLD WALKER ... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 7
*FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 4	*RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. 100 peals by Harold Walker. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mary Walshaw.



## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

## A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Treble	MARIE R. CROSS ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*GEOFFREY HOWELLS ... Treble	JAMES WEBB ... 5
†ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	ALAN J. BROWN ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	†JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
†BASIL JONES ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Bristol.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Pistow's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	†ERIC T. LEE ... 5
WILKIN MASSEY ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* 75th peal together. † First in the method. The 43rd anniversary of the wedding day of the ringer of the sixth

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWIN J. RIDLER ... Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 7
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 4	*DAVID MACKAY ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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

## MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ROBERT H. TYLER ... Treble	EDW. V. RODENHURST ... 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 2	THOMAS PRICE ... 6
*WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
FREDERICK PRICE ... 4	†SIDNEY HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major

## WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*C. JOHN DICKINSON ... Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD ... 5
*PHILIP WALKER ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
†CECIL O. W. BUSTIN ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... 4	CECIL G. CALCUTT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

## RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MILTON RIGBY ... Treble	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	†CHRIS. JOHNSTON ... 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3	ALBERT MORLEY ... 7
FRANK HEYS ... 4	FRED READ ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by F. READ.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## PINNER, MIDDLESEX

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	*NORMAN W. GENNA ... 5
CHARLES A. LEVETT ... 2	†FRANK BLONDELL ... 6
MISS D. R. FLETCHER ... 3	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 7
*WILLIAM PICTHALL ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in the method. 50th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

## DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 4	ERNEST A. THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

## CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN CAVANNAGH ... Treble	ERIC BRUNTON ... 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 2	*FRED READ ... 6
JOSEPH WOODS ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* 50th peal. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mrs. M. Williams, mother and grandmother of tenor and 4th ringers.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*S. M. RUDDLESDEN ... Treble	†JOSEPH W. L. LINNITT ... 5
ERIC NOBLES ... 2	†WILLIAM J. DOVE ... 6
FRANK BURGESS ... 3	WILLIAM B. ATTERBURY ... 7
BERTIE O. SODEN ... 4	†WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... Tenor

Composed by F. WARRINGTON.

Conducted by W. R. HAMMONS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on eight bells. This composition has now been rung for the first time.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

The Barabool Peal.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. B. ROWSELL ... Treble	E. J. LINDLEY ... 5
E. M. ATKINS ... 2	R. LEIGH ... 6
I. H. HAYWARD ... 3	S. E. DARMON ... 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4	R. F. B. SPEED ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. E. Bankes James, once Master of this Guild.

**LATE NOTICE.—WRONG OVERCOAT.**—Will the person who attended Ilkeston meeting on Feb. 22nd and took the wrong overcoat please get in touch with Mr. E. F. Gobeve, 2, Shipstone Street, Ilkeston. 1057



CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Javies' Transposition.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... Treble	CLEMENT GLENN ... 5
HARRY C. WALTERS ... 2	*DENNIS ROE ... 6
BERNARD MOODY ... 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 7
JOHN H. LENTON ... 4	FRED NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD K. LANKESTER Treble	*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
ARTHUR JONES ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 5
*JOHN H. HUNT ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOM PAGE ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of London.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pittow's Variation.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM H. VIGGARS ... Treble	PERCIVAL ELDRIDGE ... 5
*G. SYDNEY JOYCE ... 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 4	CHARLES W. DENVER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal on eight bells.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	*ALAN BROMLEY ... 5
*EDWIN BROMLEY ... 2	†ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 7
*FRANCIS BROMLEY ... 4	†ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

\* First peal in the method. † 70th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal for F. J. Lambert, sen., who was 80 years of age the previous day. Also a birthday peal for Miss Florence Lambert, daughter of ringer of the tenor.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Watts 1, C. P. Chalk 2, T. Jordan 3, F. Prior 4, G. Jordan 5, F. W. Thurby 6, P. A. F. Chalk (first quarter as conductor) 7, F. P. Morton 8.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS**

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

10 Callings.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED NEWMAN ... Treble	GEORGE FOLLEY ... 4
IAN TAYLOR ... 2	PETER BAKER ... 5
LESLIE ASTON ... 3	ERNEST RICHENS ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE ASTON.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HARRY CARR ... Treble	S. THOMPSON, JUN. ... 4
STANLEY PROUD ... 2	†ERNEST RODDAM ... 5
GEORGE WALL ... 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss May Buckton (conductor's niece) to Mr. F. Bacon.

HAVERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Forty six-scores and Morris' 240, ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT ... Treble	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD ... 4
DENNIS BLOWS ... 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 5
THOMAS A. LAYBOURN ... 3	REGINALD R. FUNNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Thomas Laybourn.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Being one extent each of Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars, Norbury, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES NETHERWOOD Treble	HAROLD CHANT ... 4
*SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 2	WILLIE GREEN ... 5
JOHN W. MOXON ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal of Minor in seven Treble Bob methods. To commemorate the first peal rung together by the ringers of the 4th and tenor, 20 years ago in February, 1947. First peal on these bells since recasting.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

†JOHN B. ROWSELL ... Treble	ROGER LEIGH ... 3
†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	*PETER BORDER ... 4

†STANLEY E. DARMON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. LEIGH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

COOMBE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Comprising a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob; St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

*C. JOHN DICKINSON ... Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	*CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in seven Minor methods. First seven method peal on the bells.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Dirbin 1, O. Tossell 2, J. Tossell 3, W. F. Webb (conductor) 4, J. House 5, E. Dirbin 6.



## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PATRICK ALLEN ... .. Treble	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 4
GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 2	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 5
THOMAS WITTS ... .. 3	RAYMOND THAIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Cole on his 83rd birthday.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Higher Sutton,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven 720's, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Sandal, Kingston, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN W. L. SLACK ... .. Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 2	JOHN WORTH ... .. 5
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

## BRISTOL.

## THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-on-the-Walls,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

BARBARA PODGER ... .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN ... 4
JENNY PYM ... .. 2	†IAN W. FULFORD ... .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 3	E. GEOFFREY BEYNON ... Tenor

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Minor.

## STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
One extent of Cambridge Surprise, and three each of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ED. V. RODENHURST ... Treble	WILLIAM TYLER ... .. 4
*THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* 50th peal together. Rung muffled in memory of Jesse Berry, who was a ringer at this church more than 50 years.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 2	†WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5
*E. CHARLES TURNER ... 3	†ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together, and 250th peal of the ringer of the tenor.

## SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Feb. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Two different 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS ABBOTTS ... .. Treble	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	ARTHUR MORRIS ... .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

## EASTWELL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Treble	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEP ... 4
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 2	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 5
*PERCY PAGE ... .. 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

## KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 4
JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 2	E. PETER ROCK ... .. 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

## STANGROUND, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS D. WRIGHT ... Treble	PERCY AMOS ... .. 3
JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. 2	HERBERT GOAKES ... .. 4
GEORGE BUSH ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

Bells augmented from four to five by Mears and Stainbank, 1935.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At PORTERS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
OLAVE BROYD ... .. 1-2 | THOMAS BIRD ... .. 5-6

ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 3-4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 7-8
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Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

## WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours,

At BROAD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THOMAS BIRD ... .. 1-2 | ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 3-4

OLAVE BROYD ... .. 5-6	
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Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

## HOVE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At 18, SECOND AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor size 13 in E.

*R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 1-2	ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4	MRS. R. G. CROSS ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. G. CROSS.

\* First handbell peal on trebles.

## COVENTRY.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At 31, GEORGE ELIOT ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different extents.

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 3-4
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5-6	

Conducted by T. W. SHEPPARD.

First peal as conductor.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

In the Vicar's Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;**  
Tenor size 14 in D.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5-6
FRANK K. MEASURES ... 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 9-10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.  
Composition with Tittums and Home-at-Hand in alternate courses, now rung for first time.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Feb. 9th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Doubles: W. H. Short 1, L. Butcher (first quarter inside) 2, K. Stacey (first quarter inside) 3, W. M. Rowe 4, J. B. Watts (conductor) 5, J. Clark (first quarter) 6.



**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Feb. 9th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Margaret D. Pilcher (first quarter) 1, F. W. Burnett 2, M. Lawrence 3, H. A. Nobes 4, E. A. Jurd 5, F. G. Barron 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8. In memoriam, Canon Guy Landon.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove 1, W. Eastwell (first quarter in method) 2, D. Cox 3, D. Lamb 4, W. Henley 5, D. R. Fletcher 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, R. Newton 8.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Cathedral on Feb. 9th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: J. Scott 1, J. S. Mason 2, S. O'C. Holloway 3, G. Wm. Critchley (conductor) 4, L. Tuffrey 5, J. F. Harvey 6, J. Pinfold 7, H. C. Spencer 8, A. Walker 9, G. E. Fearn 10.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—At St. Mary's on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Sear 1, W. Daniels 2, H. Sear (conductor) 3, J. Meager 4, R. Cadamy 5, F. Sear 6, H. V. Sear 7, W. Sear 8. First quarter-peal with five of the Sear family together.

**BREDON NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of 240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire: R. R. Agg (aged 17) 1, M. B. Clifford (aged 15, conductor) 2, P. R. Banks (aged 21, first quarter) 3, P. Baker (aged 21) 4, A. J. Clifford (aged 17) 5, N. F. Davis (aged 15) 6.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 16th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Caters: K. Hart 1, A. W. Bond 2, R. G. Cross (conductor) 3, A. Gravett 4, M. Thomas (longest length on 10 bells) 5, G. Aides 6, R. Overy 7, W. C. Hart 8, F. Page 9, A. Hobden 10.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. E. Cook 2, C. Taplin 3, M. Sinden 4, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 5, I. Harris 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins (first quarter) 8. A 76th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's Church on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Davis 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss E. George 3, J. Perrott 4, P. Gray 5, T. Blow 6, H. Simmons (conductor) 7, W. Brownett 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by all except 6 and 7.

**EALING, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. King 1, K. L. Brown 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, A. Cutler 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, W. J. Paice 6, J. C. Birt 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise by 1 and 2. Rung for service of dedication in connection with the Bishop of London's Church Appeal.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys Anderson (first quarter) 1, H. E. Good 2, Babara Pottinger (first inside) 3, J. E. Beams (conductor) 4, A. A. Hadley 5, J. Hoyle 6, F. Oakshett 7, G. Hubbard (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. G. Scowen, aged 81, some time ringer and verger of St. Mary's for 46 years.

**HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Mary on Feb. 11th, 1,272 Bob Minor: W. Stepney 1, J. Hobden 2, E. E. Breed 3, G. Beeney 4, B. Stepney 5, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 6. First quarter other than Doubles by treble. First quarter of Minor by 3 and 5.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On Feb. 9th at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, P. D. Oldham (first in method) 4, A. W. Coles 5, C. Potheary 6, R. H. Begrie (first in method as conductor) 7, A. Warren 8.

**LICHFIELD, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 5th at the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Beresford 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, G. E. Oliver (conductor) 3, A. Sedgewick 4, W. J. Cope 5, J. Allport 6. First quarter by 1 and 2, aged 13 and 14 respectively.

**LIVERPOOL.**—On Feb. 16th at Emmanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: P. W. Cave (conductor), T. W. Hammond, G. R. Newton, D. Vincent, T. S. Almond, E. C. Brikell, T. W. Hesketh, A. Lintoff. First quarter-peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

**OXFORD.**—On Feb. 15th at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, C. Coles 3, N. Allnatt 4, H. Badder 5, W. F. Judge 6, W. C. Porter (conductor) 7, E. G. Moore 8.

**POPLAR, LONDON.**—At All Saints' on Feb. 16th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: N. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. Otley 4, G. Green 5, R. Begrie 6, E. Holman 7, A. W. J. Appleton (first quarter) 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Veale 1, G. Alsop 2, W. J. Paice 3, S. Webb 4, H. W. Page 5, R. Sanders 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

**REDENHALL, NORFOLK.**—At St. Mary's on Feb. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, O. W. Thompson (first in method) 2, A. E. Head 3, O. J. Barber 4, G. Gower 5, F. W. Munnings 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. J. Flatt (conductor) 8.

**SEAL, KENT.**—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Collins (conductor) 1, Miss D. E. Colgate 2, J. O. Weller 3, G. Cook 4, L. A. Tidy 5, F. E. Budgen 6.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Ware (first quarter of Triples) 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, R. J. Bowden 4, E. Richards 5, J. Upton 6, L. Parris (first quarter as conductor) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

**WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, W. Hayman 2, F. Dimond 3, C. Deem 4, J. Skinner 5, J. L. Glanville (conductor) 6, J. Deem 7, G. Rendell 8.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

'Going without "The Ringing World" is worse than going without my dinner,' writes one of our subscribers, who has taken the journal every week since it was first published.

In future the names of Colleges or Universities will not appear after the names of ringers of University peals. The Publications Committee, in coming to this decision, had the wish for uniformity before them. Conductors of University peals will note this new arrangement by writing the ringer's name with one Christian name as in ordinary peals.

Corrections.—The peal rung at Penshurst, Kent, on February 1st, was Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and the name of the ringer of the 4th was Ernest V. Ladd. With apologies to all concerned.

Mr. Walter Idle, of Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, celebrated his 82nd birthday by entertaining some 20 ringing friends to tea. Proceedings started by ringing various methods at the Parish Church. After a bountiful tea there was handbell and church bell ringing. Many more happy birthdays was the sincere wish of the company.

Plans are in hand for a Leicester Diocesan Guild festival, consisting of ringing during the day, dinner in the evening and a dance at night. The de Montfort Hall, the largest in the city, has been booked for the date, Saturday, October 25th. The Exercise is asked to take a special note of the date.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Westbourne, Sussex, on December 28th, 1946, was rung for the Sussex County Association.

Many favourable comments have been received by the Editor of the excellent broadcast by Mr. F. Grisewood with the co-operation of the bells of St. Mary's the Great, Cambridge. Addressed to the non-ringing public, it was full of interest.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The new Archbishop of Perth, Australia, is the Rev. R. W. Haines Moline, Vicar of St. Paul's, Knightsbridge. When Vicar of North Cadbury, Somerset, he was taught to handle a bell and took part in ringing. The Bishop of Liverpool on Feb. 15th rang after dedicating new bells at Emmanuel Church, West Derby, Liverpool. There are, therefore, at least two members eligible for the episcopal peal.

A Yorkshire memo. The local company at St. Oswald's, Guiseley, have rung their first peal since 1912. There were three first peals.

The peal of Cambridge Major at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, was rung after meeting short for Cambridge Maximus, which would have been W. P. Garrett's 100th peal of Maximus. It was a birthday compliment to W. P. Garrett and C. J. Sedgley, who are both on the sick list.

That fine ring of ten at St. Bartholomew's Wednesday, is to be rehung on ball bearings with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., who installed them 35 years ago. It is hoped to have the bells ringing again on Easter Sunday.

When Mr. George Hawkins, tower master of St. Michael's, Bath, went to switch on the light in the belfry recently for practice, there was a flickering. Suspecting trouble, he descended and found the fuse box near the nave on fire. A quick turn out by the brigade saved the church from serious damage.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley has undergone an operation and is a patient in Lower D Ward, Borough and General Hospital, Ipswich. Another operation is to be performed and it is expected Mr. Sedgley will be in hospital until after Easter. He is, however, as well as can be expected and would welcome a letter from anyone who cares to write.

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CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD ..... MR. ALBERT WALKER'S FIFTY YEARS' MEMBERSHIP ..... BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM FORESEES DEEPER RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING

The 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner still holds its unique position among the ringing festivals. There was a full attendance for the 59th commemoration dinner at Birmingham on Saturday to do honour not only to the memory of that great ringer of the last century, but to congratulate the present chairman, Mr. Albert Walker, who this year has completed 50 years of conspicuous service to St. Martin's Guild. 'He has all the characteristics that mark a really good citizen and a good Christian,' was the happy phrase Canon T. Guy Rogers paid to the genial chairman.

Supporting him were the Bishop of Birmingham, Canon Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), the Rev. J. S. Billings (Vicar of Shirley), Canon Rogers, the Rev. F. G. G. Werman (Vicar of Aston), Cclr. A. Paddon Smith (Master of the St. Martin's Society), Mr. G. E. Fearn (Ringing Master) and Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary and treasurer).

Among the many visitors were Messrs. H. Knight (secretary, Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), F. Pervin (Master, Coventry Diocesan Guild), F. Skidmore (Bristol), W. H. Viggers and C. W. Denyer (Aldershot), A. V. Davis and Mrs. Marshall (Bournemouth), Capt. E. F. M. Samson (Leicester Guild), C. H. Kippin (Southampton), F. E. Collins (Croydon), W. F. Judge, W. C. Porter and Miss M. R. Cross (Oxford), D. C. Mears (Hitchin), H. Middleton and J. Hemming (Evesham), J. F. Smalwood (London), J. Freeman, R. S. B. Croft, J. L. Millhouse, Miss M. Lyon, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Wayman, C. McGuinness (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), J. E. Cawser (Rotherham) and Stafford Green.

Apologies were received from the Lord Mayor, the Provost, Canon Maskell, the Rev. A. E. Fraser, Messrs. S. F. Palmer, C. Dean, W. C. Dowding, (ill with gastritis and first dinner he had missed for 25 years), J. George, J. H. Shepherd, J. W. Jones (Newport), J. P. Fidler and R. Bragg.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. E. O. Shepherd said to-day the State professed a great interest in the religious education of the children and no one could dispute its importance as they had a generation of children growing up who accepted the materialistic state of things as the natural course of life. As headmaster of a school of 400 children, the State required of him to produce a syllabus of religious education, but unless the individual teachers taught that syllabus as an inspired subject, there would be no religious instruction. He submitted a special plea that their teachers in their training colleges be given the help and encouragement to teach that subject, and it was a matter in which the Church could help the State.

The Lord Bishop of Birmingham, in reply, said it was difficult to imagine an occasion in which Church and State was not more naturally linked together than that. They carried the name of St. Martin's Church in their title, and that church, he supposed, stood for more than any other building in Birmingham. The first reference to their city was about 1520 or 1530, but St. Martin's Church went back to the 13th century and it also had distinct traces of Norman work.

## CHURCHES NOT MONUMENTS OF THE PAST.

There were pessimists who suggested that religion was decaying and the State was becoming increasingly secular and they must look forward to the time when their churches so far as they existed were interesting monuments of a past that was slipping away.



MR. ALBERT WALKER  
50 Happy Years With St. Martin's.

'I personally do not accept that prophecy of the future,' said the Bishop. 'At times there will be friction between Church and State when one seems in importance to outweigh the other, but during the centuries there has been a singular continuity, and I can quite imagine a century hence when the present turmoil and rapid intelligent advance has ceased that man will turn once again to reformulate Christian belief and realise how profoundly important it is for the well-being of this land.'

'We are likely to have many difficult times ahead, but as I see the situation a deeper religious understanding will arise. In the first half of the 18th century did not Wesley and his followers try to overcome social disorder by the message they carried through England, and did not they succeed marvellously in raising their own religious standard as they sought to raise man to understand the Gospel of Christ? Let us, therefore, look confidently to the future of Church and State continuing in happy association as in the past.'

'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted by the Chairman, who said that he had not the advantage of many who had presided at those gatherings of knowing Henry Johnson in the flesh. Henry Johnson was born 138 years ago at Lichfield and moved to Birmingham when he was about four or five years of age. At the age of 17 he started his ringing career. There was a man named Roberts, a change ringer at Aston, who taught Johnson to handle a bell. He progressed rapidly and conducted his first peal when he was 21.

## ASSOCIATION WITH FAMOUS COMPOSERS.

In 1833 Henry Johnson joined the St. Martin's Society and remained a member until his death in 1890. A point about Henry Johnson was his early association with some of

those great conductors and composers—Henry Cooper, Charles and Thomas Thurstans, Lates and Day. Some of these men took part in those famous peals recorded at St. Martin's—the 7,200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, conducted by Henry Cooper, and the Stedman Cinques conducted by Thomas Thurstans. It was Thomas Thurstans who composed the famous four-part peal of Stedman Triples, and that was rung on the front eight of St. Martin's on May 18th, 1846. Eight members of their society on the centenary—May 18th, 1946—rang the same peal on the front eight. Johnson was famous not only as a ringer and conductor, but also as a composer, and it was recorded that he was a tremendous help to Lates and Thurstans in producing their peals.

In 1881, on his 72nd birthday, Johnson took part in a peal recorded on a tablet at St. Martin's of 9,238 Stedman Cinques, which he composed. He rang the sixth in 6 hours and 42 minutes. In 1886, when he was 77, he was presented on his birthday with his portrait and an illuminated address. On his 80th birthday in 1889 there was a three days' celebration at Birmingham at the invitation and expense of Sir Arthur Heywood. Johnson died in 1890 and was buried at Aston.

At the request of the chairman, those who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh stood up. They were Messrs. W. A. Clark, Charles Williams and G. T. Michieson.

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild' was proposed by Cclr. A. Paddon Smith, who said during the last year death had dealt very lightly with them and they had lost only two members—Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who was a great ringer and a great man in every sense, and William Davis, who was for some years towerkeeper at Aston, a staunch member of the Guild and a regular Sunday ringer. The aim and object of their ringing was to provide the best ringing possible on a Sunday, and it was in that respect that the St. Martin's Guild took a just pride. They had members in almost every tower in the Diocese of Birmingham.

## A LIVE ORGANISATION.

As evidence of their continued prosperity the following rings were recast between the two wars: St. Martin's; the Cathedral; Aston, which was augmented from 10 to 12; King's Norton, from 8 to 10; Edgbaston, from 6 to 8; Selly Oak; Bishop Ryder's; St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral; Solihull; Shirley, from 5 to 6 (and now to be augmented to 8, the order having been placed with Messrs. Taylor); Knowle, from 6 to 8. Adjoining them were Walsall, which had been recast and augmented from 10 to 12; West Bromwich; Wednesbury; and Willenhall, from 8 to 10. He quoted those figures to show what a live organisation existed because augmentations and recastings only took place where they had good and enthusiastic ringers.

In extending the congratulations of the company to Mr. Harry Middleton, who would be 81 next birthday, Cclr. Paddon Smith recalled that he was one of the few remaining who rang in the 11,111 Stedman Cinques on Boxing Day, 1901. That had now been beaten at Oxford; he did not know if St. Martin's had any youngsters who would take up the cudgels. Their success was due in recent years in no small measure to Mr. Reeves, who had done 18 years as hon. secretary and treasurer, while he (the speaker) was secretary for 20 years.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, responding, said the prosperity was due to the spirit that permeated the Guild, the spirit of Henry Johnson, a real gentleman who was ever ready to help

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## A Selection from Three Weeks' Post Bag

### Treble Bob Major Now In Hairdressing

Dear Sir,—Many bellringers who have read the Lord Peter Wimsey series of detective stories will recall the ingenious use of Kent Treble Bob Major made so cleverly by the authoress Dorothy Sayers in one of her crime mysteries—'The Nine Tailors.'

I was, however, intrigued by the words Treble Bob Major appearing as the title of an article in a recent issue of a hairdressing periodical through which I happened to be glancing. The article, which was fully illustrated, dealt with a particular style of ladies' hairdressing which the author had named Treble Bob Major.

He likened, in effect, three curls at the back of the head to three downward peals of bells and 'the centre sweep,' to quote the author's words, 'to the harmony of the second bell in a full peal of Kent Treble Bob Majors.' Doubtless due to my ignorance of the art of hairdressing, I failed to see any similarity, and my hairdresser friend, an ignoramus of change ringing, could not help me.

Many other styles of ladies' hairdressing could, no doubt, be invented in which our standard methods of bellringing play a part. However, this example opens up but another field of application in which 'the hidden intricacies' of change ringing can be utilised, and I shall be interested to hear the observations of any of your readers who may have read also the article appearing in the hairdressing journal.—Yours truly,

Cheltenham. D. A. NEWCOMBE.

### HENRY JOHNSON DINNER (Continued)

the younger man. As secretary he must pay tribute to the assistance he got from his officers; the table plan, for instance, was the work of George Fearn, their Ringing Master.

One of the features of St. Martin's Guild was their good striking which had been with them for generations. That tradition, he felt sure, would continue with their younger men. As evidence of good ringing Mr. Reeves called attention to the record that had been made of the broadcast of their Cathedral bells, of which a few still remained and were for sale.

Canon T. Guy Rogers proposed the health of 'The Chairman' and spoke of his services to the Guild and to St. Martin's. In reminiscent vein, the Canon recalled his induction to St. Martin's and the consternation that arose when the rope broke when he pulled it to toll the bell. Mr. Walker was not then Master of the tower, but he still remembered Mr. Walker's concern on that occasion and how he repaired the rope.

The Chairman acknowledged the compliment rendered with musical honours, and said Canon Rogers was the seventh Rector he had been connected with at St. Martin's. He had had 50 happy years with the Guild and it had been a most pleasurable service.

'Kindred Ringing Societies' was the toast submitted by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who mentioned that among the societies represented at that gathering were the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Worcester and Districts Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Coventry Diocesan Guild, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Surrey Association, the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, the Kent County Association, the Yorkshire Association and the Leicestershire Association.

Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. J. Frank Smalwood replied.

During the evening songs and duets were given by Mr. G. J. Hemming and Mr. G. Neilan, with Miss Joan Reeves, daughter of the hon. secretary, as accompanist. There was change ringing by members of St. Martin's Guild.

### Ringers' Names on Bells

Dear Sir,—In the campanile at Beccles, Suffolk, the ninth has the name of a ringer. This bell was recast in 1909. Under the names of the rector and churchwardens is 'Henry Hopson, Captain.' It was through the latter's energy and contributions that the ten bells were rehung and ropes put in proper order; before rehanging they were 1, 9, 7, 8, 10, 2, 6, 5, 4, 3. Mr. Hopson was neither a naval nor army captain.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

### EXAMPLES IN KENT.

Dear Sir,—At two adjoining parishes at Gravesend, Kent, ringers' names appear on a bell at each tower.

At Gravesend, the old peal of eight were recast and rehung in 1923, and on the 6th bell is inscribed, 'Edward Hadlow, a ringer of this town, collected the greater part of the subscription money.' The amount the late Mr. Hadlow collected was over £500.

At the adjoining parish of Milton-next-Gravesend the ring of six was rehung and two trebles added to complete the octave in 1930, and on the 2nd bell is inscribed, 'F. M. Mitchell, 21 years leader.' In this instance also the ringer mentioned was mainly responsible for raising the necessary funds.

'ANON.'

### MR. W. H. FUSSELL.

Dear Sir,—In 1913 Slough Parish Church received a new octave, the tenor bell of which was inscribed, 'The gift of William H. Fussell, Esq.' Mr. Fussell, who died in 1944, became famous as organising secretary of the party of English bellringers who journeyed to Australia in 1934, as the only ringer to complete a peal in every county of England and Wales, and as one of that select company whose peal total exceeded a thousand.

A beautifully carved plaque to the memory of the late William Herbert Fussell was unveiled in the belfry of Slough Parish Church on February 22nd.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

### A DENIAL

Sir,—Mr. Limpus' letter in your last issue, February 14th, is rather misleading. We may have met somewhere, but I certainly was not in the peal he mentions at Old Windsor, and, in fact, never rang in the tower until 1942.

Anyone who has 'The Ringing World' for February 2nd, 1912, can see for themselves, and from my knowledge of that band I do not think they would find any necessity to fire the bells in Grandsire Triples.

A. H. PULLING.

### CAMBRIDGE MAJOR 5,090 CHANGES

Dear Sir,—Report of peal of Cambridge Major, 5,090 changes. Is this correct, please, or are Messrs. Price and Kippin putting the cat among the pigeons?

Circle specialists.—Looking through my records I have nine towers to my credit with three more on the waiting list. Two of the towers I have circled twice. When my good health returns—I have been on sick list since January 15th—I hope to complete the dozen.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

### BELLS RUNG BACKWARDS

Dear Sir,—With reference to F. A. Cluett's letter mentioning bells being 'rung backwards,' further mention of this practice may be found in Nicholls' 'Bells Thro' the Ages,' page 123, is an inscription on the bells of St. Ives, Hunts.

'When backwards rung we tell of fire,  
Think how the world shall thus expire.'

Yours faithfully,

PETER D. WENHAM.

### Kington Ex-Captain's Protest

Dear Sir,—I saw the letter in 'The Ringing World' regarding the peal of Minor at Kington. I had been arranging a peal myself and I was going to attempt to call it. Imagine my disappointment when these peal snatchers sneaked into our tower and rang it. Three of our members had been in company with this 'peal snatching' band at a meeting at Eardisland on the previous Saturday, when nothing was mentioned about desiring a peal on our bells.

The ringers of Kington tower have raised £186 themselves towards the cost of two new bells for our tower. What encouragement have these 'peal snatchers' given us by going over our heads to get the bells for a peal?

I suppose it will please 'the peal snatchers' to know that as a result of their peal I have resigned by captaincy and membership of the Kington tower (my own native tower) where I have been a member for 30 years and where my father was a member for 40 years and captain for 18 years. This took a bit of doing, but if sportsmanship in ringing is so low as it appears to be, then I can do without it.—Yours, etc.,

TREVOR JONES

(late captain, Kington tower).

Kington, Herefordshire.

### THE YOUNGEST MASTER

Dear Sir,—At a recent meeting of the Minster Abbey Guild of Bellringers, Master Stanley Evans was elected Master at the early age of 16½ years. He had previously held office as Vice-Master.

Is he the youngest Master?

Perhaps some of your readers could enlighten me.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. WATSON.

### PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—After consultation with the Essex peals secretary, I wish to withdraw the peal of Superlative rung at Bocking on May 11th 1946.—Yours,

R. SUCKLING.

Braintree, Essex.

### RANG HIS 250th PEAL FOR HIS 80th BIRTHDAY

On February 22nd, a grand old 'Man of Kent' braved the elements to go to Benenden for his 250th peal. Mr. F. J. Lambert, sen., of Horsmonden, who celebrated his 80th birthday on February 21st, rang his first peal 58 years and 9 months ago, and for a man who has lived all his life in a country village his list of peals is a very creditable one.

Mr. Lambert comes of a ringing family and has taught several of his sons to ring, not to mention his nephews the Bromleys. The Lamberts have managed to ring at least one 'family' eight-bell peal and hope to repeat the performance. The Lamberts and Bromley form the nucleus of the band at Horsmonden, where a great tradition of striking on the glorious ring of six has been carefully built up and worthily maintained.

In these days Mr. Lambert generally prefers the treble, but just before his 79th birthday he rang 'inside' to a peal of Cambridge Major, and on his present form could easily repeat the performance! Long may he live to ring many another peal! His peals are as follows:—

Doubles: 3.

Minor: One to seven methods 81, Fourteen methods 1.

Triples: Grandsire 39, Stedman 6, Plain Bob 2, Oxford Bob 1.

Major: Plain Bob 31, Double Bob 1, Oxford Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Double Norwich 10, Kent Treble Bob 18, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Superlative Surprise 18, Cambridge Surprise 12, New Cambridge Surprise 1, Norfolk Surprise 4, Yorkshire Surprise 4, Bristol Surprise 2, Ashstead Surprise 1, Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 3.

Royal: Kent Treble Bob 5.

Total: 250.



## The Rev. E. Banks James

By the passing of the Rev. Edward Banks James on February 20th, the Cambridge University Guild has lost its last link with the little group who were well-known members of the Exercise before the end of the last century, and the whole ringing fraternity has lost one who brought a powerful and original mind to bear on problems of composition. Together with his brother, the late Rev. H. Law James, he was a member of the well-known band at St. Michael's, Gloucester, before coming into residence at Cambridge in 1889. He took part in the Guild's first peal, Bob Triples on handbells in 1890, and from that time figured in many of the Guild peals, often as conductor or composer.

At the time when much attention was being paid to the composition of Grandsire Triples he produced several ten-part peals of great merit. As is well known, he produced Bristol Surprise, and Little Bob, conducting the first peal ever rung of the latter in 1911. He also produced Silchester, and was discussing it with the writer only a month before his death. These are by no means all the contributions he made to the theory of composition.

He was one of the party who toured Australia in 1934, and a peal of Bob Major (the Barrabool peal), composed by him in the Mediterranean, was rung on handbells in the Arabian Sea. It was rung half-muffled in his memory by the Cambridge University Guild on February 22nd at St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge.

In addition to his activities as a ringer he was a very fine chess player, representing Cambridge University against Oxford during his residence. He was very interested in printing and possessed a printing press with which he produced some very beautiful examples of printing.

It was always a pleasure to be in his company, for one could be sure of interesting conversation full of original ideas, and he was always willing to impart his knowledge and help any who brought problems to him. Most of his life was spent in teaching, among his pupils being C. W. Woolley, of Bushey.

### THE FUNERAL.

The interment took place at the Church of St. Lawrence, Surfleet, on February 24th, when he was placed by the side of his brother, the Rev. H. Law James. The Rev. G. H. Clark (Vicar) conducted the service, at which the 23rd Psalm and the hymn, 'For all the saints,' were sung. After the committal prayers a course of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Mrs. E. M. Wayman 1-2, Edwin J. Lindley 3-4, Mrs. R. Richardson 5-6.

The family mourners were Miss B. Wasley (niece) and Miss Holland (housekeeper). Mr. and Mrs. Wasley (brother-in-law and sister) were unable to be present. Mr. E. J. Lindley represented the Cambridge University Guild, the Rev. F. B. Shepherd being unable to attend owing to clerical duties. Lincolnshire ringers were represented by Mr. A. J. Farr, Mr. W. A. Richardson and Mrs. R. Richardson (captains of Spalding, Pinchbeck and Surfleet towers), Mrs. E. M. Wayman and Messrs. J. Ames, C. Rawding and N. King.

Later the same day the bells of St. Lawrence's were rung half-muffled and a peal of Bob Major was rung in the evening. The floral tributes included one from the Cambridge University Guild.

### MR. STEPHEN WIGHTMAN

Mr. Stephen Wightman, of Creetingham, Suffolk, who died on February 15th, aged 77, was one of six brothers. He learnt to ring in 1885, rang his first peal the following year at Easton, Suffolk, and was a member of the Framden band. For the Norwich Association he rang 155 peals, but since 1909 through rheumatism he had been prevented from ringing. His last peal was Cambridge Surprise at Helmingham, Suffolk. His longest length was 10,080 Bob Major at Helmingham in 1895.

## OBITUARY

### MR. RICHARD MOUNT

It is with deepest regret we report the passing of Richard Mount, of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Leicestershire. He was born at Saltby and first learned to ring on the three old bells.

Later he took over the Glebe Farm at Waltham and joined the ringers at the Parish Church. Not an extensive peal ringer (he had rung 23 for the old M.C.A.), he was a most conscientious Sunday service ringer and hardly ever missed a meeting of the Melton Mowbray district, whether it was of the Framland Society or M.C.A. He joined the latter association in 1906, and on the splitting into Leicester Diocesan Guild, he was chosen as the chairman of the Melton District. Of a most cheerful yet retiring disposition, he was greatly beloved by all who came into contact with him, and in all the villages around Waltham his loss will be keenly felt and his place will be very hard to fill.

After the funeral Waltham bells were rung to his memory when a 240 and 720 of Plain Bob were rung. F.M.

### ALD. W. S. B. NORTHOVER

Bridport, Dorset, has lost a leading personality by the death of Ald. Walter S. B. Northover. For many years he had been in charge of Bridport belfry, succeeding his father in this position. His public work included Mayor in 1934 and chairman of the Harbour Board.

It was entirely due to his efforts that the eight bells at St. Mary's, Bridport, were recast and completely rehung in 1924. He was also a very active Freemason in Dorset and also a member of Grand Lodge. The funeral was on February 26th.

### Mr. E. A. Pitstow

Mr. Ernest Alfred Pitstow, whose death at the age of 86 was reported in our last issue, was the youngest of the three brothers who did so much for ringing in the 80's and 90's. It was their enthusiasm for the art which brought Saffron Walden to the forefront as a centre for good ringing and made their name known throughout the Exercise.

Ernest Pitstow never took up composing and conducting—he left that to his brothers Nathan and Frederick—but he was a very safe ringer in all methods and a first-class striker. Of a very modest and kindly disposition, he was beloved by all who knew him.

His list of peals is not a long one—he rang about 120—but it contains many that are landmarks in the progress made in his time, and some are historic.

His first peal—Kent Treble Bob Major at Sawbridgeworth on Boxing Day, 1883—was followed by a trip to London in January, 1884, when he rang four peals in four days for the Cumberlands—Kent Major, Kent Royal, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples. His next was the first peal of Treble Bob in the City of Ely, and the next the first performance of T. Lockwood's 6,016 of Kent Major—rung at Lavenham in four hours.

In 1885 he went to Long Melford to ring in the late W. J. Nevard's first peal, and so started a lifelong friendship. In 1887 he rang in the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob by the Essex Association and followed this with a peal of Kent Royal at Chelmsford, the first on the bells and the first peal on ten by the Essex Association.

The next year saw him in Berkshire, where with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook he rang four peals in four days.

In 1890 he toured the Eastern Counties with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon G. F. Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook, when they rang nine peals in six days, including Kent Royal at Aylsham and Kent Maximus at St. Peter Man-

croft, Norwich, both on the one day, a considerable achievement in those days. This tour was rounded off with a peal of Stedman Caters at Great St. Mary, Cambridge, the first in Stedman's home town.

Following a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in April, 1892, the first by the Essex Association, he toured Devon and Cornwall with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Canon Coleridge, where they rang six peals. It was during this tour that the party rang the first course (Grandsire Caters) ever to be rung on Exeter Cathedral bells. There were four men on the tenor, the other bells being rung singlehanded.

In December of that year he went to Christ Church, Southgate, to ring J. W. Washbrook's 7,072 of Superlative, the longest length yet attempted in this method. The peal was successfully accomplished in 4 hours 58 minutes, but he had the mortification of being told a week or so later by his brother Nathan that the figures were false.

He next rang at Saffron Walden in the first peal of Superlative in Essex and followed this with the 8,800 Superlative at Loughborough, rung in 6 hours 16 minutes, composed and conducted by Nathan Pitstow. Canon Coleridge rang in this peal and is believed to be now the only survivor of the band. This peal stood as the record for the method for many years.

Within a month of this achievement he rang at Saffron Walden in the first peal of Cambridge in the Eastern Counties. In 1895 he was in Devon again with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and rang four peals. The next peal of note was the first peal of London Surprise Major in Essex, rung at Saffron Walden on January 10th, 1899. Another notable peal was one of Stedman Triples on the bells of the Roman Catholic Church, Cambridge, in January, 1904 (tenor 32 cwt.), the only peal to be rung on this grand ring until last year.

His last peal was at Saffron Walden on October 6th, 1936, when at the age of 76 he rang the 8th to the first peal (Stedman Cinques) on the twelve bells.

In addition to his ringing activities, Ernest Pitstow had taken a leading part in the musical life of Saffron Walden. His exceptional qualities as a musician enabled him to teach and inspire others, and for 40 years he was conductor of the Saffron Walden Excelsior Band.

The funeral service was held at Saffron Walden Parish Church on February 12th and was attended by a large congregation. It was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Sinker), assisted by the Rev. Humphries, and the music was beautifully rendered by the organist and choir. As the cortege left the church for the Borough Cemetery the bells were rung muffled.

He leaves two sons—Harold and Leonard—to carry on the work which was nearest his heart, for both are ringers and conductors of music. His three grandchildren also are ringers.

### MR. ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM

A life member of the North Staffordshire Association and for many years a member of the Essex Association, Mr. Andrew Shufflebotham died on February 14th, aged 72.

A native of North Staffs, he learned to ring at Hanley and later joined the Stoke-on-Trent band until his work took him to Braintree, Essex, where he joined the local band and rang most of his peals in that society. He always visited Stoke for his holidays and made straight for the tower, always ready to lend a hand either for call changes or Cambridge, and was a sure and safe ringer. After a lapse of 25 years he rang his 140th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Stoke on September 16th, 1944.

He was taken ill whilst on his annual holiday in August last year and died six months later in the City General Hospital. Four of the ringers of St. Peter's, Stoke, acted as bearers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by F. Wilshaw 1-2, N. Holland 3-4, C. H. Page 5-6, A. D. Steel 7-8.



## Guild of Devonshire Ringers

### MEETING AT HATHERLEIGH.

Despite severe wintry conditions the North-West Branch of the Devon Guild held its annual meeting at Hatherleigh on February 15th, when members from Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Bude, Marhamchurch, Okehampton, Petrockstowe, Pyworthy, Sutcombe and the local band were present.

The Vicar-designate (the Rev. B. C. Gough) welcomed the company and conducted the service. Mr. Manaton being the organist. Tea, served in Jerwood's Cafe, was followed by a business meeting. Reports were presented and the balance in hand was £7 17s. 8d. The Rev. W. H. T. Ravenhill (chairman), Mr. J. W. Sangwin (secretary), Mr. W. Shears (treasurer), Mr. F. Sangwin (Ringing Master) were re-elected with the Rev. W. H. Smale and Mr. P. Sangwin (representatives to the General Committee) with the addition of Mr. W. H. R. Smale. Four new members were elected, and it was decided that a practice meeting be held at Holsworthy on May 17th with a branch meeting at Halwell in October.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his striking address and the organist, as well as for the use of the bells. Methods rung were confined to rounds, call-changes and Triples.

### POSITION OF MID-DEVON BRANCH.

Owing to abnormal weather conditions, the Mid-Devon Branch have found it necessary to alter the date of their annual meeting at St. James', Teignmouth, to February 22nd.

Despite the fact that this particular area is difficult to work, the past year has been a successful one. Four meetings have been held, at which a variety of methods have been rung, and the joint meeting with the South-West Branch last summer was highly successful, with a particularly high standard of ringing. Visitors from outside the county who have been on holiday in the area have also been provided for.

The branch laments the death of one of its outstanding personalities, Mr. Christopher R. Walker, and his death leaves a gap which will not very easily be filled. Financially, too, the branch has almost recovered its former status, and the branch generally is very grateful for all the help it gets from members of other branches and visitors from outside the county.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION

### RETIREMENT OF MR. W. J. LEE.

Owing to advancing years, Mr. W. J. Lee tendered his resignation as chairman of the East Norfolk Branch at the annual meeting held at Gorleston-on-Sea on February 8th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Corbell) presided, supported by the Rev. J. S. Heard (president of the association), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. H. Tooke (secretary of North Norfolk) and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (secretary of East Norfolk). Mr. H. J. Eldred was elected the new chairman, Mr. J. G. W. Harwood re-elected secretary, and Mr. P. Newstead added to the committee. On the proposition of Mr. Golden, a vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. Lee for his long service in the chair.

A silent tribute was paid by all standing to the memory of Mr. Rupert Richardson. Sir Nicholas Bacon and Mr. William A. Arnott. The next meeting is to be held at Ranworth on May 10th. Mr. Chand'er was thanked for playing the organ as well as for assisting in the ringing.

Owing to the very severe weather, the meeting was poorly attended, the local company being conspicuous by their absence. Fourteen members attended from Caistor-on-Sea, Folkestone, Gorleston, Mulbarton, Norton, Norwich, Wymondham and Great Yarmouth. There was no ringing after tea, as everybody was frozen up. Methods rung during the afternoon were Plain Minor, Kent Minor, Stedman Triples, Grandire Triples and Double Norwich.

## East Grinstead Guild

### DIVISION INTO FOUR SECTIONS.

The annual meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at East Grinstead on February 8th. The weather conditions restricted attendance, only 31 ringers attending from Balcombe, Buxted, Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Lamberhurst, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Wadhurst and Witherham. The service was conducted by the president (Dr. G. Golding-Bird, D.D.), with a short but telling address by the Rev. Scott-Gardner.

After entertaining the company to tea in the small parish hall, the president took the chair for the serious business of the day, although, with such a chairman, no meeting is allowed to be very dull.

Dr. Golding-Bird was unanimously re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected except the Rev. H. Dennison, who had left the district. The Revs. G. C. C. Pepps and J. R. Missen are to be invited to become vice-presidents.

Mr. B. Collison intimated that in future he would not be able to attend very regularly, and asked for another chairman to be elected, but after Mr. A. Relfe had been elected vice-chairman to support him, Mr. Collison agreed to continue in office. Other alterations in officers were Mr. A. Ryman, hon. auditor, vice Mr. G. Lambert, and Mr. E. J. Ladd elected to the committee vice Mr. A. Batten, who has left the district. After some discussion it was decided that the Guild should be divided into four sections, North, South, East and West, and a meeting held in each section successively, so that all members had a meeting close handy at least three times a year. Mr. E. J. Oliver proposed that the Guild should hold a summer ringing outing. He was supported by Mr. E. J. Ladd and it was agreed to hold such an outing, the date and arrangements to be left to the committee.

The annual report showed that the Guild was in a very healthy state, the balance in hand being £55 2s. 5d.

## DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The twenty-sixth annual meeting was held at St. George's Church, Doncaster, on January 25th. A short service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar, Canon L. Davies. Members were present from Arksey, Barnby Don, Campsall, Handsworth, Felkirk, Sprotborough, Adwick-le-Street, York Minster, Rotherham and the local company.

At the business meeting the secretary presented the balance sheet for 1946, which was accepted. The Walker Cup for the most regular attendance for Sunday ringing was won by Doncaster, and was presented by its donor, Mr. Harold Walker, to the captain, Mr. E. C. Stacey.

It was decided to raise the subscription for the society to one shilling, as it was evident from the secretary's report that sixpence per member was insufficient to cover a year's expenses. Ringing was then resumed on Doncaster's fine ring of eight until 9 p.m.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell kindly provided tea for the 40 members and friends when the Rochester District met at Milton-next-Gravesend on February 1st. The Rector officiated at the service with the help of the organist and choir, who were local ringers. Mr. G. H. Spice (general secretary) read the lesson.

At the business meeting the Rector presided and seven members were elected, including one life, one honorary, one non-resident life, one practising and two probationers. The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, in April. A combined practice will be held at Meopham and Robbing on April 12th at 5.30 p.m. Ringing on this very fine ring of bells was most enjoyable and included Cambridge and Double Norwich.

## Leicester Diocesan Guild

### PLANS FOR FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Important decisions were taken at the meeting of the Guild at Hinckley on February 8th regarding the holding of an annual diocesan festival at Leicester. The severe weather restricted the attendance, and the Market Harborough and Melton Mowbray districts were not represented.

The President (Mr. H. J. Poole), who was in the chair, explained that a proposition which had been favourably received by the General Committee was to hold each year a diocesan festival. This would include ringing at all the churches in the city; in the early evening there would be a dinner followed by a dance. Any profits would go to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The President said that the proposed date was October 25th, and the De Montfort Hall had been booked, as it was essential to make early application. He asked ringers from other districts to make the event known as widely as possible. He wanted the festival to be an outstanding event in the Exercise. The meeting gave the proposal its unanimous support.

Other business before the meeting was a reminder to members that according to a rule the annual meeting would be held at Leicester on the first Saturday in May. It was hoped that similar arrangements would be made as last year. Mr. H. G. Jenney and Miss Jill Poole were elected auditors.

The President reported that the General Committee had decided not to print the annual report this year, the treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley) pointing out that expenses had been very heavy owing to the provision of books and stationery for the first year. Life membership certificates were available on receipt by the general secretary (Mr. H. W. Perkins) of 1s. 6d., plus postage.

Reference was made by the president to the passing of two ringers, an honorary member and a life member. They were Mr. F. Sharmar, of Thurmaston, who had been an active ringer for more than 30 years; Mr. C. Ison, of Hinckley, who had died very suddenly a few weeks ago and had rung at Hinckley for more than 15 years; the Rev. F. T. Ingle, Vicar of All Saints', who had died in his sleep a week previous after taking the evening service. The last named was an enthusiastic supporter of the local ringers and had been instrumental the previous year in achieving his object to have the bells of All Saints' rehung and increased to six. The frame was made to hold eight. The life member was Mr. Rupert Richardson, whose achievements were known not only in Leicestershire, but up and down the country. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Turner), who conducted the service, and to Mr. B. Ridgeway, the steeple-keeper, and his wife, who with other assistance had so ably arranged the tea, attended by a company of 45.

After more tower-bell ringing there was change ringing and tune ringing on the hand-bells.

## SALISBURY DIOCESE AGAINST 'SYNTHETIC' BELLS

The Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches has expressed itself strongly against the use of 'synthetic' bells. The observation of the committee is as follows:

The use of 'synthetic' bells (the playing of bell records by gramophone) has been considered. It was felt not only that the mechanical reproduction of bell-tones was unsatisfactory, but also that nothing should be done to discourage the time-honoured art of bellringing. The committee have advised that this mechanical device should not be used.

The committee report that new bells have been placed in six churches, in two of which (as well as in two others) repairs to the bell frames have been approved.



## Beverley and District Society

### SNOW DOES NOT DETER ENTHUSIASM.

Having accepted an invitation to hold its monthly meeting at Pocklington on February 8th, the Beverley and District Society decided to go through with the programme. All roads into Pocklington from the Wolds were blocked with snow, and the only approach was by rail. Upon arrival visitors saw a R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Service team leaving for the relief of Huggate, one of the cut off villages. The thirty members who braved these abnormal conditions were from the following towers: Beverley Minster, Cottingham, Hull (Holy Trinity), Hessle, Market Weighton, Nunburnholme and Pocklington.

The bells are a nice ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.), and the members received a warm welcome from the Vicar (Canon Richardson), who officiated at the service. A substantial tea was provided by the local company, the Vicar presiding amid an atmosphere of real comradeship.

At the business meeting Mr. F. Dale (vice-president) presided, supported by Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary). The Chairman announced that Mr. A. S. Fox (vice-president of the Eastern District) had presented a peal record book to the society.

Invitations from the local ringers to visit Barton-on-Humber and also for a joint meeting with the Selby and District Society at Market Weighton were received and accepted, the secretary being asked to make the arrangements. North Cave was selected for the next meeting on April 12th. Thanks to the Vicar and local company for their warm welcome and splendid tea were voiced by Mr. Sellers, and Mr. Bairstow, in reply, expressed the hope that the society would come again. Seven new members were elected.

The company then adjourned to the tower, where the bells were rung to several different methods and rounds, and a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by 'ceasing' the bells in peal.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### NEWBURY BRANCH.

One determined member of 80 walked two miles on the slippery roads from the nearest bus halt to attend the meeting of the Newbury Branch at Chieveley on February 1st. Despite bad travelling conditions, 28 members attended.

After the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Hazel), tea was served in the well-warmed Vicarage Barn.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, when six new members were elected and Thatcham was chosen for the spring meeting on April 12th. Ringing ranged from rounds to an attempt at Surprise Minor.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT AT SANDY.

The 20 members who braved the bad weather on February 8th enjoyed the meeting at Sandy, at which the following towers were represented: Henlow, Blunham, Eaton Socon, Great Barford, Tempsford, Bromham, Chatteris, Turvey, Cambridge and Sandy.

The Rector (the Rev. C. G. Hooper) presided at the business meeting, and Southill was chosen for the next meeting on March 1st. Four new members were elected—two performing and two non-resident members. A collection for the bell fund amounted to 14s.

The Rector welcomed the ringers, and the secretary (Mr. C. J. Ball), in reply, thanked him for joining the ringers at tea and also for the use of the bells. Mr. C. H. Harding thanked the ladies for providing tea.

Ringing included touches of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Bob Double and rounds.

## Shropshire Association

### RETIREMENT OF MAJOR E. V. F. CORBETT.

Through failing health and acting on doctor's advice, Major E. V. F. Corbett has resigned the Mastership of the Shropshire Association. This was received with regret at the annual meeting at Shrewsbury on February 1st, Mr. A. Pritchard presiding over an attendance of 45 ringing members, together with life members and visitors. A minute expressing appreciation of Major Corbett's services over a number of years was recorded.

Mr. Arthur Pritchard was elected the new Master. Other officers elected were: Central Council representative, Mr. G. L. Hewitt, trustees, Messrs. A. Woodvine and G. L. Hewitt; auditor, Mr. W. H. Hughes; hon. secretary, Mr. E. D. Poole; assistant secretary, Miss P. Fletcher.

The audited accounts, which showed an improved balance, were accepted.

The secretary, in his report, stated that six meetings had been held in addition to the annual, and had been quite well attended. Nine new members had been elected and nine new life members. Fourteen peals were rung during 1946. At the meeting 15 new members were elected, viz., Claverley (9), St. Michael's, Shrewsbury (4), Stockton (1) and one life member for Crewe.

Meetings for 1947 were discussed. The joint meeting with the Crewe Branch (Chester Guild) at Market Drayton was fixed for June 7th. This will be the third joint meeting and the hope is expressed that it will become an annual event. The next meeting will be at Shifnal on March 22nd. It is hoped to arrange meetings at Worthen, Bicton and Montford. Hodnet and Newport, towers not visited by the association during the war years.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Mary's Church (10) and in the evening at St. Michael's (6) and St. Chad's (12). The service in St. Aidan's chapel of St. Chad's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. P. Huran).

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch at Yeovil on February 8th attracted a fairly good attendance. The Vicar (Preb. H. Mortlock Treen) conducted the service and also presided at the meeting.

Officers re-elected were: Chairman, Preb. G. W. Saunders; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Farrant; Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Poole. Twenty-one new members were elected and the election of seven members in belfries was confirmed.

It was proposed that a message of sympathy be sent to Preb. G. W. Saunders on his bereavement by the death of Mrs. Saunders. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist concluded the business.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The District Master (Mr. B. G. Burton) gave a cordial welcome to the 41 members and friends who attended the annual meeting of the N.W. District at Harlow Town on Jan. 25th.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. B. G. Burton; secretary, Mr. G. Blake; committee members, Messrs. S. Clark and W. Aley. Six new members were elected, and Mr. E. J. Butler an honorary member. The next meeting was fixed for Saffron Walden on April 19th.

The proposal to raise the Guild subscription was discussed, and a vote showed that the majority of members were in favour.

Mr. Springham (Harlow Common) thanked the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Bevan) for conducting the service and for the use of the bells. Messrs. Wheeler and Cordell were also thanked for their services during past years. The compass of the ringing extended from Grandsire to Double Norwich.

## Guildford Diocesan Guild

### CLASH OF MEETINGS CRITICISED.

Three out of the four districts of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held their annual meetings on February 8th. This clash of meetings was commented upon by Mr. R. Whittington at the annual meeting of the Guildford District, which was attended by 40 members.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, district secretary, explained that owing to the inability to secure the use of S. Nicolas' Hall on January 18th, the original date, the meeting had to be postponed until February 8th.

Mr. C. W. Denyer said that the Chertsey District had also postponed their annual meeting because of the Cumberland Youths' annual meeting. It was because of these reasons that the annual meetings of Leatherhead, Chertsey and Guildford districts occurred on the same date.

Mr. A. H. Pulling suggested that the hall should be booked twelve months ahead.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, the district secretary, reported an increase of 18 per cent. in membership. There were, however, a few blank spots, Bramley with three members, Puttenham and Ockham with none. Despite this increase, the total balance of the district's finances had not increased accordingly, due chiefly to a grant made to the Dunsfold Bell Fund and more activity throughout the Guild. It had been the first post-war year in which a full programme of district meetings had been held.

Many rings in the area have been repaired and restored, and future work of this kind includes a war memorial ring of six at Sand and a target of £500 at Shere for restoring the bells has already been reached. A new frame is needed at Womersley, and minor reconstruction, long delayed, is to be done to the frame at S. Nicolas' Guildford. The Hascombe five have been recast and rehung, also the six at Dunsfold, and the six bells at Merrow have been rehung.

Mr. Hazelden was re-elected district secretary, Mr. C. Ernest Smith ringing master, Mr. S. Petter representative on the Guild Executive Committee, and Mr. L. C. W. Hunter auditor. Nominations for election at the Guild annual meeting were: Mr. G. L. Grover, general secretary; Mr. A. Harman, Master; Mr. J. Corbett, treasurer; and Mr. L. C. W. Hunter, auditor.

District meetings for 1947 were agreed upon at Dunsfold, Witley, Puttenham and Cranleigh and five new members were elected.

The meeting was preceded by tea and the Guild service at S. Nicolas' Church, conducted by the Rev. Guy Moss, with Mr. W. A. Dollimore (Aldershot) reading the lessons.

Towers represented were Godalming, Seale, Hersham, Ewhurst, Shalford, Clandon, Womersley, Cranleigh, Aldershot, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' Guildford. The ringing included a touch of Cambridge.

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### BIRTH

COOPER.—On Feb. 21st, 1947, at 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, to Doris (née Williams), wife of Daniel Cooper, a daughter (Glenda Joan). 1041

### MARRIAGE

DITMAS—RICHARDSON. — At St. Mary's, Sundridge, on Mar. 3rd, 1947, Christopher George Hugh, son of the late H. D. Ditmas, of Debatgama, Ceylon, and Mrs. Ditmas, of Charing, Kent, and Monica Jane Fellowes, second daughter of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, of Sundridge, Kent. 1035

### DEATHS

EMERY.—The death of Mrs. J. L. Emery, dearly loved wife of Isaac Emery, occurred on Feb. 20th, 1947, at her home, 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, Kent. 1003

WEEKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1947, at Antigua, Estcourt Terrace, Devizes, Josephine Brownlee, widow of Mr. Thomas Weeks, and mother of A. T. and J. S. Weeks. 1030

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The address of Mr. C. A. Levett, formerly of Slough, Bucks, is now 42, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. 1016

BARKING ESSEX.—Service ringing on first and third Sunday mornings each month, 10 a.m., and weekly practices on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m., commencing Feb. 20th. All ringers welcomed.—A. W. Beard, Hon. Sec., 159, Clements Road, E.6. 1054

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—South Forest Branch.—Ruardean, Mar. 8th, 3.15. Dedication of memorial to Wm. Bishop by the Bishop of Gloucester, 4.15.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers, Mar. 8th. Ringing both towers, 2.30 and after tea. Tea 5 p.m., Corner House Cafe, Upton.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 1026

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Next meeting Patrington, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea free.—A. E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 1017

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with Sussex Association at Cowfold (6), Mar. 8th. Tea 5 p.m.—C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec. 1023

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold, 3 p.m., Mar. 8th. Tea; names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 1022

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea and meeting after.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 1052

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Burry Port, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 1001

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District (Southern Division).—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, on Mar. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.15 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Bells afterwards. Masculine support welcomed.—Mrs. Cross, 18, Second Avenue, Hove (Tel. 4743). 1009

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sawbridgeworth, on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, Nr. Hoddesdon, Herts. 1008

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting Todmorden Unitarians, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at Co-op Cafe. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—I. Kay, Branch Sec. 1006

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church (10) on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 1004

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern Division.—Next meeting, Rettendon, Mar. 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1012

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Battle Axes for all who notify me.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 1013

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Motcombe, near Shaftesbury, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Visitors welcome.—Rev. W. Uphill, Hon. Sec., Stour Provost. 1036

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice, Wisborough Green (6), Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by the 11th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1020

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—St. James', Teignmouth, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornersways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121). 1021

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Heathfield (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Mar. 10th.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1044

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Howden, Mar. 15th, 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Notify J. W. Thompson, 16, Northolmby Street, Howden, by Mar. 12th.—T. H. Foster. 1051

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Tilsworth (6), Saturday, Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. C. Hillyard. 1050

LADIES' GUILD AND LEICESTER DISTRICT.—Joint meeting, Anstey (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Mar. 12th, to Miss Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 1040



**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, Mar. 15th at 3 p.m. Business meeting. Cafes handy for tea.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1047

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Fulbourn (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Six Bells at 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1049

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—Eastern District.—St. Ignatius', Sunderland, Mar. 15th. Joseph W. Parker Commemoration meeting, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for those notifying me not later than Thursday the 13th.—Frank Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland. 1043

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Hinckley, Mar. 15th, 3 to 7.30. Tea 5. Names by the 13th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthill Road, Hinckley.—W. A. Wood. 1042

**DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Dudley, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 2.45. Committee 3.45. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5. Numbers for tea not later than Mar. 10th.—F. Colclough, Hall Park, Bilston. 1032

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1031

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Next meeting Harlington, Mar. 15th. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea after; names to Mr. J. Nelhams, The School House, Harlington, Hayes, by Mar. 14th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1028

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Easton-in-Gordano, Saturday, Mar. 15th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1027

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General committee meeting to be held at Reading on March 15th, Central Girls' Club, Chain Street, 3.15 p.m. Important business.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 1005

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster, Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Bus leaves North Bridge bus stand (Doncaster) quarter to and quarter past hour. All ringers welcome. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec. 1014

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Beccles, Suffolk, on Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 at Y.M.C.A. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, without fail by Mar. 12th. Gentlemen very cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1010

**LANCS ASSN.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at the Parish Church, Ambleside, on Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. Newton, 1, Vicarage Road, Ambleside, Westmorland, not later than Mar. 12th. 1055

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Wethersfield (6), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names, if possible, to Henry A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex. 1039

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Sandridge, Mar. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Mar. 12th to T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1033

**CHRIST CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD.**—Dedication and ringers' opening of augmented peal of ten bells (John Taylor and Co.) by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester at 3.15 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 15th. Tea will be provided only to ringers who notify their intention to be present.—John Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 1015

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Keighley, Saturday, Mar. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Names to Mr. R. Bottomley, Theaproyd, Beechcliffe, Keighley, before Mar. 19th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1025

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) to those who notify me not later than Saturday, Mar. 15th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1037

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Shifnal (8), Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea; please bring sandwiches.—E. D. Poole. 1034

**ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m., dedication of

new trebles by Lord Bishop of Coventry. Tea at Schools 4.30. Numbers for tea by Mar. 17th.—H. G. Summers, 77, Birmingham Road, Coventry. 1045

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6). Meeting St. Mary-le-Tower 9.30. Photograph taken 11.45. Service 12 o'clock. Lunch 12.45 at Nightingale's, Upper Brook Street. Business meeting after. Those requiring lunch must notify me by April 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 1038

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells of Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. Miles' available 10 to 11.45 and after 3 p.m.; St. John de Sepulchre also, after 3. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. J. A. H. Waddington. Lunch, Bedford Grill, Bedford Street, 1 (4s.), followed by business meeting. Accommodation at lunch must be restricted to the first 70 who notify me.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 1011

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Annual meeting with luncheon at Canterbury on Easter Monday. Full particulars later.—G. H. Spice, Gen. Sec. 1046

**MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.**—Dedication Mar. 22nd postponed until May 3rd.—P. Fordham, Kingsway, Mildenhall. Tel. 2296. 1048

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—200th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn; tickets 12s. 6d. each. As numbers strictly limited, early individual applications are necessary from members with remittance. A small allocation reserved for non-members. All applications will be treated in order of receipt.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1053

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Will all concerned please note that the Hon. Sec. of the Farnham District, Guildford Guild, is now G. S. G. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants, C. W. Denyer now being Ringing Master. 1007

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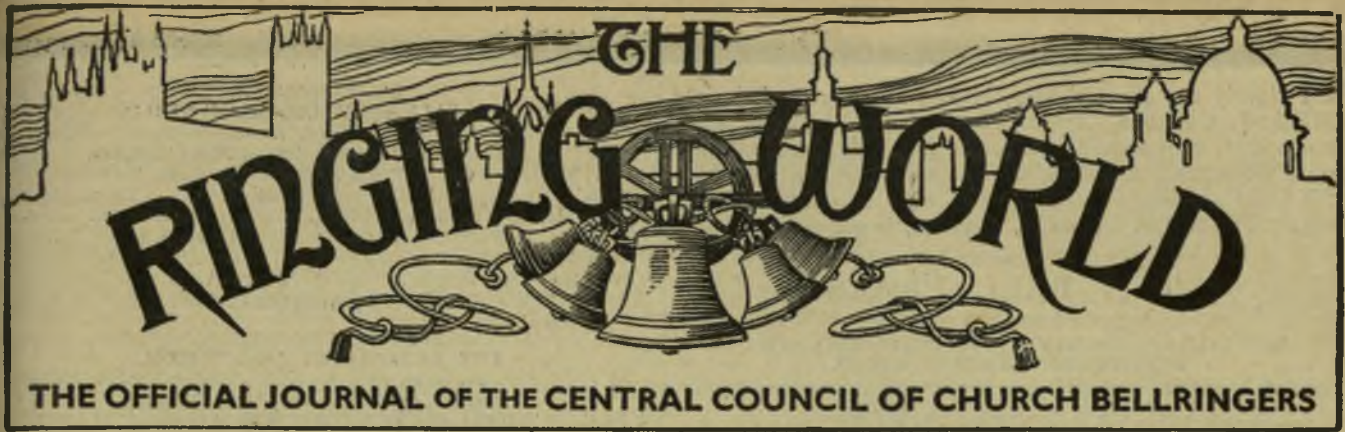
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## LANCASHIRE TO-DAY

For generations the country has been reminded of those singular traits of Lancashire character of presenting a line of thought and action which is ultimately nationally accepted. We trust this is correct in matters of bell-ringing. The annual report of the Lancashire Association to hand last month starts with this stimulating preamble: 'The first post-war year has brought many signs of encouragement. It is reported that branch meetings have been well attended; peal ringing is increasing, both in the number of peals rung and also in the variety of methods attempted.'

The strength of the association is significant with a total of 1,609, of whom 1,202 are resident ringing members. During the year the association has gained 69 new ringing members, 27 new non-resident members and two hon. life members, while 21 members have rejoined. Other associations have had a greater accession of members; Lancashire, quite rightly, has a qualification for membership in having rung 120 changes on tower or handbells, or covered 500 changes on tower bells and, while proof of ability is desirable, there are guilds which are not insistent upon such a regulation.

As to peal ringing, during the year reviewed 85 peals were rung, a substantial increase on the 50 rung during the previous year. Twenty members rang their first peal, 75 their first in another method, two their first on an inside bell, three their first as conductor and four their first in another method. Two peals received a special mention—that of Oxford Royal at Worsley, which contained nine members who rang their first peal in the method, and the peal of Double Norwich at Woolton, which was the 250th for Mr. Lester L. Gray. Of individual performers, the name of Mr. G. R. Newton, hon. secretary of the Liverpool Branch, is pre-eminent. On August 2nd he rang his 370th peal for the association, thus beating the record of Mr. Harry Chapman.

Lancashire believes in continuity in office. The last annual meeting was the 50th that Mr. W. H. Shuker, a joint hon. secretary, had attended, and he has held the secretarial pen since 1911. The outstanding figure in moulding the Lancashire Association together was Canon Elsee, of Bolton, who was president from 1890 until his death in 1936. The area of the association embraces the dioceses of Blackburn, Liverpool and Manchester and parts of Carlisle and Wakefield, and operates through eleven branches. Doubtless Lancashire ringers are watch-



ing closely the effect of the division into three of the old Midland Counties Association. No complaints have reached us that the association is unwieldy, but certainly on a population basis the area centrally administered by the joint secretaries and their committee seems formidable. The test of efficiency, after all, is progress.

## TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

MRS. PHYLLIS MAYNE Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	6
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANK E. DARBY ...	7
*JOHN R. MAYNE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ...	8
GEOFFREY LODDS ... 4	† HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	9
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal. In memoriam  
Capt. H. A. Ashbrook, R.E. (ret.), father of Mrs. O. L. Rogers.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PRITTELEWELL.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN E. FOWLER ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	6
*FRANK V. GANT ... 2	† GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	7
*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ...	8
ERIC A. DENCH ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ...	9
ALAN WHITE ... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.  
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fowler,  
parents of the treble-man.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY STALHAM ... Treble	R. CONGREVE PRIDGION	6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ...	7
ALBERT W. BOND ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ...	8
GEORGE W. CECIL ... 4	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	9
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 14, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 15 cyt.

JAMES BENNETT ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	5
*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 2	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ...	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

\* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Parker's Twelve-part. Groves' Variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FAITH M. CHILD ... Treble	*ALAN J. BUTLER ...	5
HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 2	*DENNIS H. EMERY ...	6
*BARBARA J. ADLAM ... 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	7
REV. REGINALD ROUTH ... 4	PERCY A. HUNT ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

\* First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 21, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

RICHARD BENSON ... Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY ...	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	ALBERT MORLEY ...	6
PETER CROOK ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ...	7
HARRY ANDERTON ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ...	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss S. A. Cheetham.

HOLYWOOD, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

WILLIAM PRATT ... Treble	*A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	5
JAMES RUSH ... 2	NAT SAVAGE ...	6
JAMES EDGAR ... 3	HARRY BROWN ...	7
JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 4	*JOSEPH SAVAGE ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. BROWN.

\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5
*HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	G. LEONARD HEWITT ...	6
*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	*GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.  
G. Oliver's 100th peal for above society.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

JOHN LLOYD ... Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	5
DENIS R. MORRIS ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ...	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	REGINALD WOODVATT ...	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
In memoriam Frederick Molineux, a ringer at this church.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 14½ cwt.	
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	WALTER NICHOLS ...	5
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	JOHN E. HOBBS ...	7
FREDERICK PICKARD ... 4	WILFRED L. RATCLIFFE ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.



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## AMESBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MELORUS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

WM. A. THEOBALD ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
*SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 2	REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 6
†HERBERT ABRAHAMAS ... 3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. H. HARDING.  
\* 150th peal for Salisbury Guild. † First peal in method 'inside.'  
First peal in method on the bells. An 87th birthday compliment to W. J. Mees, of Hilperton.

## SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 24, 1947, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. B. WAYMAN ... Treble	NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6
JOHN W. CARTER ... 3	NORMAN T. KING ... 7
CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. E. Banks James, who was interred at Surfleet on the above date.

## HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 26, 1947, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 30½ cwt in C sharp.

*MISS DOREEN COKER ... Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 5
FRED HAYES ... 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 6
RALPH COLES ... 3	ROWLAND BIGGS ... 7
PERCY NEWTON ... 4	WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal, aged 16.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 6
FRANK E. WALKER ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
*ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment toringer of the fourth.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 28, 1947, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDK. A. COLEY ... Treble	†FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
*HARRY HOVERD ... 3	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
†GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	†PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.  
First peal in the method on the bells and for the association.

## PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

On the 'Margaret' Eight.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN WARD ... Treble	ALAN CATELL ... 5
ARTHUR CATELL ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 6
†MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 4	GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method 'inside,' aged 13.

## HOLBECK, LEEDS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

FREDK. SEAGER ... Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 5
*ERNEST B. BETTS ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	ALFRED SMITH ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 4	FRED HODGSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.  
\* First peal in the method.

## WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT ... Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK ... 5
*MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... 2	PETER N. BOND ... 6
PATRICIA SMEE ... 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN ... 4	HAROLD A. NOBES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

## WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.

WM. H. HUMBERSTONE Treble	RICHARD F. ROE ... 5
KENNETH A. ROE ... 2	EDWIN LLOYD ... 6
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. LLOYD ... 7
*EDWARD HAROLD ... 4	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... Tenor

Composed by K. A. ROE. Conducted by JOSEPH S. CARTER.  
\* First peal. Rung with sixth place bob. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Humberstone, daughter of treble ringer.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sun., Mar. 2, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN PINFOLD ... Treble	JOHN S. MASON ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

## SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 11, 1947, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

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

Forty-two six-sores, ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON Treble	WM. E. COURT ... 4
CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 2	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 5
IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Feb. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Munday (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Somerville 2, G. Williamson 3, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 4, W. H. Short 5, T. Howell 6.



## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 extents Stedman, 12 Plain Bob and 20 Grandsire.  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES V. CATTELL ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... 2	EDWIN CATTELL ... 4

ARTHUR CATTELL ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. WHITEHEAD.

Bung with bells half-muffled in memoriam to the Rev. T. F. Ingle (Vicar).

## SHEPPERTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Containing 40 six-scores, 10 cappings, and one Morris' 240.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*HERBERT G. ANDREWS Treble	†MISS AUDREY CASTLE ... 3
†MISS PEGGY KITCHEN ... 2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 4

H. WM. BARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

COLATON RALEIGH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each of Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman S.C., New Doubles and St. Simon's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD PITMAN ... Treble	JOHN CARTER ... 4
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 2	JOHN QUICK ... 5
BRIAN PIDGEON ... 3	SIDNEY ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by S. SKINNER.

First peal as conductor.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of Ipswich, Norwich, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HUGH E. HARDING ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 5
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

\* 25th peal together.

## HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE WAUD ... Treble	W. A. HUDSON ... 4
†HAROLD DRAKE ... 2	T. W. JUNE ... 5
R. B. SMITH ... 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

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

## HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF CRANOSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CECIL HEWER ... Treble	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... 2	*EDWIN SIMS ... 5
BRUCE WILLIAMS ... 3	KENNETH OVERBERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal for 20 years.

## DARLINGTON.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Wells, Cambridge and London Surprise.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Roland Park and Miss Irene Richardson on the occasion of their marriage, and as a welcome to the Rev. E. J. Simpson, M.A., who was inducted to the benefice of Holy Trinity on February 6th.

## NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Wearmouth, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

CYRIL WARD ... Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON ... 4
JOHN E. COOK ... 2	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods by all but the conductor.

## HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.

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On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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Tenor 7½ cwt.

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\* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the 87th birthday of Mr. W. J. Mees, leader of the local band, a ringer for 75 years.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

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

HENRY HODGETTS ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

## HOVE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E

MRS. R. G. CROSS ... 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4	ALBERT W. BOND ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. G. CROSS.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Feb. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT ST. JOHN BAPTIST COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5-6
†KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3-4	†PETER W. B. SEMMENS ... 7-8

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\* First peal away from the tenors. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First handbell peal.

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**BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Cathedral on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: John Scott 1, G. Wm. Critchley 2, Arthur Jones 3, James F. Harvey 4, John S. Mason 5, George E. Fearn 6, S. George Chaplin (conductor) 7, Edward T. Lloyd 8.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—At St. Michael's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Collins 1, H. M. White 2, C. P. Chalk 3, A. Chalk 4, F. Bird 5, R. Suckling 6, E. Jennings (conductor) 7, H. W. Smith 8, L. Wiffen 9, H. Partridge 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by 1, 4, 6, 8, 10.

**BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.**—On Feb. 26th at Cornerways, Elliott Plain, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Uglow 1-2, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 3-4, W. Harvey 5-6. First quarter-peat by Messrs. Uglow and Harvey.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On Feb. 16th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles: Kenneth Nicholls (first away from tenor) 1, H. Miles 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 3, Miss M. L. Lidgley 4, Tony Roach (aged 13) 5, Gerald Peters 6. First quarter by 5 and 6.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—On Feb. 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. J. Fairlie 1, J. Ling 2, A. Forsyth 3, J. Dear 4, R. Ling 5, J. Boustead (conductor) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On Feb. 16th at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, R. Charge 2, C. Potheary 3, E. H. Kirby 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, G. A. Parsons 6, J. Bennett 7, H. W. Clark 8.

**CODFORD, WILTS.**—On Jan. 17th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Jones 1, E. C. Marlow 2, P. M. White 3, T. E. Malfard 4, W. A. Avery (conductor) 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter on the bells since being rehung and augmented to six.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Fden (first quarter) 1, G. V. Murphy 2, H. E. Audsley 3, J. Wheadon 4, W. J. Lemon 5, C. Brett-Smith 6, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 7, E. Barnett 8. 5.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On Feb. 15th at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. C. Case 2, T. Wyatt 3, G. Holland 4, T. E. Roberts 5, E. Nicholls 6, W. Yates, jun. (first of Grandsire Triples as conductor) 7, W. Yates, sen. 8. Rung for the marriage of the Vicar's daughter.

**CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Male 1, H. Perry 2, T. J. Lock 3, F. Welch 4, S. Dabinett 5, R. Welch 6, R. Beale (conductor) 7, W. H. Marks 8. First quarter of Triples for 4, 6 and 8.

**DEEPIST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.**—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Surprise Minor, being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise: F. Brightman 1, Miss B. Duffy 2, W. Duffy 3, C. Perkins 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, E. Brittain 6. In memoriam, Mr. E. Richardson.

**EALING, W.**—At St. Mary's on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Fogden 1, Miss D. Lidbetter (conductor) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, P. E. Clark 4, A. Mark Stacey 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, A. Harding 7, Miss M. Lidbetter 8.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On March 2nd, 1,280 Bob Major: N. H. Hewett 1, T. W. Crowe 2, F. Pearson 3, Miss M. Addison 4, J. L. Grav 5, K. Arthur (composer and conductor) 6, J. Piane 7, J. Roach 8. First quarter-peat by ringers of 1 and 3.

**FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—On Jan. 26th at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, H. Langdon (conductor) 2, W. S. Langdon 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, J. B. Sansom (first quarter on ten bells) 6, W. Paice 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips 9, H. M. Page 10.

**GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Bryder (age 13) 1, A. Smith 2, H. J. Scott 3, S. F. Haffenden 4, H. Weaver (first quarter as conductor) 5, A. Baker 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On Feb. 23rd, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. F. Lancaster 1, J. Bullock (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, R. Newman 4, T. H. Taffender 5, C. W. Ottley 6, R. H. Begrie 7, G. E. Begrie 8.

**OXFORD.**—On Feb. 23rd, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, P. Walker 2, A. B. Pink (conductor) 3, W. F. Moreton 4, Miss M. B. Cross 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, N. I. Alnatt 7, E. G. Moore 8. First quarter-peat in the method by all the band and rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. M. A. P. Wood).

**ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Ashby 1, A. Paul 2, A. Beckwith 3, R. Paul 4, P. Amos (conductor) 5.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On Jan. 28th at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Sprague 1, C. Sayer 2, L. Hansell 3, T. J. Southam 4, W. J. Arnold 5, D. Bayles 6, R. F. Ewer 7, H. E. O. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Also on Feb. 2nd, a quarter-peat of Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Cornoll 1, D. Bayles 2, L. Hansell 3, W. J. Arnold 4, R. F. Ewer 5, H. E. O. Goodenough (conductor) 6, E. Sprague tenor covering.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Dawson 1, T. Pritchard 2, L. Edwards 3, B. Latham 4, G. Latham 5, T. Wits (conductor) 6, T. Price 7, R. Sharpe 8.

**SALISBURY.**—On Feb. 10th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. E. Manns 1, H. Abrahams 2, L. Page 3, P. Anger 4, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 5, F. C. Smith 6. A 19th birthday compliment to P. Anger.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 23rd at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Green 1, T. E. Roberts 2, W. Yates 3, G. Holland 4, F. Case 5, R. Grainge 6, J. A. Green (conductor) 7, K. R. Holtom 8. First in method by 4, 6 and 8.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Will the ringer who  
achieved so much in 1946  
please forward his name  
to the Editor so that his record may have  
the publicity it richly deserves? Anonymous  
contributions cannot be entertained.

A record of the bells of Birmingham Cathed-  
ral has been dispatched to H.M.S. 'Wolfe'  
for the use of the Rev. M. Melville in announc-  
ing church services to the ship's company.

Mr. F. T. Waite, of 38, Rosebury Avenue,  
Gloucester, is anxious to contact ringers in  
South Africa. Mr. C. Chambers, P.O. Box  
1496, Durban S.A., had a letter in 'The  
Ringing World' of November 22nd on ringing  
in the Dominion.

The bells of Southwark Cathedral have been  
retuned and installed after being kept in safety  
during the war years. The cost is to be met  
by Friends of Southwark Cathedral.

Proposed a non-resident member of the Ely  
Diocesan Guild in 1931, Mr. Percy Amos, of  
Northampton, has waited 16 years before ring-  
ing a peal for that Guild at Stanground,  
Hunts, which, although only a mile from  
Peterborough Cathedral, is in another diocese.

The 69th annual report of the Durham and  
Newcastle Association for 1945-6 is a handy  
volume, giving membership up to August 31st,  
1946, as 461. Of these 288 are ordinary ring-  
ing members. Of the 32 peals rung during  
the year, the compositions are given in nine  
cases.

Featured in 'The Children's Newspaper'  
recently was an article dealing with the sisters  
and nurses of the Royal Cornwall Infirmary,  
Truro, learning the art of ringing under the  
direction of Mr. W. H. Southard. Has any  
hospital its own company of ringers?

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Another sacrifice is called  
for! The Paper Controller  
has cut the next paper  
allocation to 'The Ringing World' by 12½ per  
cent. Other similar periodicals also suffer.

Mr. H. Horier conducted the quarter-peal of  
Grandsire Doubles at Croscombe, Somerset, re-  
ported in our issue of February 14th.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mar-  
garet's, Leicester, was in 21 varying parts and  
believed to be rung for the first time. It was  
by Albert J. Pitman, of Port Talbot. Specially  
arranged for the younger members of All  
Saints' and St. Margaret's, the band consisted  
of four members from each company.

The appeal on behalf of the rehanging of  
the bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury, has now  
reached £651. Ald. J. S. Rambridge, the hon.  
treasurer, informs us that £1,500 is required.

A broadcast to listen to—the bells of St.  
Mary's, Ulverston, on March 16th, at 7.45 p.m.  
in the Home Service. The bells were cast by  
Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1836.

The peal of Stedman Doubles at Swindon on  
Feb. 11th enabled Messrs. W. B. Kynaston,  
C. J. Gardner and W. H. Trueman to com-  
plete the Stedman family—Doubles, Triples,  
Caters and Cinques. Mr. W. B. Kynaston has  
completed the circle of St. Mary's, Rodbourne  
Cheney.

Has anybody lost a handbell peal by a  
clapper coming out? This happened at  
Bournemouth on February 23rd, when an  
attempted peal of Grandsire Caters was lost  
two courses from home. The peal was ar-  
ranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr.  
and Mrs. Arthur V. Davis and also as a 72nd  
birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Wilson.  
Those taking part were Miss Mary Davis 1-2,  
Bruce Rogers 3-4, Mrs. F. John Marshall 5-6,  
A. V. Davis (conductor) 7-8, F. S. Wilson  
9-10.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'All Clear'

Dear Sir,—In connection with the recent warnings concerning the activities of one, William Green, I am very pleased indeed to announce the 'All Clear.'

He was arrested in the name of Michael Mulcahy, but his correct name is Frank Haslett. It is said that he has rung about 20 peals and originally belonged to the Christ Church band at Dublin. The peals were rung for the Irish Association, so it is said.

The above information was obtained by a personal interview, and from the conversation it is obvious that he either has done some ringing and has gained some knowledge from some other person. He mentioned Grandsire and Stedman Triples and said his peals included London Surprise Minor. It would be interesting to know from the secretary of the Irish Association if there is any record of a Frank Haslett ever having been a member of that association.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD J. POOLE,

President of the National Guild of Police Ringers.

The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

### ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, RECORD

Dear Sir,—A few days ago I heard for the first time the recording of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, ringing Stedman and Grandsire Caters. I was absolutely appalled. The striking is a disgrace to the Exercise, to the band and to the bells, and I am very surprised that such a miserable example of change ringing should have been allowed to be issued. We hear much, especially in these columns, about the urgent necessity for educating the public in the appreciation of our art; surely it is time that a recording of some merit was made to further, instead of hinder, the achievement of this desirable, nay imperative, object.

May I suggest that a band be assembled of the calibre of that which recorded the B.B.C. interval signal to practise and record some musical and sensitively struck touches of Caters and Royal, and that the existing most regrettable performance be withdrawn? — Yours faithfully,

A. R. BURGESS.

Notfield, Herts.

NOTE.—Such a sweeping accusation is hardly justified.—Editor.

### TREBLE BOB—HAIRDRESSING

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to read Mr. D. A. Newcombe's letter on the subject of 'Treble Bob Major Now in Hairdressing.' I also saw the hair style in 'The Hairdresser's Journal.'

I looked at it from all angles and can only see a slight resemblance to a bell in the lower curl. I also fail to see why the stylist chose Kent Treble Bob in favour of any other method.

Perhaps someone more experienced in the trade than myself could help us.—Yours truly,

BERYL R. COWLIN.

Bexhill-on-Sea.

### A BUSMEN'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—Could I, through the medium of your correspondence columns, make a request as follows: Would all busmen, that is to say those who are actively employed as public service vehicle operatives, who are method ringers, kindly communicate with me (address supplied) with a view to a first busmen's peal? We have police, name and clergy peals, so why not a further novel step?

This, of course, is only practicable if those interested live within a reasonable distance of London.—I remain, yours, etc.,

E. J. ROWE, S.R.C.Y.

8, Effingham Road, Hornsey, London, N.8.

### Peal Snatchers

Dear Sir,—Never before have I heard of peal snatchers 'sneaking' into a tower to ring the bells.

The belfry is the freehold of the incumbent; he has the custody of the keys and control of the bells (Phillimore's 'Ecclesiastical Law', vol. 1, p. 1,385 and Canon 88).

To enter the church and ring the bells without his consent is trespass and heavy penalties are incurred if against his wish.

As an incumbent, permission has always been asked for from me from outsiders to ring the bells, and I have invariably consulted the foreman ringer before giving that consent.

If these peal snatchers got this permission they could not be said to 'sneak in,' but as a matter of courtesy the incumbent usually notifies the foreman of the application and this gives the foreman a chance to explain why the band of outsiders should not ring just at that time, but should postpone their peal.

One cannot pronounce judgment until the whole of the facts is known. I hope the matter will be amicably settled.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. TURNER,

President, East Devon Guild.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

### MR. LIMPUS AND THE OLD WINDSOR PEAL

Sir,—I remember being asked to arrange and call this peal of Grandsire Triples on January 26th, 1912, for Mr. Limpus, of Vancouver, but cannot recall any incident during the ringing to cause him to make such embarrassing accusations about it after an interval of 35 years; the band certainly does not suggest a 'firing squad.'

As Mr. Pulling says, he was not in the peal, but it was July 2nd, 1932, not 1942, that he rang a peal of Bob Major here. I appreciate very much his note of confidence in this week's (March 7th) 'Ringing World.'—Yours truly,

W. WELLING.

Old Windsor.

NOTE.—Mr. Pulling also desires to correct the date of his peal at Old Windsor to July 2nd, 1932.—Editor.

### CIRCLE SPECIALISTS

Dear Sir,—My congratulations to Mr. Frank Warrington and I sincerely hope he will complete the circle in a dozen towers.

My bag at the moment is also nine towers. These include 1 ten-bell tower, 8 eight, four of them twice and seven conducted round the circle.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. THOMAS WEEKS.

The death occurred at Antigua, Estcourt Terrace, Devizes, on February 27th, of Mrs. T. Weeks, who for over 30 years was an honorary member of the Salisbury Guild, and a life-long parish worker at St. James', Southbroom. Although not a ringer herself she was very closely connected with the Exercise. Both her husband, who died shortly after the ban was imposed on ringing in 1940, and her father, the late Mr. Brownlee West, were both well-known ringers, the latter for many years being a vice-president of the Salisbury Guild.

She leaves two sons, both of whom are ringers at Southbroom and have held positions as officers of the Devizes Branch.

The funeral took place on March 3rd; there was a large congregation, and in the evening a memorial peal was rung half-muffled.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1947 Bob Major with 9.10 covering: A. Upsall 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, H. Piggins 3, W. Jarvis 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, F. Wignmore (conductor) 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, G. Duffield 9, F. Moyes 10.

### 'A Pestilence'

#### PENAL SERVITUDE FOR WILLIAM GREEN.

Described by Mr. Justice Humphries as a 'pestilential old nuisance,' Michael Mulcahy (68), alias William Green, painter, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude at Warwick Assizes on March 7th for obtaining 15s. by false pretences from Ernest Morris at Leicester, and similarly a sum of £1 from Hannah Billingham at Nuneaton.

Mulcahy was stated to have had 29 previous convictions, the Judge remarking that for years he had been preying on the public and getting small sums of money from them.

#### BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS

A company of 120 attended the 20th annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, on February 15th, when a much regretted absentee was Mr. F. Guise (hon. secretary), who had met with an accident.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. B. Huddleston, who presided, described bell-ringing as a magnificent monument to their churches. It was one of the oldest customs in the country and it was the duty of ringers to see that they did not fail in their professional duty to the Church.

The Rev. J. H. Williams, who replied, deputised for the Bishop of Bristol, who was prevented through illness from attending. He spoke of the debt clergy owed to the ringers and added: 'Times are difficult, times are critical, but we beseech you to carry on with your great art.'

'Absent friends' were remembered on the call of the Rev. M. Paterson. Other toasts were 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association,' proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger and responded to by Mr. C. Rouse; 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' proposed by Mr. W. S. Emery and responded to by Mr. J. S. Hawkins; 'The Press' by Mr. A. Prince; and 'The Artistes' by Mr. A. Bennett.

#### MARRIAGE OF MISS M. RICHARDSON

Members of the Universities' Association rang before and after the service at St. Mary's, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, on March 3rd, for the wedding of Mr. Christopher George Hugh Ditmas, son of the late Mr. Hugh Ditmas, of Debatgama, Ceylon, and Mrs. Ditmas, of Charing, Kent, and Monica Jane Fellows Richardson, second daughter of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, of Sundridge. The bridegroom, formerly a Flight-Lieutenant in the R.A.F., is now a pilot in the B.O.A.O. The Rector (the Rev. A. T. Howden) officiated.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. H. Lewis. She wore a dress of white satin decorated with hand-painted cream flowers, and a net veil held in place by a wreath of orange blossom. Her ornaments were a string of pearls and she carried a bouquet of apricot coloured carnations tinged with red.

Her sisters, Brenda, Dorothy and Christine, were bridesmaids. Brenda and Dorothy wore long turquoise dresses and Christine pink. All wore headdresses to match and carried bouquets of deep red tulips. Major Harold Fellows Prymne, uncle of the bridegroom, was best man.

Eighty guests attended the reception at the White Hart, Brasted. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. J. Hooton, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. J. Hatcher, Miss J. Pym, Miss Betty Spice, Miss L. R. E. Martin, Messrs. Wilfrid Moreton, Vernon J. Benning and Philip Gray.

As the bride and bridegroom drove away the bells of St. Martin's, Brasted, were in the first course of a peal of Bob Minor, which was successfully brought round. The bride's travelling dress was a turquoise suit under a brown fur coat, a brown hat, with turquoise trimming, and a brown veil. They are spending their honeymoon in Eire.



## SOME NOTES ON CONDUCTING

### COURSE-ENDS AND COURSING ORDER.

In the two preceding articles we have studied the effect that bobs and singles have on the coursing order of the bells. In theory, therefore, a student who has successfully mastered the art of transposing as he is ringing should be able to know the effect on the coursing order of each call as soon as it has been made and should be immediately aware of any 'shift' that may occur. It is at this point, however, that theory and practice can sometimes be no longer reconciled. A dozen and one things may, and frequently do, happen in actual ringing to divert the conductor's attention. It may be that he has had to correct a trip, or that a fire engine has just changed by and he is wondering if the church is on fire, or it may be that he is lost in contemplation, or, more likely, he is just 'listening to 'em.' Whatever the distraction, it is necessary to be able to pull one's self together quickly if a trip occurs. Trips have a nasty habit of cropping up unexpectedly and it is in such a crisis that a conductor may have forgotten entirely what the coursing order ought to be. Fortunately, there are several means by which 'to save one's bacon' in such an emergency. The chief of these is in being aware of the essential difference between 'even' and 'odd' as briefly referred to in the first four paragraphs of the last article.

We have seen that once a single has been called an entirely new series of possible coursing orders is introduced. It may equally be said that once a single has been called an entirely new series of possible course-ends is introduced. Now the first (even) series of coursing orders and the first (even) series of course-ends are in mutual relationship, and likewise the second (odd) series of coursing orders and the second (odd) series of course-ends. There are 60 possible course-ends, and therefore 60 possible coursing orders, with the tenors together and the bells in-course, and a different 60 course-ends and coursing orders with the bells out-of-course.

It might be as well at this point to remind the reader that a course-end as normally written down is an abbreviation. For instance, 35264 as a course-end is intended to represent 13526478. 1 and 78 are not normally written down as they fall into their home positions at every course-end. In the same way we may also omit any reference to 7 and 8 when thinking of coursing order.

The following are the 60 in-course (even)

23456	32654	23645	64523	65432
42356	63254	62345	56423	46532
34256	26354	36245	45623	54632
53246	52364	43265	24653	35642
25346	35264	24365	62453	63542
32546	23564	32465	46253	56342
43526	62534	63425	54263	45362
54326	56234	46325	25463	34562
35426	25634	34625	45632	53462
52436	53624	42635	26543	36452
45236	65324	64235	52643	43652
24536	36524	26435	65243	63452

If the bells are in-course the natural course-end (i.e. the change that will occur at the end of the next course unless a further call is made) and the coursing order will both be found in the foregoing list. This is a most significant statement and the reader is advised to check it carefully with several examples. To illustrate the point we will take three examples at random.

If the natural course-end is 12345678 the coursing order is 7532468. If the natural course-end is 16543278 the coursing order is 7356428. If the natural course-end is 15642378 the coursing order is 7265438.

It will be seen that if the course-end belongs to the even group then, as night follows day, the coursing order belonging to that course-end is also to be found in the even group.

There is no need for us to write down the sixty possible odd course-ends and coursing

orders. The reader would, however, be well advised to write them out for himself. It may be said quite simply that any possible arrangement of the numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 which is not given in the list above must belong to the odd group.

The next stage along the road is to be able to recognise at sight whether a particular row belongs to the even group or whether it belongs to the odd group. It is hoped to give some hints about this next time.

The three articles now contributed have as their background Plain Bob Major. Much, indeed most, of what has been written can be equally applied to any even-bell method. One feels a great tendency in the Exercise to regard individual methods as watertight compartments, ignoring, in practical ringing, the close and very helpful relationship they have to each other. When methods are seen in this close relationship the words 'first in the method as conductor' frequently become rather meaningless.

(To be continued.)

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD GRIMSBY DISTRICT MEETING.

Considering the weather, there was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Grimsby Branch on February 1st at Grimsby. Towers represented were Caistor, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Mablethorpe, Alford, Ulceby, Barton, Barrow, Bigby, Gainsborough, Cleatham and the local members.

The service at St. James' Church was conducted by the president (Canon E. L. Marsden), who based his address on Rupert Richardson, late Guild Master.

The president was in the chair at the meeting when the officers were re-elected. He was asked to accept the bell fund collection of £1 13s. 1d. towards his restoration appeal for St. James', which was badly damaged by bombs. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the election of seven new members from Caistor, a band very keen to learn change ringing. It was decided to hold six district meetings during the year.

A silent tribute, by the members standing, was paid to the memory of Mr. Rupert Richardson, and the secretary was asked to convey the members' deepest sympathy to his widow and daughter. The president thanked the officers for their work during the year, and members then returned to the tower, where ringing was continued until 9 p.m.

### ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Spalding on February 15th, when over 40 members were present. Officers elected were: President, Canon Carnegie; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. E. Allen; Ringing Master, Mr. J. G. Ames; representative on Guild Committee, Mr. A. J. Farr; and auditors, Mr. A. J. Farr and Miss B. Duffy.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to their late Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson, after Canon Carnegie had paid high tribute to his life and work for the Guild.

Thirteen new ringing members were elected and meetings and outings for the year were arranged.

### SURREY ASSOCIATION

For the annual meeting of the North-Western District 50 members and friends attended at Kingston-on-Thames on February 22nd. Eleven new members were elected and district officers appointed were: Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; secretary, Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames; auditor, Mr. C. Dean; committee representatives, Messrs. R. Davies, W. Massey and D. Parsons. The next meeting on Easter Monday will be either at Walton-on-Thames or Ewell.

Members attended evensong in the church and the bells were available until 9 p.m.

## London County Association

### MR. E. ALEX YOUNG RETIRES.

At the annual general meeting of the London County Association, held at its old headquarters, St. James', Clerkenwell, on February 8th, Mr. E. Alex. Young, A.R.I.B.A., requested that the association should accept his resignation, after serving faithfully as an officer (of one rank or another) for 55 years. The words of appreciation voiced during the meeting were ample proof of the value and confidence that had been placed in his services. In Mr. Young's official letter of resignation he stated: 'I now greet and thank all those who have been associated with me and helped me on the long trail, and I wish the association the best of good fortune, and a future of many useful years.'

The vacant appointment of treasurer was accepted by a great friend of the association—Mr. C. J. Strickland.

Another new appointment was that of Mr. T. W. Taffender as trustee, all other posts being filled by the re-election of the 1946 officers, these being as follows: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; general secretary, Mr. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretaries, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Mr. F. W. Alleyway; stewards, Messrs. S. Croft and C. M. Myers; trustee, Mr. A. H. Keighly.

The Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, in his report, stated that exceptionally well-attended meetings had been held in North, South, East and West London, and the standard of ringing at these had been maintained from rounds to advanced methods such as London Surprise. Thirty-three new members had been elected and the meeting stood in silence in respect of those members who had passed on. Fourteen peals had been rung, in which 45 different members and five conductors had taken part.

Referring to those towers in the area where no local band existed or in some cases only a few ringers are left, various bands of members had visited these churches in rotation and rung for evening service. The personal thanks of the clergy during these visits had shown how very much the ringing (which was generally of peal standard) had been appreciated.

A most valuable augmentation to the Association's Library was made by Mr. W. J. Ellis in the form of bound copies of 'The Bell News.'

Insufficient enthusiasm was shown in the handbell contest, the only team entered being from All Saints', Isleworth. In view of the fact that teams from this tower had been awarded the 'Dawe' Cup for the years 1939, 1940 and 1946, the meeting ruled that the entry should not be accepted and requested that as many towers as possible should enter teams for the 1948 contest.

Ringing took place on the fine tower bells of St. James' before the meeting, which was followed by handbell ringing in the vestry during the evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. Fulchermedcraft. Tea was provided in the Church Hall.

## Elementary Change Ringing

By F. F. RIGBY 3s. 6d.

*A book to help the learner  
of Bell Ringing in the  
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**S. P. C. K.**

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## Chester Diocesan Guild

The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch, held on February 15th at St. Hilary's, Walsley, was well attended, 45 members and seven friends being present. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. R. Spencer), who gave a topical address. Following the service those present were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the wives of the local ringers.

At the ensuing business meeting the Rector was elected to the chair. A statement of accounts showing a healthy balance was passed. The hon. secretary's report revealed a quickened interest in branch affairs, which was clearly shown by:—

(1) The increase in membership from 82 in 1945 to 111 in 1946.

(2) The popularity of branch meetings. Twelve meetings had been held, the average attendance being 35.

Officials elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. Cooke; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Martin; hon. auditor, Mr. J. H. Dutton; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Rogers; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. F. T. Parry; representative on General Committee, Mr. J. A. Webster.

It was announced that there had been a good response to the appeal for subscriptions for the H. S. Brocklebank Memorial Fund.

Following discussion it was resolved that a new peal book should be obtained in which only peals and performances scored in Wirral by resident members of the branch should be recorded. Mr. E. A. Webster kindly offered to present the new book, and his offer was accepted with gratitude. Four new members were elected. All who had helped to make the meeting so successful and enjoyable were warmly thanked. A.J.M.

## IN MEMORY OF A HORWICH RINGER

In memory of Herbert Jackson, aged 27, a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, Lancs, who was killed in North Africa on October 30th, 1942, a memorial tablet was dedicated at evensong on February 2nd.

The tablet, a small marble one, was carried during the singing of a hymn from the west end up to the chancel by the head ringer, Mr. E. Farnworth, followed by the remainder of the band in file. At the altar rail the tablet was dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. Murray.

Later it will be erected in the ringing chamber. Mr. Peter Crook, hon. secretary of the Bolton Branch, attended to represent the branch. The memorial was erected by his brother ringers.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### BISHOP THANKS RINGERS.

About fifty ringers attended the annual meeting of the Western Division at Chichester on February 15th.

The Bishop of Chichester, the Right Rev. G. K. A. Bell (president), Mr. F. B. Tompkins (vice-president) and Mr. F. I. Hairs (Master) were guests of the ringers to tea.

Dr. Bell witnessed the ringing before evensong, and during the service, held in the Cathedral, he expressed pleasure at seeing so many young people and ladies present. Thanking the ringers for their work for the Church in Sussex, he concluded by wishing them God-speed.

The business meeting was in the belfry, the Master presiding. Officers were elected for the ensuing year: two Felpham ringers were elected members, and the tower election of Messrs. F. C. W. Knight and D. Chandler was ratified. The report and balance sheet was considered satisfactory. Mr. R. Wood, Divisional Ringing Master, proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, to the Bishop for his attendance, and to Mr. R. G. Blackman and the Cathedral ringers for making the meeting arrangements.

Ringers ranged to Cambridge Surprise Major.

## New Eight at Liverpool

### THE BISHOP RINGS IN A TOUCH.

After dedicating the new ring of eight bells at Emmanuel Church, West Derby Road, Liverpool, on February 15th, the Bishop of Liverpool (the Right Rev. Clifford A. Martin) rang in a touch with the Rev. J. A. Briggs, Vicar of Ulverston, who was incumbent when the scheme for the new bells was first mooted.

The bells are the parishioners' memorial and thanksgiving for victory and were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. For their weight their tone is remarkably good. The inscriptions on the bells are: Love, Joy, Peace, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance. On the reverse side to 'Temperance' the tenor bell is inscribed: 'These bells were installed by the people of Emmanuel Church as a thanksgiving to God for victory, 1945.' The weight of the tenor is 8 cwt.

The ceremony was performed on the 80th anniversary of the church's consecration, and a select band rang a touch of Stedman Triples immediately after the dedication. After tea the tower was open to all ringers, and various methods rung included Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise.

On the following day a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by P. W. Cave (conductor) 1, T. W. Hammond 2, G. R. Newton 3, D. Vincent 4, F. S. Almond 5, E. C. Birkett 6, T. W. Hesketh 7, A. Lintott 8.

## BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### REDEDICATION OF ROYSTON BELLS.

In the presence of 40 ringers, Royston bells were rededicated by the Bishop of Pontefract on January 18th. The service was also attended by Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. R. Dove represented Messrs. Potts and Sons, clock makers.

Immediately after the service the bells were rung up in peal and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung by the following officials of the society: W. Green (Wath) 1, H. Chant (Felkirk) 2, J. W. Moxon (Sandal) 3, J. R. Brearley (Bolsterstone) 4, D. Smith (Felkirk) 5, A. Hoyle (Shelley) 6. Further ringing followed after the tea, which was provided by the Church Council.

The bells, which have been recast and made heavier, are a fine ring of six with tenor 14½ cwt. The fifth bell, a very old one, has been kept and a new bell made in its place. The old fifth is to be used as a sanctus bell.

A new metal frame with space for eight bells has been installed, and it is the Vicar's intention to get the other two bells added as soon as possible.

## LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK

On February 2nd, the unveiling of a memorial tablet and the dedication of a new thanksgiving treble bell took place at St. Mary's Church, Lakenheath. The bell was installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and this now completes an excellent ring of six.

The back five, half-muffled, were rung for the service, and immediately after the dedication a two minutes' touch of rounds was rung on the six half-muffled, in memory of those men whose names were inscribed on the tablet. The new bell was rung by a young lady learner.

At the conclusion of the service, various touches were rung with the bells open. Visitors from Elvedon and Hockwold took part. The landlord of the BeE Hotel kindly entertained the ringers to a most delightful tea, and after this a band of Elvedon and Lakenheath ringers successfully completed a 720 Bob Minor for evensong.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On Feb. 23rd at the Church of St. Leonard, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Potchery 1, E. Miles 2, A. Miller 3, J. Chapman 4, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 5, T. Welbourne 6, C. Nicholls 7, S. Howard 8.

## Midland Counties Guild

### ARCTIC NEWHALL.

Those attending the meeting at Newhall on February 8th may have asked 'if their journey was really necessary,' as only 12 members were present from the following towers: Burton St. Paul's, Repton, Lullington, Overseal and the local company. But they received ample reward—an unrationed tea and good practice in various six-bell methods.

The countryside (Southern Derbyshire) was snow-bound when the 'faithful few' (including three lady members) met at the tower of St. John's and kept the bells ringing during the afternoon and evening to touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

After 'That's all' to the excellent 'Newhall' tea, Mr. B. G. Key presided over the business meeting when the entire Winshill band along with one honorary member from Burton and five ringing members from Overseal were elected members.

The annual meeting will take place at St. Paul's, Burton, on March 8th. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Wright) for use of the bells and to the local members 'who brought round' such an excellent spread.

The bells were lowered in peal at 6.45 p.m., and in the biting wind and drifting snow three of the members experienced the greatest difficulty of the day in reaching home. The snow played havoc with bus transport, thereby causing the 'faithful three' to hike the last two miles home through the high drifts.

## PROGRESS IN AUSTRALIA

The New South Wales Association held its first annual ring and dinner at Turramurra on February 1st, where at St. James' Church there is a ring of six bells by Taylor's (tenor 11 cwt.). Thirty-four ringers attended.

After the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Cameron), a competition was held to decide which tower was to be regarded as the leading tower for 1947. This honour was won by the local team of St. James' under the captaincy of Mr. J. B. Watts.

At the dinner, Mr. Bettley-Cooke, who proposed the Association, said that he hoped that the members would strive to counter the growing tendency in some circles to introduce mechanical means of ringing the bells. He congratulated the instructor of the Association, Mr. W. M. Rowe, and his assistant, Mr. J. B. Watts, on their achievement in having no less than 18 members ring their first quarter during the year.

During the dinner the engagement was announced of Miss Laura Fisher to Mr. Ken Stacey, one of the most prominent members. A social evening followed.

The annual meeting was held on February 3rd, when the following were elected to the Executive Committee: Chairman, Mr. R. A. Joyner; treasurer, Mrs. Helen Macpherson; secretary, Mr. W. M. Rowe; other members, Messrs. J. B. Watts and A. Grant.

## RINGERS IN U.S.A.

From Spencer, Massachusetts, U.S.A., comes a report of the activities of the Whitechapel Guild of Bellringers attached to St. Luke's Church, Worcester. The members of this company of change ringers are Mr. J. William Cooper (Master), Mr. and Mrs. Rives, Mrs. Ratcliffe, Miss MacGillpin and Mr. Norwood.

Mr. Cooper narrates that he was given a lift by a gentleman and explained to him that he was a bellringer, the same as John Bunyan. To his surprise the stranger said he was a direct descendant of Richard Bunyan, brother of John, who came to America with the Puritans in 1660. Mr. Cooper asked Mr. Bunyan what his faith was and he replied, 'A Roman Catholic!'



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### DEATH

**THORLEY.**—On March 3rd, 1947, at 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, Doncaster, Yorks, Charles Henry Thorley, dearly loved father of Charles, James and Ernest, and grandfather of J. Martin and Charles, jun. 1082

### WANTED

A copy of 'AMONG THE BELLS,' by Rev. F. E. Robinson.—K. S. B. Croft, St. John's College, Cambridge. 1070

**SET of 8 or 10 HANDBELLS.**—Particulars and price to K. Ketteringham, 20, Hamilton Road, Alford, Lincs. 1058

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. Alfred W. Heath, of No. 33 Flat, Fire Brigade Station, Cardiff, has now removed to 44, Conway Road, Canton, Cardiff. 1060

The address of Mr. B. Sutton, Scarborough, is now 12, Highfield, Scarborough. Enquiries for bells to this address please. Cafe accommodation arranged for parties. 1079

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Heathfield (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th, 2.30 p.m.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1044

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Howden, Mar. 15th, 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m.—T. H. Foster. 1051

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1031

**CHRIST CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD.**—Dedication and ringers' opening of augmented peal of ten bells (John Taylor and Co.) by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester at 3.15 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 15th. Tea will be provided only to ringers who notify their intention to be present.—John Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 1015

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Fulbourn (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Six Bells at 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1049

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster, Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Bus leaves North Bridge bus stand (Doncaster) quarter to and quarter past hour. All ringers welcome. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec. 1014

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Beccles, Suffolk, on Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 at Y.M.C.A. Meeting to follow. Gentlemen very cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1010

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Wethersfield (6), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names, if possible, to Henry A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex. 1039

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Claverdon (6), Saturday, Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Tea provided. A good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1075

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Keighley, Saturday, Mar. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Names to Mr. R. Bottomley, Theaproyd, Beechcliffe, Keighley, before Mar. 19th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1025

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Meeting at Kedington (6), Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Own arrangements for food. Visitors very welcome.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., Sudbury, Suffolk. 1061

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Shifnal (8), Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea; please bring sandwiches.—E. D. Poole. 1034

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Fulmer, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea only.—A. D. Barker. 1071

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rossendale Branch.—Ramsbottom (8), Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson. 1056

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) to those who notify me not later than Saturday, Mar. 15th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1037

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Wotton Branch.—Slimbridge (6), Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Mar. 19th to John W. Adshead, Hon. Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos. 1062

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Ringing 4.30, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C.—A. B. Peck. 1063

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Andrew's, Bebington (8 bells), Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 1064

**BEDS ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Turvey (8), Mar. 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.—Miss P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1069

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Fylde Branch.—Next meeting Bispham, Saturday, Mar. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1073

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Lawton (8), Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea if names received by the 18th.—R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 1078

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Alvaston, Mar. 22nd, 3. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting, belfry, 6.—W. A. Parsons, Local Sec. 1077

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly, Congresbury (8), Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after, White Hut.—E. J. Avery, Hill Road, Sandford. 1080

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Western Division.—Meeting Bentley (5), Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Mar. 25th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1065

**SURREY ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, by Mar. 26th.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Assistant Hon. Sec. 1067



**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District. — Harrietsham (8), Mar. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1066

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.** — Bristol Rural Branch. — Quarterly, St. Ambrose's (8), Mar. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.— Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 1059

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South-Western District (Southern Division).—Storrington, Mar. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30. Gentlemen cordially welcomed.—Mrs. Tamplin, 7, St. John's Street, Chichester. 1081

**GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Lydney, Forest of Dean, Easter Monday. Bells (8) 11 a.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Feathers Hotel, 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring lunch and/or tea must notify me not later than Mar. 26th.—Cyril Harding, 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. 1068

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Canterbury, Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Luncheon (free to members) at Drill Hall, 1 o'clock. Names, in bands where possible, should be posted to me without delay. Caterer must know number attending by Mar. 28th latest. Particulars of towers next week.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 1076

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Wisbech on Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. Details later.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 1072

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Annual general at Newark, Apr. 12th. Important financial decisions to make, so please reserve the date. Further particulars later.—T. Groombridge, jun. 1074

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—200th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn; tickets 12s. 6d. each. As numbers strictly limited, early individual applications are necessary from members with remittance. A small allocation reserved for non-members. All applications will be treated in order of receipt.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1053

## The Middlesex Association SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

A successful year's work was reported upon by the secretary (Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey) at the annual meeting of the South and West District at Chiswick on February 15th. Mr. W. H. Coles presided over an attendance of 45, which followed an excellent tea provided by the local company.

The Hon. Secretary stated that interest was well maintained and many new and enthusiastic members were coming along. There was still, however, a shortage of Sunday service ringers, and many bands were finding difficulty in providing a full complement for Sunday ringing, which was the real test of a band's usefulness to the church they served. As a district they faced a good deal of competition from other sources, from people who came into the district and rang peals for their own amusement and of no benefit to the association or to the church.

Twelve meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 30. A number of rings of bells in the district were undergoing restoration or augmentation. Harlington had been increased from six to eight and Hayes were to be similarly augmented. It was understood that the old peal of 10 from All Hallows', Lombard Street, City, would shortly be installed in the rebuilt tower of that church at Twickenham. Restoration would shortly be in hand at Christ Church, Ealing, and at Feltham.

Forty-three new members, four non-resident life members and one honorary member had been elected. This included the whole of the Harlington band. Seven peals and 24 quarter-peals had been rung.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. E. C. S. Turner expressed thanks to the secretary for his work during the year.

Officers elected were: District secretary, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey; assistant secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson; Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Finch; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Bannister; Central Committee, Messrs. F. G. Baldwin, G. M. Kelly and J. Herbert; auditors, Messrs. E. C. S. Turner and D. R. Judd. Miss Barbara Thrush (Cranford) and Mr. J. Kent (St. Mary's, Ealing) were elected new members.

Meetings suggested were Harlington (March), Heston (April) and Isleworth (May). The annual general meeting of the association was fixed for the third Saturday in May.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Rees). Ringing was under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin and Mr. F. A. Finch. In the votes of thanks special mentions were made of the Vicar, Mr. Thurley, the local company and lady helpers.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Despite wintry conditions, 22 members attended the meeting at Bonvilston on February 22nd, when after the service parishioners entertained the visitors to tea.

At the business meeting it was decided to form a bell fund by voluntary subscriptions taken at meetings. It was learnt with regret that the new ring to be installed at Abercarn is to be hung for chiming only. A letter from Blaenavon stated that the parish had nearly reached their goal of £750 for the restoration of their bells.

Ringing varied from rounds to London Surprise Minor. The annual meeting will be at Penarth on Easter Monday.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 27th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, H. Howl 2, A. Mills (conductor) 3, J. Cotterill 4, W. Partridge 5, W. C. Reynolds 6, M. J. Turner 7, S. Loach 8. Half-muffled in memoriam of Mr. James Shaw, life-long churchman.

## Eardley Surprise Major 5,024 CHANGES, BY A. G. DRIVER. 12345678

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## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

Owing to three other district meetings being held on the same day, the annual meeting at Leatherhead on February 8th was for once a real district meeting, the only visitors being Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayne and Mr. J. R. Mayne from Bushey.

Ringing was followed by the Guild's service, at which an address was given by the Rev. F. Page.

Nearly 40 sat down to tea at the Duke's Head, presided over by the Rev. F. Page, who also took the chair for the business meeting. The death of Mr. H. Baldock, an hon. member from Oobham, was duly observed.

New members elected were Mrs. Morgan and Messrs. Stanley James (hon., Cobham); Alfred Wren, Noel Underwood, Misses Anna Laken (Cobham), Nancy Cunliffe, Messrs. W. T. Symonds, W. H. Corbett (Ashted) and P. Layton (Banstead), ringing; and Miss Joan Houldsworth, compounding.

In addition to Mr. H. N. Pitstow as Ringing Master and the Rev. F. Page as district representative, the other retiring officers were re-elected. A vote of sympathy was passed with the new Ringing Master on the death of his father, which had prevented him from attending. The year's report, showing steady progress, and the balance sheet, showing an increased balance of about 30s., were adopted.

As a mark of the district's appreciation of his past 18 years as District Ringing Master, the chairman presented Mr. A. Harman with a copy of Nichols' 'Bells thro' the Ages', with best wishes for a similar term as Master of the Guild.

The business closed with votes of thanks to the Rev. F. Page, the organist and Mr. G. Marriner.

Ringing included Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

**STAINES, MIDDLESEX.**—On March 2nd at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Mitchelson (first quarter) 1, E. W. Butler 2, W. C. Parker 3, A. Coates 4, R. J. Andrews 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, W. Shepherd (conductor) 7, F. G. Fairhead 8.



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### ETIQUETTE

Comparatively few ringers, except those who are members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, have heard of the little town of Kington. Hitherto the name has conveyed nothing save a place name, but in future it is likely to have a permanent niche in the vocabulary of the Exercise. An incident in this quiet Hereford township has brought to a head the unwritten rule—the etiquette which governs the general practice of peal ringing.

What are the facts that have up to the present transpired as narrated in our correspondence columns? The ringers of Kington raised £186 towards the provision of two new bells, and under their veteran captain were planning the first peal on the rehung ring of six. A telephone call is put through to the incumbent by a responsible ringer holding office in the Guild, and the Vicar, not knowing the general etiquette governing peals, gives permission without consulting the captain of his ringers. The peal is rung on January 13th, within a few hours after receiving permission, but it is not until the issue of March 7th that the Exercise learns the names of the ringers.

The legal position was explained last week by the Rev. J. M. Turner, president of the East Devon Guild. The belfry is the freehold of the incumbent, and he has control of his bells. The Vicar of Kington was perfectly within his rights in giving permission; what he did not realise was the affront he innocently cast on his own ringers by not consulting with the captain. A peal, and especially a first peal after the bells have been rehung, is an occasion, and the local team, if they are peal ringers, naturally should have the privilege of ringing the first peal.

As to the ringers of the peal, it was not a case of ringing without permission. Technically they acted correctly in securing permission from the incumbent. It has been, however, the accepted practice in the Exercise, when asking permission to ring to approach the captain and head ringer, and he acts as an intermediary with the incumbent. This etiquette has prevailed for many years. What was peculiar about the conduct of these ringers was that the day before permission was sought they were in company with certain members of the Kington band and not a word was said about the proposed peal. Ringers will also note the method selected. Hereward Bob Minor has never been rung before for this Guild, and an attempt



of that character would be planned and with many companies practised beforehand.

The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to the King-ton band, after raising such a substantial sum, being debarred from ringing the first peal. Some ringers might even regard the martyrdom of the captain in resigning after holding office for such a long period as justifiable. We do not believe that we are creating a 'mountain out of a molehill' in calling attention to this unfortunate incident. It might have been due to over-keenness or even an attempt to play a practical joke on the King-ton ringers. This must be understood by peal ringers: that when enjoying the privilege of ringing in a strange tower a courtesy is due to the regular band, who Sunday by Sunday ring the bells. Peal ringers are not, or should not be, in a class unto themselves. They are all part of the ringing fraternity who have their common bond of service in their regular Sunday ringing.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ANTHONY HIGGINS ... Treble	WM. C. PORTER ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	HERBERT IMPEY ... 8
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 9
†EDWIN G. MOORE ... 5	CECIL G. CALCUTT ... Tenor

Composed by G. HOLFIELD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 6
FREDK. G. LEAKER ... 2	WILLIAM STOWELL ... 7
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 3	WM. H. PARKER ... 8
ALBERT M. TYLER ... 4	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 9
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam for W. A. Cave J. A. Burford, C. H. Gordon, W. Knight and W. H. Thomas (members of St. Stephen's Guild), and S. H. Wood and R. Clark, killed by enemy action during the war years 1939-1945.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

Parker's Twelve-part peal.	
MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble	*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ... 5
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 2	BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7
REV. R. F. R. ROOTH ... 4	JOHN COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	JESSE HARRISON ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILFRED EDWARDS ... 7
*DAVID LAMB ... 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

\* First peal.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... Treble	HARRY E. BALAM ... 5
*RONALD A. HICKMAN ... 2	ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 6
CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
DAVID H. ANSTEY ... 4	JOHN CHESTERMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by C. W. MUNDAY.

\* First peal of Major.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK SOUTER ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 7
JOHN E. FOWLER ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

ALEC MUNDY ... Treble	FREDK. A. TARGETT ... 5
JOHN E. METCALFE ... 2	HENRY J. SANGER ... 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

ERNEST F. BENNETT ... Treble	*WILLIAM DEAN ... 5
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... 7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells and by a resident Wirral band.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HOLDING ... Treble	THOMAS W. LAMB ... 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 6
*P.R.E.M. D. JOHNSON ... 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7
*WILFRED KERR ... 4	*E. JOHN HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.



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On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS GWEN MURKITT ... Treble	MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 5
H. WM. BARRETT ... 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 6
*MISS MARY JAYCOCK ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
MISS MARY PEMBERTON ... 4	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal other than Bob Major. 100th pen! on the bells, which were augmented in 1897. A 61st birthday compliment to the conductor.

## CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Johnson's Arrangement.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... Treble	HUBERT SUMMERS ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	JOHN MORETON ... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 4	JOHN THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

A birthday compliment to past and present Masters of the Guild, Messrs. T. W. Chapman and F. E. Pervin.

## GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Winifred,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

H. BAKER ... Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 6
JOHN W. BEST ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

## APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK WHITE ... Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 5
*EDWIN DREWITT ... 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 6
*ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD ... 3	RICHARD WHITE ... 7
ALAN CORNISH ... 4	FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the 129th anniversary of the opening of the bells (March 4th).

## CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR RIGBY ... Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN ... 5
LAURENCE WALMSLEY ... 2	ARTHUR HATCH ... 6
B. A. KNIGHTS ... 3	SIDNEY TUSAN ... 7
THOMAS BARKER ... 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. GARTSIDE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the present ring, which were first rung for service on March 10th, 1897.

## THROWLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILFRED W. RING ... Treble	WM. A. OLDFIELD ... 5
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED PAINSWICK, PUDSEY SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*WM. H. B. WILKINS ... Treble	BETTY SPICE ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 3	WM. C. PORTER ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	†ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal in five Surprise Major methods. These methods are now rung spliced for the first time. The peal comprised 1,472 changes of Painswick, 736 of Pudsey, 1,408 of Superlative, 704 of Cambridge and 736 of Yorkshire, and there were 135 changes of method.

## WILTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD W. HAYWARD ... Treble	ARTHUR H. REED ... 5
DUDLEY SHELDON ... 2	†WILLIAM H. TARR ... 6
*WILLIAM T. CLARK ... 3	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... 7
ERNEST CAUSLEY ... 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 240's (Morris' arrangement) and 22 six-scores, 10 callings.

*WALTER H. MARKS ... Treble	FREDERICK WELCH ... 4
*DENNIS R. BEST ... 2	REGINALD WELCH ... 5
REGINALD BEALE ... 3	ALBERT H. DRAYTON ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

\* First peal.

## HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

ARTHUR MACKEARS ... Treble	SIDNEY WHALLEY ... 4
CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... 2	JOHN CRAGG ... 5
HENRY SQUIRES ... 3	LESLIE SQUIRES ... Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam to Thomas W. Cragg, churchwarden for 46 years.

## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Wed., Feb. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

L. COLIN RYDER ... Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	*ERNEST A. THORPE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Walter M. Beeden, over 50 years a ringer at this church.



## FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JACK MUSSEL ... .. Treble	*PETER D. WENHAM ... 4
†LESLIE A. PAGE ... .. 2	WM. A. THEOBALD ... 5
HERBERT ABRAHAM ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

\* First three-method peal. † First three-method peal 'inside.'

## NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHARLES BROWN ... .. Treble	BERTIE BEE ... .. 4
*BETTY BROWN (aged 14) ... 2	JOHN F. PEARSON ... 5
*ALBERT T. AMIES ... .. 3	FREDK. W. STOKES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

\* First peal.

## SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Mar. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

VINCENT A. HEMMING ... Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4
*ARTHUR D. COOK ... .. 2	ARTHUR MORRIS ... 5
†THOMAS ABBOTTS ... .. 3	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

## SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWIN J. POTTER ... .. Treble	FREDK. W. HALE ... .. 4
SIDNEY G. GRANT ... .. 2	WM. C. WEST ... .. 5
WM. G. MORTIMER ... .. 3	JOSEPH S. WEEKS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. S. WEEKS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. T. Weeks, for 30 years an honorary member of the Guild.

## BRASTED, KENT.

## THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LESLIE R. E. MARTIN ... Treble	VERNON J. BENNING ... 4
BETTY SPICE ... .. 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 5
†E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal. † First peal on six bells. 25th peal as conductor. A wedding peal for Christopher G. H. Dittmas and Monica J. F. Richardson.

## WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HARRY FOLLEN ... .. Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
†ARTHUR ROLFE ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

BOLTON, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Jan. 31st, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob Minor: E. Ford, C. Brownlow, A. E. Sandiford, A. Heywood, J. F. Wood, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor), E. Iddon.

## SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD CAMPEY ... .. Treble	MILLICENT LAWTON ... 4
†GEORGE BARNARD ... .. 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK ... 5
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Rung fully muffled in memory of Mrs. A. E. Mason, organist at the church for 28 years.

## HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.

## THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*T. HOLMES ... .. Treble	J. DEAR ... .. 4
*J. LING ... .. 2	R. LING ... .. 5
*A. FORSYTH ... .. 3	J. E. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BROWN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 6.

## CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Doncaster and District Society.)

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Treble	HARRY BARNES ... 4
JAMES THORLEY ... .. 2	ERNEST SHORT ... 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

In memoriam, Charles H. Thorley, who died on March 3rd, 1947, aged 73 years, ringer at Thorne, Yorks, for nearly 60 years.

## HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BRIAN PHALP ... .. Treble	*LESLIE HELLIWELL ... 4
JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ... 2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 5
STANLEY WHITEHEAD ... 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

\* First peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT ST. PETER'S HALL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part Peal. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... .. 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

## BLACKSTONE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT 2, NORTH VIEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one Morris' 240, forty six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 13.

MISS STELLA M. WICKENS 1-2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 3-4
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\*CHARLES H. WICKENS ... 5-6

Conducted by C. H. WICKENS.

\* First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Doubles 'in hand' by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Wickens on her birthday.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN A. ACRES ... .. 1-2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5-6
ROGER LEIGH ... .. 3-4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED



**ALFORD, LINCS.**—On March 6th at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, S. H. Sutton 2, R. Armstrong 3, K. Ketteringham (conductor) 4, E. D. Chandler 5, J. Myers 6. First quarter by the ringers of 3, 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, F. W. Burnett 2, Miss E. Landon 3, P. H. Speck 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—At St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wolstencroft 1, J. Robinson (first quarter) 2, R. Wimpenny 3, R. Edward 4, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 5.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Greenough 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Corderoy 4, F. James (conductor) 5, H. Dunsdon 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8. Also the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples for evensong: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, F. James (conductor) 3, A. Greenough 4, C. Corderoy 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

**RICKER, LINCs.**—On March 8th, at the Church of St. Swithun, 1,320 Surprise Minor (240 Ipswich, 360 Primrose, 720 Cambridge): R. Howard 1, J. Morris 2, W. B. Dawson 3, G. R. Dawson 4, A. H. Bennett 5, C. Wander (conductor) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. G. H. Clark, Vicar at the above church for 19 years before becoming Vicar of Surfleet.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Burt 1, Mrs. J. Salmons 2, H. Higson 3, R. Burford 4, G. Pullinger 5, E. Wheeler 6, E. Salmons (conductor) 7, W. Trill 8. A welcome home to P.O. Salmons, R.N., on his return from the Far East.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EALING, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's Church on March 6th, 1,260 Bob Major: F. Hopgood 1, Miss M. Cole 2, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 3, P. E. Clark 4, A. M. Stacey 5, W. J. Paice 6, A. H. Fulwell (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. Also on March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Churchill 1, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, P. E. Clarke 4, C. J. Tricker 5, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 6, G. Fogden 7, A. Harding 8.

**EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robinson 1, W. Stepney 2, E. E. Breed 3, B. Stepney 4, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 5, A. Ellis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. Hardy Johnson, M.A. (Rector).

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Fletcher 1, J. F. Atkins 2, G. H. Williams 3, W. Mumford 4, J. Eaton 5, W. T. Matkin (conductor) 6, T. Russell 7, E. G. Fletcher 8.

**GLASGOW.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral on March 9th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: L. Bumphrey 1, R. M. Preston 2, A. E. Haynes 3, N. Sharpe 4, H. F. Sargent 5, R. Olouston 6, T. C. Winderam 7, E. A. Stafford 8, C. Barker (conductor) 9, W. H. Pickett 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Winderam.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At All Saints' on March 9th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: W. Bradfield 1, A. Easton 2, S. Driver 3, J. Downing 4, J. Pennells 5, S. Smith 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, G. Piper 8.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, E. Pryor 3, E. Pratchett 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 6, A. Turner 7, H. W. Barnard 8. In honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. R. Newman on the previous afternoon.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's on March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Dixon 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, T. H. Taffender 3, S. Croft 4, W. J. Ellis 5, C. Ottley 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, W. Prockson 8.

**LEE, LONDON.**—At St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Packer 1, S. Ball 2, Miss Mary Cole 3, F. Hopgood 4, E. Jones 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Dafters (conductor) 7, H. Brasher 8. Rung for the centenary of the consecration of the church.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Dadds 1, Miss B. Solly 2, A. J. Dadds 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell 5, F. G. Gadsden (conductor) 6, A. Hinkley 7, E. Milstead 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. R. Dalby Reeve, aged 85, a great personal friend of the ringers.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—At St. Denys' Church on March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lyddon 1, E. Bishop 2, C. Brasier 3, A. F. Lewry (conductor) 4, F. Hammond 5, S. T. A. Russell 6, W. Rogers 7, H. Hinson 8.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's Church on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. V. Frost 1, A. Dale 2, Miss A. Bailey (first quarter-peat) 3, H. Mason 4, R. W. Darvall 5, G. W. Debenham 6, T. J. Southam (conductor) 7, F. J. Spicer 8.

**ST. ANNES-ON-SEA, LANCs.**—On March 3rd, 1,260 Bob Major: C. Sharples (conductor) 1, A. Houldsworth 2, A. Adcock 3, T. Hargreaves 4, F. Youles 5, W. Ratcliffe 6, H. Ramsbottom 7, N. Thornber 8. First quarter-peat by the local band.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Thorley, jun. 1, L. Gerrard 2, J. Thorley 3, J. M. Thorley 4, E. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, T. D. Leask 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. H. Thorley, for many years a regular ringer at this church, interred the same day.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

This is a special Lancashire number, with an order for 500 additional copies. To all who have contributed to 'the hot pot' (tripe excluded) the Editor extends his sincere thanks.

The 23 years' silence of Farnworth (Bolton) bells has been broken. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on March 9th by Pte. J. Thornley (first quarter) 1, Miss Annie Potter 2, J. Boyer 3, R. Collier 4, J. Potter (conductor) 5, J. V. Cheetham 6, P. Crook, sen. 7, H. Prescott 8.

The art of Spliced Surprise has been advanced by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who have introduced in a peal Painswick, Pudsey, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major for the first time. There were 135 changes of method.

With snow piling up outside, Mr. James E. Burles, of Barrow-in-Furness, writes on March 12th a line of congratulation to New South Wales ringers on getting their quarter home at Turranurra. 'It is a far cry from cold and hungry England to warm and sunny Sydney,' he adds.

Leicester Guild have some promising young people at Stoney Stanton. The following band, whose average age was 16½ and eldest 18, rang 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on March 8th: J. Smith 1, H. Briggs 2, T. Flint 3, Jean Taylor 4, G. Ball (conductor) 5, G. Fisher 6. And now for a peal!

Behind the peal at Ditcheat, Somerset, on March 8th, there is a story of great determination. Mr. G. H. Harding, with Mr. Sam Hector as passenger, took 2½ hours to cover 23 miles. Another ardent motor-cyclist wisely elected to drive himself over in his lorry. A fourth walked four miles to get to a workable telephone to ascertain if the attempt was to be made. The band was able to wish Sam many happy returns of his birthday, which took place on the following Monday.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. F. F. Rigby, president of the Lancashire Association, has now left parish work and has been appointed lecturer and worker for the Manchester Diocesan Council for Moral Welfare and also Bishop's Chaplain to the Youth Organisations.

Peals by the Cumberland Association are rarely recorded. Four ringers from Carlisle Cathedral joined two locals at Hensingham for a peal of Minor on March 8th and were successful.

Lancashire and other ringers should note that we are now taking new postal subscribers for the next quarter. Remittances (4s. 3d.) to be sent to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

'Elementary Change Ringing' has received a remarkably good press. Comments one reviewer: 'This useful little volume is not for Wranglers, but for Janglers, actual ringers who require only enough theory to be able to follow the method when devised.' Janglers is not a happy word to apply to ringers. Poetic licence, however, could justifiably be claimed. The author informs us that the book is selling well.

For 55 years Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft has been a ringer and conductor at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. He is shortly leaving the district for Buckinghamshire. Apart from his own tower, he and Mrs. Wolstencroft, who has rung at Ashton for 21 years, will be greatly missed in the district. A farewell quarter of 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung on March 5th at Manchester Town Hall by the following in appreciation of his many years of faithful attendance and support: B. Jones (first quarter) 1, P.C. W. Robinson 2, P. Barraclough 3, H. Ludkin 4, ex-P.C. G. Pye 5, W. W. Wolstencroft 6, P.C. W. Pye 7, P.C. A. Ford (conductor) 8, Harold Walker 9, ex-P.C. J. Turner 10.

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MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

**N**UMERICALLY one of the largest Associations in affiliation with the Central Council, the Lancashire came into being as the result of the following circular:—

Sir,—It has been proposed to form an Association of Change Ringers for Lancashire. We would like to hear your opinion on the above proposition. The objects of the above are: (1) To promote the art and science of change ringing; (2) belfry reform; (3) to induce the clergy and churchwardens to take more interest in the ringers and the ringing.—Yours respectfully,

J. R. Pritchard,  
W. G. Mann.  
J. Aspinwall.

the young men to qualify by having rung 120 changes on tower or handbells, or covered 500 on tower bells.

There were frequent changes in the post of general secretary in the early years. The principle of continuity in office was established by the appointment of Mr. J. Redford as assistant in 1882, later to become general secretary. In 1898 he was succeeded by Mr. A. E. Wreaks, who held office until 1911, when Mr. W. H. Shuker, the present holder, took office. He has now a co-secretary in Mr. T. Wilson, of Blackburn.

Long and faithful service is also to be found among the treasurers, of which the Association has had five in 70 years. A noteworthy holder of this office was Mr. H. W. Jackson, who was elected in 1882 and was still in office

when he died in 1928. The present treasurer (Mr. F. R. Williams) was elected in 1942.

When Sir A. P. Heywood was considering the formation of the Central Council he invited Canon Elsee to meet him at the Johnson Dinner at Birmingham in 1899. The Canon reported back to the committee, who asked him to represent the Association at any other meetings and also on the Council when it was formed. This he did faithfully until his death. It is thought that he only missed one meeting when he was in South Africa.

The membership certificate was designed in 1891 with etchings of four churches (three illustrated with this article), the bell and a bunch of handbells.

In 1893 a leaflet was printed with the four standard methods. From this small beginning has grown the present volume containing 20 minor, six Triples and 14 Major methods, with a chapter on Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques.

In 1887 the Association decided to form branches. To-day there are 11, some of which were the outcome of smaller associations in the county joining the central association and then forming branches. The area of the Association embraces the Dioceses of Blackburn, Liverpool and Manchester and parts of Carlisle and Wakefield, and the existing branches and their secretaries are: Blackburn, Mr. C. W. Blakey; Bolton, Mr. P. Crook; Furness and Lake District, Mr. N. M. Newby; Lancaster, Mr. H. Parkinson; Fylde, Mr. J. H. Foster; Liverpool, Mr. G. R. Newton; Manchester, Mr. F. Reynolds; Preston, Mr. F. Rigby; Rochdale, Mr. Ivan Kay; Rossendale, Mr. H. Parkinson; Wigan, Mr. N. Heaps.

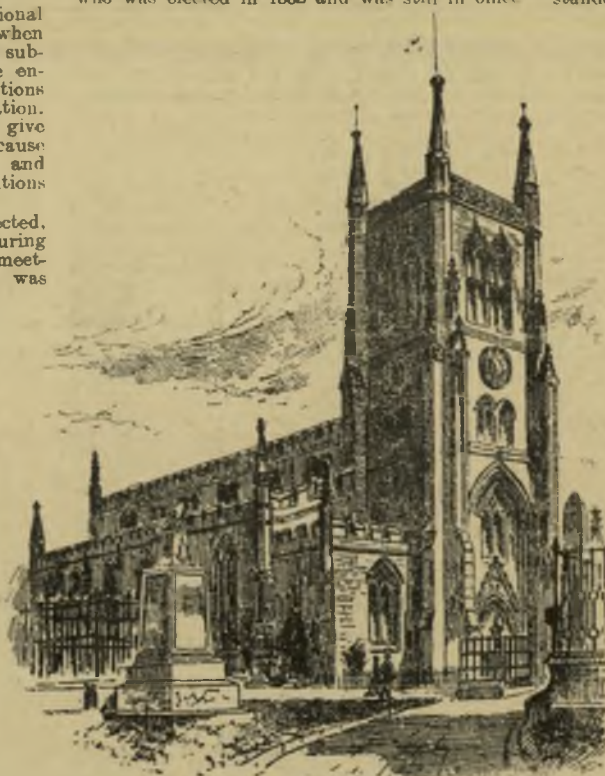
## GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The following record of annual meetings since the Association was re-constituted in 1879 tells of its growth:

No. of Members.  
Hon. Ringing.

1879	Bolton	...	...	...	...
1880	Manchester	...	11	90	
1881	Manchester	...	18	106	
1881	Bolton	...	21	113	
1882	Bolton	...	24	165	
1883	Bolton	...	29	188	
1884	Eccles	...	34	192	
1885	Manchester	...	43	208	
1886	Bolton	...	50	223	
1887	Ashton-under-Lyne	...	45	258	
1888	Bolton	...	43	277	

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BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

A meeting was duly held in the National Schools, Chorley, on June 10th, 1876, when officers and committee were appointed and subscriptions became due on July 1st. The entrance fee was fixed at 2s. 6d. and subscriptions at 1s. per year. Thus started our Association.

'The Church Bells' of the day did not give the Association much encouragement because it did not make more use of the clergy and also because it was open to all denominations which had bells.

At the first meeting 30 members were elected, and this number was increased to 60 during the first year. In 1879 when the annual meeting was held at Bolton the Association was reconstituted and the block of a bell which has graced the front page of the Association's annual reports was purchased; it is still going strong!

The first balance sheet showed an income of £10 9s., against an expenditure of £7 12s. 10d., which left £2 16s. 2d. to start the second year.

## THE PRESIDENTS.

At first, Presidents held office for a very short period, the founder president being Mr. W. G. Wray, of Kirkham. He was succeeded in 1879, when the Association was reconstituted, by Mr. John Mason, of Southport, who was followed by Mr. W. Albinson (Stockport) in 1880, Mr. Joseph Scott (Manchester) 1881, the Rev. T. A. Turner (Bury) 1883, the Rev. C. Lowe (Bolton) 1886. In 1890 Canon Elsee, of Bolton, was elected, and he held office until he died in 1936. He was, indeed, one of the great leaders of the Exercise, and during his period of office the number of ringing members rose from 506 to 1,434. Membership of the Lancashire Association was a privilege; there was a keenness among



## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

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	No. of Members.	Hon. Ringing.
1889 Bacup ... ..	57	407
1890 Manchester ... ..	71	506
1891 Liverpool ... ..	78	526
1892 Blackburn ... ..	86	608
1893 Rochdale ... ..	83	679
1894 Bolton ... ..	86	755
1895 Wigan ... ..	90	763
1896 Manchester ... ..	86	812
1897 Newchurch ... ..	89	830
1898 Bolton, Holy Trinity ...	88	839
1899 Preston ... ..	91	857
1900 Oldham ... ..	93	850
1901 Blackpool ... ..	93	873
1902 Eccles ... ..	97	871
1903 Bolton, St. George ...	96	919
1904 Rochdale ... ..	101	938
1905 Wigan ... ..	101	989
1906 Ashton-under-Lyne ...	98	1084
1907 Blackburn ... ..	94	1073
1908 Manchester ... ..	94	1168
1909 Rawtenstall ... ..	97	1168
1910 Burnley ... ..	107	1153
1911 Blackpool ... ..	117	1156
1912 Kendal ... ..	110	1194
1913 Liverpool ... ..	110	1245
1914 Bolton Parish ... ..	93	1266
1915 Pendleton ... ..	95	1300
1916 Chorley ... ..	93	1308
1917 Blackburn ... ..	91	1213
1918 Rochdale ... ..	97	1163
1919 Liverpool ... ..	98	1009
1920 Eccles ... ..	104	1084
1921 Todmorden ... ..	99	1000
1922 Preston ... ..	99	1163
1923 Kendal ... ..	101	1314
1924 Oldham ... ..	103	1269
1925 Rawtenstall ... ..	88	1273
1926 Bolton, Holy Trinity ...	93	1349
1927 Wigan ... ..	92	1451
1928 Blackpool ... ..	86	1408
1929 Blackburn ... ..	80	1406
1930 Liverpool ... ..	79	1446
1931 Manchester ... ..	95	1419
1932 Chorley ... ..	105	1267
1933 Lancaster ... ..	109	1441
1934 Rochdale ... ..	104	1478
1935 Preston ... ..	105	1478
1936 Kendal ... ..	96	1434
1937 Bolton, The Saviour ...	92	1451
1938 Wigan ... ..	86	1380
1939 Blackpool ... ..	84	1434
1940 Bolton, Holy Trinity ...	80	1363
1941 Preston ... ..	75	1305
1942 Wigan ... ..	73	1287
1943 Bolton, Deane ... ..	73	1324
1944 Manchester ... ..	70	1367
1945 Blackburn ... ..	68	1351
1946 Dalton-in-Furness ...	72	1302

## FIRST PEALS IN THE METHOD BY ASSOCIATION.

Dec. 22, 1877, Grandsire Triples, Bolton, H.T.
Sept. 5, 1884, Grandsire Major, W. Didsbury.
June 19, 1884, Grandsire Caters, Manchester C.
Oct. 27, 1884, Grandsire Royal, Manchester C.
Aug. 15, 1892, Grandsire Cinques, Ashton.
Nov. 30, 1886, Stedman Triples, Stalybridge.
Dec. 15, 1897, Stedman Caters, Manchester C.
Sept. 12, 1905, Stedman Cinques, Ashton.
Aug. 3, 1899, Darlaston Bob Triples, Walkden.
Jan. 10, 1899, Union Triples, Heywood.
Oct. 26, 1911, Erin Triples, Worsley.
Feb. 18, 1939, Erin Caters, Manchester Cath.
Dec. 19, 1905, Oxford Bob Triples, Wootton.
Nov. 13, 1925, S. Clement's Triples, Deane.
Nov. 12, 1883, Bob Major, Eccles.
July 6, 1931, S. Clement's B.M., Church.
Dec. 5, 1885, Bob Royal, Manchester Cathedral.
Mar. 30, 1909, Bob Maximus, Ashton.
Sept. 17, 1882, Kent T.B. Major, Southport.
Oct. 26, 1885, Kent T.B. Royal, Manchester C.
April 7, 1892, Kent T.B. Maximus, Ashton.
Aug. 10, 1896, Oxford T.B. Major, Pendleton.
May 16, 1898, Oxford T.B. Royal, Manchester C.
Jan. 20, 1914, Oxford T.B. Maximus, Ashton.
Dec. 25, 1921, Granta T.B. Major, Blackburn.
April 20, 1922, Forward Major, Blackburn.
Feb. 22, 1900, Duffield Major, Walkden.

May 2, 1914, Little Bob Major, Halewood.  
 May 17, 1937, Little Bob Royal, St. Helens.  
 May 11, 1893, Canterbury P.M., Liverpool C.  
 April 14, 1927, Oxford Bob Major, Church.  
 July 14, 1928, N. Cambridge S.R., Manchester.  
 April 8, 1889, Double Norwich Major, Worsley.  
 Aug. 23, 1939, D. Norwich C.B. Royal, Wigan.  
 Oct. 14, 1933, Real D. Norwich Major, Milnrow.  
 Jan. 11, 1897, Superlative S.M., Pendleton.  
 Oct. 9, 1899, Cambridge S.M., Pendleton.  
 Nov. 27, 1926, Cambridge S. Royal, Liverpool.  
 May 5, 1927, Cambridge S. Maximus, Liverpool.  
 Mar. 21, 1902, London Surprise M., Helmsshore.  
 July 3, 1909, Bristol Surprise M., Helmsshore.  
 Jan. 4, 1915, Guildford S.M., Oswaldtwistle.  
 June 28, 1921, N'hampton S.M., Oswaldtwistle.  
 Aug. 7, 1922, Lancashire S.M., Oswaldtwistle.  
 Dec. 17, 1923, Palatine S.M., Oswaldtwistle.  
 April 18, 1925, Yorkshire S.M., Newchurch.  
 May 21, 1927, Ipswich S.M., Newchurch.  
 Jan. 23, 1932, Belgrave S.M., Milnrow.  
 April 6, 1932, Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Radcliffe.  
 Aug. 20, 1932, Rochester S.M., Prestwich.  
 Jan. 20, 1891, 7 Minor Methods, Walton-on-Hill.  
 Aug. 13, 1894, 7 T.B. Minor Methods, Bacup.  
 Nov. 12, 1899, 7 Surprise M. Methods, Bacup.  
 Feb. 16, 1913, 7 Surprise M. Methods non-conducted, Oswaldtwistle.  
 Dec. 12, 1923, Cambridge S. Minor, Grassendale.  
 Mar. 21, 1931, London S. Minor, Brindle.

## RECORD LENGTHS.

April 17, 1911, 12,240 Kent T.B. Max., Ashton.  
 April 13, 1914, 14,000 Kent T.B. Royal, Ashton.  
 Apr. 18, 1927, 17,824 Oxf'd T.B. M., Heptonstall.  
 Jan. 29, 1927, 11,232 Superlative S.M., Bolton.  
 Aug. 5, 1929, 15,312 Cambridge S. Max., Ashton.

## FIRST PEALS IN THE METHOD ON HANDBELLS.

Nov. 14, 1888, Grandsire Triples, Ashton.  
 Mar. 1, 1889, Grandsire Caters, Ashton.  
 Nov. 6, 1924, Stedman Triples, Manchester.  
 April 23, 1923, Stedman Caters, Manchester.  
 Oct. 26, 1929, Stedman Cinques, Manchester.  
 April 8, 1888, Kent T.B. Major, Hyde.  
 April 28, 1888, Kent T.B. Royal, Ashton.  
 April 29, 1929, Oxford T.B. Royal, Manchester.  
 Aug. 15, 1929, Oxford T.B. Major, Manchester.  
 June 6, 1888, Bob Major, Ashton.  
 April 14, 1897, Bob Minor, Oswaldtwistle.  
 Sept. 18, 1897, 7 Minor Methods, Oswaldtwistle.  
 Sept. 5, 1908, Bob Royal, Widnes.  
 Dec. 22, 1932, D. Norwich C.B. Major, Stockp't.  
 Feb. 21, 1942, Thirteen Minor Methods, Preston.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Despite the wintry conditions, the South Norfolk Branch annual meeting at Diss on March 1st was attended by 39 ringers from 21 different parishes—Attleborough, Bunwell, Diss, Forncoett, Garboldisham, Palgrave, Redenhall, Saxlingham, Norwich, Swaffham, Mulbarton and Winfarthing. Also Suffolk ringers attended from Bury St. Edmunds, Cotton, Groton, Hadleigh, Horringer, Mendlesham, Stowmarket, Stowupland and Yaxley.

The Rector, the Rev. J. A. Appleton (vice-president), conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary) presided at the business meeting in the absence of the chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. Bonnett and Banham (committee).

After the company had stood in silence to the memory of the late Mr. D. H. Whiting, of Diss, a late member of the association and Suffolk Guild, the officers were all re-elected. Two new members were elected—Mr. Dennis Poyntz (Saxlingham) and Miss Mattheolite (Diss).

The branch secretary drew attention to the forthcoming broadcast service from Diss Church on Sunday, May 11th, at 9.30 a.m., when it is hoped the bells will also be broadcast. The next meeting will be held at Bunwell on Saturday, May 3rd.

## Chorley Bells

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF PRESENT RING.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the present ring of Chorley (Launcs) bells, a peal of Treble Bob Major was rung on March 8th.

The ringers of the peal, the Rector (Canon Wyatt) and other ringers and friends were afterwards entertained to tea, after which the Rector congratulated the team, making special reference to Mr. Gartside on his first peal as conductor, and Arthur Rigby on ringing his first peal on the treble.

Canon Wyatt recalled that his first curacy was with the late Canon Elsee. Later he went to Ashton-under-Lyne, where several long peals were rung. On going to Burnley as Vicar he was visited by Canon Elsee, who on hearing the bells being chimed said in shocked tones, 'Wyatt, tubular bells!'

Mr. T. Lofthouse, one of the wardens and a ringer for over 50 years, added to the reminiscences. He related how in his early days the Chorley ringers were asked to ring the bells at Blackrod whilst an architect tested the tower for stability, as the local squire had forbidden the bells to be rung on the grounds that the tower was unsafe. After the squire's death the bells were rung regularly!

The writer mentioned that some 10 or 15 years ago Chorley bells became more or less unringable, so much so that Mr. Gartside, the towerkeeper, had to oil them before every service. The writer decided to try out some of his own ideas and gadgets and these made the bells pealable, as shown by ringing the peal on March 8th under Arctic conditions, there being no heat in the tower through fuel shortage.

Chorley bells have a history. When the Commissioners of Edward VI. visited the church in 1552 there were 'three great bells and two little bells called sacring bells.' The register records that the great bell weighing 770lb. was increased to 863lb. in 1646 when it was recast by Geoffrey Scott, of Wigan, bell-founder. The six bells in the tower in 1883 were rehung by G. Mears, of London. Three were dated 1763, another 1800, another 1832.

These six were recast in 1886 and two added, making the present ring of eight by John Warner and Sons. Three bear old inscriptions; the others have the maker's name and date. The three inscriptions are:—

I bear my part in concerts pleasing sound,  
 But when alone I summon to the ground.  
 The day is over; cease from labour, I call to rest.

Our voices do with cheerful sound,  
 The hills and valleys echo round.

A faculty for a ringers' gallery was granted in 1897; before that time the bells were rung from the ground floor.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## APPLETON FEAST.

Saturday, February 8th, at Appleton, was the day of the 129th annual feast. Appleton, in common with many other villages, was almost completely isolated, and a good deal of effort was needed to be present. Spartans were present from Launton, near Bicester, and Basingstoke, and an attendance of nearly 40 was most pleasing.

Stedman and Grandsire Caters, the methods towards which this well-known ring seems to lean, predominated, and the standard of striking demanded by the local band was fully maintained.

After an excellent tea at the Thatched Tavern, members of the White family entertained the company with both change ringing and tunes on handbells as well as vocally.

With the return of the younger members from the Forces, the ringing at Appleton has reached a new high standard, and this augurs well for the future as well as for the continuity of this ancient celebration.



## OBITUARY

### MR. ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

Mr. D. G. Elliott, Groton, Suffolk, writes:—Andrew Shufflebotham came to Coggeshall and rang a peal with us in 1902 and he rang over 50 peals with us up to 1912. He was, as the writer says, a good and sure ringer and a good striker. He would cycle the six miles from Braintree to Coggeshall every Monday night if the weather was not too bad. With Andrew on the third and Frank Claydon on the fourth we were set up and had a good band. I moved out of the district after the 1914 war and lost sight of him. I should like the Stoke-on-Trent men to know how much we appreciated Andrew's ringing.

### MR. ALFRED HINDS.

Following a fall, the death took place on March 2nd of Mr. Alfred Hinds, aged 76. He had lived at Tenterden all his life, was a member of St. Mildred's Church ringers for 40 years and had rung 41 peals in different methods.

A member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, he had rung peals with Challis F. Winney and Frederick G. Newman.

The funeral took place on March 6th and in the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, with the bells half-muffled, by the following members of St. Mildred's band: Miss Mary Meynell 1, Pat Relf 2, Miss Vie Relf 3, John Smith 4, Percy Relf 5, Toby Want 6, William Tickner 7, Bert Stanger 8. R.E.

### MR. C. F. FOWLER.

With deep regret we report the death of Charles Frederick Fowler, of Anston, near Sheffield, which took place on February 12th. He was buried in Anston Churchyard on February 17th, and a muffled peal was rung after the funeral.

Mr. Fowler, who was 86 years of age, was a ringer of renown on six bells, in fact he with his team of ringers at Anston Church in their heyday were known as the Kings of Six Bell Ringers. The team, of which Mr. Fowler was the conductor and captain, could ring well over 300 methods on six bells, many of which Mr. Fowler composed. One method he composed and called 'King George V.,' by kind permission of His Majesty.

Mr. Fowler had been ringing for 70 years and rang regularly up to his death. His great friend, Mr. Henry Stenton, who is 88, much to his disappointment had to give up last year after 74 years as a ringer.

There are two other ringers of the old band each over 70 and one almost 60. One died just before the war—Mr. S. Smith, aged 85, after ringing for 58 years, and one died last year, aged 76. Thus has this famous band been broken up.

In all the years that he did ring, His greatest friend ne'er heard him sing, He had no temper for to slip, A harsh word ne'er escaped his lip. But ring from morn till night would he And glory in bells minstrelsy, His compositions he would name, Towns, flowers and Generals of Fame.

F.S.

### TOWER SNATCHING!

Dear Sir,—Can anyone exceed any of the following?

(1) To have rung in at least one tower every Saturday during the year 1946.

(2) To have rung in all 123 towers during 1946 (five bell upwards). These towers were in the following counties: Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

(3) To have at least rung rounds for at least one service during 1946 every Sunday with the exception of one.—Yours faithfully,

Duston, Northants.

ERIC NOBLES.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Universities and Colleges

Dear Sir,—May I, through the correspondence column, address an open letter to the Publications Committee concerning their decision briefly communicated to the Exercise in Belfry Gossip last week? I would address to them a strong protest, and an equally strong plea for reconsideration of the decision not to include names of colleges in peals by members of University Guilds.

In the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge it has always been the custom to put the name of a man's college after his name when publishing details of activities in which members of various colleges are participating together. This applies in all spheres of sport, politics or art. It is sad if this traditional custom is to be refused to the members of University ringing organisations.

Surely, Mr. Editor, this raises the question of the purpose of publishing peals. It would be possible to record peals without publishing them; thus it would seem that the reason they are published is to give information to those who may be interested. When new names appear in the reports of University Guild peals it is of great interest to older members who have 'gone down' to see in which Colleges the interest in ringing is centring.

Uniform may be essential in the Forces. Utility furniture and clothing may be desirable in time of war. But please let not the craze for standardisation enter into the realms of art. Are the clergyman and the medical practitioner to be stripped of their rightful descriptions? When the Freemasons ring a peal, may they not include the names of their lodges for the information of their brothers in the craft? May the Police Guild no longer issue details of rank or force? Is the married woman now forbidden the honourable title of 'Mrs.'?

One could continue this list to great lengths. I will not do so; enough is here to back my plea for freedom of expression in matters relating to our art.—Yours truly,

R. D. St. JOHN SMITH.

Manchester.

### ST. MARGARET'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—To put it mildly, I must say that I was shocked at the contents of Mr. A. R. Burgess' letter regarding the recording of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, published in the current issue of 'The Ringing World.' As you say, sir, such a sweeping accusation is hardly justifiable, and I would suggest that Mr. Burgess and his own selected band assemble at a tower to make the Grandsire and Stedman recording that is to replace the existing one.

Whilst admitting that this matter is no business of mine, I do feel that I should point out how detrimental these sweeping statements are to the Exercise. There seems to me to be a large amount of bad feeling abroad in the world of ringing that should not and need not exist. This bad feeling would not exist if, to use a vulgar expression, backbiting were non-existent.

We should all remember that change ringing is a purely voluntary activity. People do not enter its noble ranks for the purpose of personal gain, but for the state of fellowship which at the present moment does not exist to its greatest extent. I do feel that if we, one and all, would try to remember that every ringer is doing his very utmost to justify his presence in the tower as a ringer, the state of comradeship would soon be at its highest. Also, if the 'greater' will put themselves out to the task of helping the 'lesser,' a better standard of ringing would soon result.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Camden Town, N.W.1.

### The Kington Peal

Dear Sir,—There have been two letters in 'The Ringing World' during the last few weeks about a peal of Hereward Bob Minor rung at Kington on January 13th; the last letter written by the ex-captain of the local band appears in the same issue as the report of the peal.

It seems a shame that a local band should be broken up, even for a peal of Hereward Bob Minor. To me it is a tragedy because I learnt to ring with that band, and on the Saturday previous to the peal I returned with two other members of a Shrewsbury band and had a ring with my old comrades. Afterwards we travelled on to Eardisland to the Kington District annual meeting. At the business meeting the Ringing Master resigned. His place was filled by a member of the peal snatching band.

Was it coincidence which made them pick Kington tower for the peal attempt so soon after the local captain had resigned his position as District Ringing Master? I wonder. I believe the incubation period might have been shorter than two days except for the fact that at least one of the peal ringing band had other duties which would have prevented the attempt on the following day (Sunday).

I would like to point out that the incumbent acted in good faith and did not realise there was any breach of ringing etiquette.

As Mr. Jones states in his letter, he has rung at Kington for 30 years and none better than I know how much time and patience he has spent keeping up the standard of ringing in that tower and others. I can only deplore the fact that all his years of work and devotion have been brought to nought by six irresponsible peal snatchers.

No doubt it was a great joke for them to score one off on the local band, but was it worth it? On one hand, a peal of Hereward Minor, on the other a smashed local band. In years to come will they feel proud to turn up their peal records and say, 'That one smashed a local band'?—Yours truly,

Shrewsbury.

J. F. BUTLER.

### RECONSIDER, MR. TREVOR JONES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 'snatched peal' at Kington, this seems to be a very exceptional case, and, as the Rev. J. M. Turner points out, until all the facts are taken into consideration one cannot come to any conclusion. I cannot remember hearing of a similar incident before.

In any case, I hope that Mr. Trevor Jones, the late captain of Kington ringers, will reconsider his decision to cease membership of his native tower after 30 years' association with it. This is especially important at a time like this when many towers are desperately short of leaders and ringers.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL BIRKETT.

Queensbury, near Bradford.

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### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The third session of the nineteenth Council (50th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, in the ancient Guildhall, Exeter (by kind permission of the Mayor).

Notices of motion should be in the hands of the hon. secretary not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting.

Secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees became due on January 1st, but up to the moment only thirteen have been received.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

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### BIRTH

WAGSTAFF.—On Feb. 23rd, 1947, at 41, Goodhead Street, Nottingham, to Violet (née Hutsby), wife of J. Kenneth Wagstaff, a son (John), brother for Ann.

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### RINGING TOUR

FOUR YOUNG RINGERS, 17-21, desire others to join in Ringing Tour, proposed Wilts and Dorset, during August; youth hostels and cycles.—Apply Box 1086, 'Ringing World' Office, Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

1086

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, EXETER.—The Rev. C. C. Cox will be glad to hear from any ringers wishing for a peal attempt in Lyme Regis or neighbourhood during the Whitsun week-end (Surprise Major).—Write to the Vicarage, Lyme Regis.

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

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DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Alvaston, Mar. 22nd, 3. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting, bel-fry, 6.—W. A. Parsons, Local Sec.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Fulmer, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea only.—A. D. Barker.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly, Congresbury (8), Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after, White Hut.—E. J. Avery, Hill Road, Sandford.

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YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Keighley, Saturday, Mar. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per

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head.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington (8), Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 2.30 p.m.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Practice meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Monday, Mar. 24th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec.

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ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Meeting Bentley (5), Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Mar. 25th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

1065

SURREY ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, by Mar. 26th.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Asst. Hon. Sec.

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Harrietsham (8), Mar. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

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LADIES' GUILD.—South-Western District (Southern Division).—Storrington, Mar. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30. Gentlemen cordially welcomed.—Mrs. Tamplin, 7, St. John's Street, Chichester.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby (5), Mar. 29th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea; bring own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec.

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DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Ilkeston District.—Important meeting, Sandiacre, Mar. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 4.45. Names to Mr. P. L. Parrott, School House, Sandiacre, by Mar. 26th.

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BEDS ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Clifton, Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice, Bexhill, Saturday, Mar. 29th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify Rev. P. J. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill.—John Downing, Hon. Sec.

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ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Levington (6), Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Biddenden, Mar. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

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LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, on Mar. 29th. Bells 2.30. Business 6.30. Tea provided for those who send names to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

1109

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Annual nomination meeting Armley, Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members bring own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting in tower 7.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds.

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LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Oswaldtwistle, on Mar. 29th. Ringing 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, Mar. 29th, at Chilvers Coton at 3. Names for tea by the 26th.—Leonard Trevor, 32, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Tickhill, 2.30, Mar. 29th. Names to W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, Doncaster.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Dallington, Mar. 29th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided.—R. S. Cowley.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Whitwick (8), Mar. 29th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting in School. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, Dis. Sec.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Horsham, Apr. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea; names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt House Road, Crawley.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rochdale Branch.—Open ringing day at Saddleworth Church, Easter Saturday, Apr. 7th. All ringers and friends welcome. Buses to Uppermill; trains to Greenfield Station. Names for tea to Mr. J. P. Carter, Lee-Cross House, Diggle, near Oldham, by Mar. 28th, please.—J. Kay, Hon. Sec. 1090

**GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Lydney, Forest of Dean, Easter Monday. Bells (8) 11 a.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Feathers Hotel, 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring lunch and/or tea must notify me not later than Mar. 26th.—Cyril Harding, 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. 1068

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells of Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. Miles' available 10 to 11.45 and after 3 p.m.; St. John de Sepulchre also, after 3. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. J. A. H. Waddington. Lunch, Bedford Grill, Bedford Street, 1 (4s.), followed by business meeting. Accommodation at lunch must be restricted to the first 70 who notify me.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 1011

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. St. Paul's (10) available 10.30; St. Peter's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Business meeting 5 p.m. Full details next week. 1095

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Annual general meeting Canterbury, Easter Monday. Arrangements as last week's 'Ringing World.' Names for luncheon at once. Towers: Cathedral, 10.30 to 11.30 and 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Dunstan's, St. Alphege's, Ash, Wingham, and Sturry from 10 a.m. onwards.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 1107

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.**—Annual meeting Penarth, Easter Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4. Business to follow. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—F. J. Hannington. 1094

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, Apl. 7th. Service in All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. Swithin's (6),

from 10 a.m.; Cathedral (12), 5-6.30 p.m.; St. John's (8), 3-5 p.m.; Claines (10), from 2 p.m. No arrangements have yet been possible for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1103

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western District.—Meeting Ewell, Easter Monday. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notice for tea, please, to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Apr. 2nd.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1092

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Annual meeting, Bath, Easter Monday. More than half luncheon seats booked. Late applicants may be disappointed. Full details next week. Shearn pamphlets now available.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 1102

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, April 12th. Bells: Hatfield (10), available in morning; Abbey (12), St. Peter's (10), 2-3.45 and in evening; St. Michael's (6) and St. Stephen's (6), 2-3.40. Service in the Abbey 4 p.m. Tea, Water End Barn 5.30, for those whose notify me by Tuesday, Apr. 8th. Alteration of Rule V.: That the portion of Rule V. relating to the day fixed for the annual meeting be amended as follows: 'That the Annual Meeting of the Association be held on the Saturday after Easter or any other date selected by the Committee.'—W. Ayre, Gen. Sec., Leverstock Green. 1099

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.**—Annual general, Newark, Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea at Barnbygate Restaurant 5. Business meeting in belfry afterwards. Ringing till 8. Will all members please make a special effort to attend.—T. Groombridge, jun. 1105

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—200th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn; tickets 12s. 6d. each. As numbers strictly limited, early individual applications are necessary from members with remittance. A small allocation reserved for non-members. All applications will be treated in order of receipt.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1053

## Beverley & District Society

### VISIT 'THE QUEEN OF HOLDERNESS'

St. Patrick's Church, Patrington, is as famous as it is beautiful and has the proud title of the Queen of Holderness. Its tall spire is a famous landmark and holds a nice ring of six bells with a tenor of 10 cwt. 24 lb.

The invitation of the Rector and ringers for the society to hold their meeting on March 8th at this church was gladly accepted, and despite Arctic weather, a large contingent of members attended. Towers represented were Beverley Minster, Beverley St. Mary's, Cottingham, Goole, Hull (Holy Trinity), Hessle, Hedon, Patrington and Sutton-on-Hull.

Efforts are being made to raise the sum of £500 as a thanksgiving memorial to add two more bells to complete the octave. A collection taken among members towards this effort produced £7 lbs., which was gratefully accepted.

A well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor preceded the service in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. R. Frost). A most substantial tea had been provided by the ringers and their lady friends in the Church Hall, which was greatly appreciated.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair for the business meeting, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary).

Mr. Clem Glenn brought to the notice of the meeting the compliment paid to the society in 'The Ringing World' on the occasion of their meeting at Pocklington, and members felt proud of the distinction put on their efforts and an incentive to carry on to further success.

As to future meetings, the committee was instructed to make final arrangements for the meeting at North Cave on April 12th; a combined meeting with Selby and District at Market Weighton on May 10th and an invitation from Nunburnholme for June 14th were accepted.

The Ringing Master reported that he had attended many practices and appealed to members to combine with neighbouring towers and make as large attendance as possible at practices. Two new members were elected.

Votes of thanks which concluded the meeting were comprehensive in character, and then all adjourned to the tower, where ringing to suit all tastes was provided. Many then had a 20-mile journey home, but it was well worth the effort.

### LADIES' GUILD IN SOUTH SUSSEX

For their second meeting, the Southern Division of the S.E. District of the Ladies' Guild visited Henfield on March 8th. In spite of the inclement weather, the gathering was attended by some 70 ringers. Whether it was the attraction of the fair sex or the fine peal of bells, the gentlemen outnumbered the ladies by three to one. However, their assistance in both ringing the back bells and in helping beginners was very much appreciated.

Ringing during the afternoon consisted mainly of Grandsire for the many beginners who were present. Before tea eight ladies rang this grand peal of bells (tenor 16½ cwt.) to Grandsire Triples.

Forty-five ringers sat down to a sumptuous tea very generously provided by Mr. Crutten. as a welcome to the ladies on their first independent meeting in South Sussex. While the ladies held their business meeting the gentlemen returned to the tower for further ringing, the ladies returning in time to ring the service touch for the parish evensong. Unfortunately, the previous 'back enders' had to leave after the meeting for distant homes, so that the touch was not as successful. Still, practice makes perfect!

After evensong further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m. In spite of the majority of the ringing being in the simpler methods, time was found to fit in two courses of Surprise.



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## A FIRST YEAR REVIEWED

Closely watched by the whole Exercise has been the division of the Midland Counties Association into four separate associations, viz.: Burton, Derby, Leicester and Nottingham. The Derby Association has completed its first year, issued its first printed annual report (a comprehensive volume giving details of its 30 towers and a complete list of its membership), and forwarded to 'The Ringing World' a comprehensive survey of the year's work.

'We were entirely opposed to the idea of dissolution of the M.C.A.,' writes Mr. W. Lancaster, the first secretary of the new association, 'as we at Derby were having very good meetings and ringing was, generally speaking, in a healthy condition. After a year's hard work and splendid co-operation from all sides, we can say it was worth while, as it gives those in the districts more scope to go out and organise those in the more remote towers, which have to be neglected by a larger organisation. As all district officers are on the General Committee, it ensures all districts being conversant with each other's activities and generally good attendances at all meetings. Peals are easily arranged and a very good atmosphere maintained.'

Another benefit arising from the new Association is that the clergy are showing a much greater interest in meetings and their co-operation is appreciated. At the last meeting held at Ilkeston, the Vicar and the Rural Dean both became honorary members, and were very interested to know where recruits could best be obtained. It was suggested that choirboys and scouts were often induced to take up bellringing with every success, and the Rural Dean promised to assist the Association in this matter during his travels around the Deanery.

A new association is able to build upon the experience of the past. In planning the Derby Association it was felt that it would be an advantage to have several districts so that each tower could be visited annually, thereby maintaining interest and, from a secretary's point of view, collecting subscriptions and contacting members. Accordingly, three separate districts were formed — Derby, embracing the city and its environs; Peak, the towers in the district, including such well known names as Bakewell, Matlock and Darley Dale, and Ilkeston, consisting of the towers ceded by Nottingham outside the Southwell Diocese and a few others adjacent. Membership for the first year was 114 ring-



ing and 22 honorary members, but a substantial increase is expected during 1947.

While the number of peals rung during the year was confined to eight, the standard of ringing can be regarded as good. At meetings, which were very well attended, methods rung included Cambridge and Superlative, Double Norwich, Duffield, Little Bob and the standard methods. The programme planned for this year includes the scoring of first peals for the Association of Cambridge and Superlative. In a new Association there is such a wide field open for making ringing history that keen peal ringers have every inducement. The Derby Association can truly look back with pride on their inaugural year.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... Treble	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
WM. J. PRESCOTT ... 2	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 8
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	*WILLIAM H. COLES ... 9
ARTHUR H. REED ... 4	HENRY J. SANGER ... 10
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 11
WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 6	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. A birthday compliment to S. J. Hector and to celebrate over 50 years' change ringing, 50 peals in St. James' tower and 250 peals rung by him.

## TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 35 cwt.

*RICHARD E. ELSON ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	FRANK W. BROWN ... 7
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
†REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 4	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 5	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Rung half-muffled following a memorial service to Professor Wartley, principal of Nottingham University College.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

PHILIP H. AVEY ... Treble	*PERCY H. WATTS ... 6
WALTER G. PAUL ... 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 3	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 8
ALFRED R. DAWES ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
*HARRY G. TIMMS ... 5	RICHARD G. BELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal. First peal on the augmented ring.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY PAGE ... Treble	†ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
THOMAS E. SONE ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 7
*WILFRED W. RING ... 3	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 8
†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 9
†WM. A. OLDFIELD ... 5	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by THOS. E. SONE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Kent Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

LAMBETH, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... Treble	THOS. W. TAFFENDER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... 6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CHAS. F. ANDREWS ... Treble	ARTHUR W. ANGEL ... 5
STANLEY R. COCKELL ... 2	HAROLD SMITH ... 6
HARRY PROUT ... 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... 7
JOSEPH S. WEEKS ... 4	CYRIL GIBBONS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. L. B. Howe, inducted Vicar of Melksham on March 12th, 1947.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

STEPHEN LLOYD PARRY ... Treble	JAMES FERNLEY ... 5
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 6
REV. F. F. RIGBY ... 3	REV. R. D. ST. JN. SMITH ... 7
*BASIL JONES ... 4	DAVID VINCENT ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. FERNLEY.

\* First touch in method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method by the Guild. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDK. A. COLEY ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
HARRY HOVERD ... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

\* 250th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bell and for the association. A birthday peal for the conductor.



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## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
Mrs. E. E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 5
Mrs. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 6
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
DR. W. R. WINTERTON ... 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to mark the bi-centenary year of the society.

## CHISWICK, LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WALTER LEE ... .. Treble	Mrs. PHYLLIS MAYNE ... 5
*JOHN R. MAYNE ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 6
*Miss D. E. LIDBETTER ... 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

\* First peal in the method.

## BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX ... .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5
FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
GEORGE W. CECIL ... 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... 7
ALBERT E. LAKER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	*ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
*ERNEST CARVELL ... 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 6
*GEORGE H. HESKETH ... 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 7
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (322 revised).

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major in the method. Rung half-muffled in memory of Philip Hodson, for many years organist at St. Peter's.

## HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

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On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, EASTCOTE, LINCOLNSHIRE, LINDUM, NEW GLOUCESTER, NORFOLK, PUDSEY, RUTLAND, SUPERLATIVE, WEMBLEY, WORDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE, UXBRIDGE AND WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

H. LESLIE PASK ... .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*JOHN FREEMAN ... 6
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* 100th peal. This composition contains 640 London, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Uxbridge and Watford with 139 changes of method. This is the greatest number of Surprise Major methods yet rung in a peal.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1260 Minor, 360 Kent and 900 Plain Bob: A. Everett (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Walklate (first inside) 2, Miss M. J. Saddington 3, G. E. Watson 4, H. Turner 5, B. J. Saddington (conductor) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. J. Saddington.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Treble	*DENIS A. BAYLES ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 6
*FRANCIS KIRK ... 3	*MAURICE F. R. HIRBERT ... 7
FRED. W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method and 50th peal. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirk.

## PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... .. Treble	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 5
*WILLIAM RIMMER ... 2	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 6
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	*HARRY LEYLAND ... 7
JOHN GARTSIDE ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (429).

Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time. In honour of the 70th birthday of Mrs. H. Marshall, donor of the second bell.

## ELY, CAMBS.

## THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN B. ROWSELL ... .. Treble	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 5
JOHN F. MOORE ... 2	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 6
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3	VERNON J. BENNING ... 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* 25th peal together.

## CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 5
*TREVOR JONES ... 2	THOMAS PRICE ... 6
JOHN F. BUTLER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
E. V. RODENHURST ... 4	*CLIFFORD BARRON ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-CANTERBURY.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST A. JURD ... .. Treble	PETER N. BOND ... 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	HAROLD A. NOBES ... 6
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 3	EDWIN S. SMITH ... 7
HENRY C. WEAVER ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by REV. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR ROLFE ... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	EDWARD BARKER ... 6
WALTER JARVIS ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON. — On March 13th at St. Mary's Church for Confirmation service. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, M. Sindon 3, I. Harria 4, F. Perry 5, J. Jarvis 6, R. Jarvis (conductor) 7, O. Tompkins 8.



## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... .. Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 34 cwt.

VERNON SYKES ... .. Treble	SELWYN DEARDEN ... .. 5
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... .. 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

First peal of Major on the back eight and first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Ivan Kay.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

THOMAS CUMMINS ... .. Treble	JOHN R. KEMP ... .. 3
MISS RHODA BROWN ... .. 2	ALBERT E. FLATERS ... .. 4

WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells.

## WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WM. HORNBY ... .. Treble	S. HOUGH, JUN. ... .. 4
ERIC HORNBY ... .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... .. 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. G. LAWRENCE.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

## NETHER WINCHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being three extents each of Antelope, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk and April Day; and two extents each of Stedman, Northrepps Pleasure and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

GILBERT WRIGHT ... .. Treble	CECIL G. CALCUTT ... .. 3
HARRY P. FLOYD ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 4

ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 15 methods by all the band and the first peal on the bells. The greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	EVEREST FORD ... .. 4
*HARRY ELLEL ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 5
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 3	ALBERT MORLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. In affectionate remembrance of Mr. James Houldsworth, late of Oswaldtwistle, who was interred at Carleton the previous day.

## CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWIG,

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

Being one 720 each of Beverley, York, London and Cambridge Surprise one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

ALFRED HANNINGTON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HOARE ... .. 4
HARRY BOYCE ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

In memoriam Albert Devonald, ringer at the above church for years.

## WALBERTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. BOOKER ... .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	PETER R. BLACKMAN ... .. 5
+PATRICIA SMEE ... .. 3	PETER N. BOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. R. BLACKMAN.

\* First peal apart from covering. + First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

## SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Mar. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS ABBOTTS ... .. Treble	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... .. 4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... .. 5
ARTHUR D. COOK ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all and by the Guild.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Feb. 27, 1947, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

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

Being seven different 720's.

THOMAS BIRD ... .. 1-2	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 3-4
OLAVE BROYD ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by E. W. PYE.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5-6
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3-4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Mar. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 19, HOLYWELL,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

*PETER C. WRIGHT ... .. 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... .. 3-4
BETTY SPICE ... .. 3-4	*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... .. 5-6

\*C. JOHN DICKINSON ... .. 9-10

Composed by G. HAYWARD (C.C.C. No. 15).

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal on ten bells.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Mar. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

*KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... .. 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... .. 3-4
BETTY SPICE ... .. 3-4	*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... .. 5-6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Triples and in the method. First peal of Triples in hand as conductor.



**ALVERSTOKE.**—On March 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 1, F. W. Burnett 2, L. P. Cook 3, C. W. Philpott 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

**AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.**—On March 15th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. B. Newton 1, J. Tebay 2, D. Dunlop 3, J. Bagnall 4, G. Robinson 5, J. Sewell 6, J. E. Burles (conductor) 7, F. Wilson 8.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On March 16th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Jill Brittain 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, Margaret Pitstow 3, Winifred Adams 4, H. Cheesman 5, M. H. Pitstow 6, D. N. Layton (conductor) 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except 8th. First quarter-peal of Surprise as conductor.

**BATTERSEA.**—On March 16th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Cropley (aged 14, first quarter) 1, R. Cropley 2, F. Bush 3, W. Coe 4, E. Dodds 5, A. Williams 6, S. Hart (conductor) 7, E. Howard 8.

**BATH.**—On March 16th, at the Abbey, 1,277 Grandsire Caters as a farewell to Archdeacon Selwyn: A. E. Baverstock 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, T. F. King 5, W. Hurford 6, J. Hallett 7, S. S. Woodburn 8, R. O. Fry (conductor) 9, K. Medway 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by 1, 6, 9 and 10.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On Friday, Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, R. Brown 2, S. Jessop 3, D. White 4, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 5, F. Dewey 6, F. Leggott 7, J. Pitch 8. In memoriam Mr. R. Richardson. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, R. Brown 2, D. White 3, A. Freeston 4, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 5, F. Dewey 6, J. Pitch 7, B. Jackson 8. A birthday compliment to J. Pitch.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CLAPHAM COMMON.**—At St. Mary's R.C. Church on March 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Bullock 1, Miss Anne Dixon 2, T. H. Tafender (conductor) 3, S. Croft 4, E. Miles 5, J. Chapman 6, R. Sanders 7, C. Ottley 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On March 15th at Great St. Mary's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Lord Wrenbury 1, K. S. B. Croft 2, Miss F. R. Edgar 3, J. F. Moor 4, E. J. Lindley 5, S. E. Darmon (conductor) 6, C. A. Smith 7, T. R. Dennis 8, R. F. B. Speed 9, H. L. Martin 10.

**DERBY.**—On March 19th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Thompson 1, A. H. Ward 2, H. Waterfield 3, G. Freebrey (conductor) 4, C. Walklate 5, S. Walklate 6, R. Jackson 7, S. Barsby 8. First quarter-peal for 1, 5, 7 and 8.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. James' Church on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Flinders 1, I. M. Taylor (conductor) 2, A. T. Weeks 3, E. J. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks 5, D. J. Lye 6.

**EGERTON, KENT.**—On March 9th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Pope (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Smith (first quarter) 2, S. V. Field 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, C. F. Good 5, Miss M. Smith (first quarter) 6. Ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 6 belong to the Charing company.

**FELPHAM, SUSSEX.**—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (900 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): J. Peskett 1, H. J. Peskett 2, Miss E. Lonnen 3, E. Horner 4, E. Treagus (conductor) 5, W. Bristow 6. First quarter by ringers of 1, 3 and 6.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples for the institution of the Rev. Ian Hugh White-Thompson, M.A., as Vicar of Folkestone: F. Orris 1, P. Crook 2, Miss Godderidge 3, A. Kedwell (conductor) 4, J. Willis 5, T. Anderson 6, T. Farley 7, W. Knight 8.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: D. Callard 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (conductor) 7, A. J. C. Holway 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Cox 1, K. Biggs 2, R. P. Newton 3, D. Cox 4, A. Heywood 5, R. Blaby 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

**LONDON.**—At the Imperial College on March 14, 1,344 Bob Major: P. R. Blackman (first in hand and as conductor in the method) 1-2, G. Dodds (first in method in hand) 3-4, P. M. J. Gray (first inside in hand) 5-6, P. R. Layton (first quarter) 7-8.

**MORTIMER, BERKS.**—At the Church of St. John on March 8th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 240 each of Wells, London, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and 120 each Double Court and Plain Bob: F. Huggins 1, Miss J. Baby 2, Miss O. Osler 3, Mrs. M. Miles 4, W. Clift (conductor) 5, C. Herridge 6. All the ringers are from Bramley, Hants, and this was their first attempt for a quarter-peal in seven methods.

**PADBURY, BUCKS.**—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Whitehead (first quarter) 1, D. Vickers (first quarter inside) 2, W. Yates, jun. 3, C. Gough 4, E. Nicholls (conductor) 5, W. Yates, sen. 6.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Michael's on March 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Frank Kirk 1, A. B. Halsey 2, S. Farmer 3, A. E. Halsey 4, R. Bedford 5, Francis Kirk (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Kirk on the birth of a daughter.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled to the memory of Edward Paul: T. Pritchard 1, W. Staite 2, G. Latham 3, R. Watts 4, T. Witts 5, P. Allen 6, L. Barry (conductor) 7, R. Sharpe 8.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The third session of the nineteenth  
Council (50th annual meeting) will be  
held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th,  
in the ancient Guildhall, Exeter (by  
kind permission of the Mayor).

Notices of motion should be in the  
hands of the hon. secretary not less  
than two calendar months previous to  
the meeting.

Secretaries are reminded that affilia-  
tion fees became due on January 1st,  
but up to the moment only thirteen  
have been received.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

The White House,  
Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

New facts concerning  
the Kington peal are pub-  
lished in our correspond-  
ence columns, including a letter from the  
conductor. The best item of this 'most un-  
fortunate affair' is that the captain, Mr.  
Trevor Jones, has agreed to carry on and that  
he will have an opportunity of scoring the  
first peal when the bells are rehung.

Other letters on this topic are held over  
until next week.

The first peal to mark the bicentenary year  
of the Royal Cumberland Youths was rung at  
Northfleet on March 15th.

Flood stories are now reaching us. For the  
Ladies' Guild meeting at Beccles, flood water  
was 6 inches over the railway lines. From the  
tower there was a wonderful view of miles of  
water. Sufficient ringers were present to man  
the 10 bells, the Ladies' Guild being in a  
minority.

The Exercise will receive with regret the  
news of the passing of four noted ringers this  
week, viz., William B. Johnson (Worcester),  
James Houldsworth (Oswaldtwistle), John  
Nixon Oxborrow (secretary, Westminster  
Abbey band) and Walter Chibnall (Aspley  
Guise). They were all stalwarts in their day  
and generation.

Some new 'Parkerised' peals of Grandsire  
Triples have been printed by Mr. A. J.  
Corrigan, of Le Coteau, Ryedown Lane, Bitton,  
near Bristol. As opportunity presents itself,  
we hope to publish the same.

Market Drayton, Shropshire, have a local  
Surprise band. They rang their first quarter  
of Cambridge Major on March 16th.

Six brothers ring the six bells of Necton  
Parish Church, Norfolk, and their surname is  
Bell! At Ashill, also in Norfolk, there are  
three old ringers by the name of Ringer!

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Surprise experts of the  
Oxford Diocesan Guild will  
have to rise early to get  
band. Their latest peal at Harnston con-  
tained 16 methods and was the greatest number  
of Surprise Major methods yet rung.

Oxford Diocesan Guild, however, are in the  
news this week with a peal of 15 methods of  
Doubles, the greatest number yet rung to a  
peal by the Guild.

Welcome to the Exercise's latest centenarian!  
The peal of five Spliced Surprise at St. Ebbe's,  
Oxford, on March 11th, was the 100th peal on  
tower bells by Miss Betty Spice, Master of the  
Oxford University Society.

Mr. Charles Sedgley has undergone a second  
operation at the Borough and General Hos-  
pital, Ipswich, and is not too well. He would  
welcome letters from his friends.

A pointer to progress in 1946 comes from  
St. Peter's, Nottingham, where 17 peals were  
attempted with nine successes, viz.: 1 Kent  
Royal, 2 Bob Royal, 1 Stedman Caters and 5  
Grandsire Caters. In these were two 'first  
peals,' eight 'firsts' of Grandsire Caters, four  
of Stedman, six of Bob Royal and five of Kent  
Royal, making 25 firsts in nine peals!

A peal that will go down in the annals of  
the College Youths was that of Stedman  
Cinques at Trowbridge on March 15th, which  
was a birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Hector  
and to celebrate his over 50 years' change  
ringing. After the peal the ringers were the  
guest of Sam to a birthday feast at a local  
hotel. The Vicar came and in his welcome  
mentioned his association with the College  
Youths when he was the incumbent at St.  
Leonard's, Shoreditch. It was only by the  
goodness of several of the band coming in at  
short notice to take the place of some who  
had declined that the band was 12 strong.

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## MACCLESFIELD BELLS REHUNG And Augmented to Ten

Chester Diocesan Guild has been enriched by the dedication of two new bells and the re-hanging of the original eight bells some 30ft. lower at Christ Church, Macclesfield, in an effort to combat the great oscillation caused when the bells were rung in their old position at the top of the tower. The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of Chester (Dr. Douglas Crick) on March 15th.

Macclesfield bells were originally installed in 1777. At that time there were eleven bells—a sanctus bell and a peal of 10. In 1815 the ninth bell cracked whilst being tolled for a funeral service. This bell was recast by William Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, at the expense of Mr. William Roe, but only eight of the original peal were replaced, possibly in the hope that a decrease in the weight of bell metal would combat the swaying of the tower. The original treble and second bell were placed in Peover Church and Sankey Street Chapel, Warrington, respectively, possibly to help defray expenses.

### SILENT FOR 60 YEARS.

Notwithstanding the re-hanging and decreased weight, the trouble was just as bad as ever, and in 1834 the bells at Christ Church ceased to be rung and remained silent until 1902, when during the vicariate of the Rev. St. Clare Hick and chiefly owing to the energies of the then curate, the Rev. Sandford Woods, the bells were rehung, the money being raised by public subscription. An extract from 'The Bell News' dated January, 1903, states:

'The bells of Christ Church, Macclesfield, were rung for the first time after a long sleep of over sixty years at the midnight service on December 31st, 1902. The bells, eight in number, have just been retuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor, weighing some 23 cwt., having been recast. The tower is being restored and a new clock put in.'

Unfortunately the bells were put back in the original unsatisfactory position in the tower as before, but despite the greatest difficulty experienced in ringing the bells, they were rung for service the whole time up to last year, when the work of lowering the bells commenced, except for the period during the war years when a ban was placed on such activities.

From time to time various experts have been called upon to give their views on how best to cure the trouble. During the Vicariate of the Rev. S. J. F. Sharples, Mr. E. H. Lewis, reputed to be the cleverest expert of that time on 'rocking towers,' made an inspection, and recommended that the bells be lowered at least 25ft., which would reduce the oscillation considerably.

This recommendation, however, could not be undertaken, and it was not until 1938 that a subscription list was opened by the ringers themselves, who agreed to forgo the fees due to them, providing the money was utilised towards the Bell Fund.

### TWO GIFT BELLS.

In 1943, during the vicariate of the present Vicar, the Rev. A. Clarke, the Bell Fund was officially opened. The licence was obtained in 1946 for the work to be carried out, and was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. After the work of lowering the bells had commenced, the Christ Church Old Boys' Association generously offered to provide two new bells to serve as a memorial to their comrades who had served in the Great Wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45, and these are the treble and second bells of the present peal of ten, cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows: Treble and second.—'The gift of Christ Church Lay School Association.'

Third.—'Thos. Rudhall, Gloucester. 1777.'



CHRIST CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD

Fourth.—'We were cast at the expense of Wm. Roe, Esq. 1777.'

Fifth.—'Success to trade.' 1777.

Sixth.—'Prosperity to this Town. 1777.'

Seventh.—'Peace and Good Neighbourhood. 1777.'

Eighth.—'T.R. 1777.'

Ninth.—'This bell was recast at the expense of Wm. Roe, Esq., by Wm. Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, 1815. Rejoice in the Lord.' Tenor.—'I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all. Recast 1902.'

For the dedication ceremony the ringing chamber had been decorated by a member of the local company. The service was attended by the Mayor and members of Macclesfield Town Council, and many visiting ringers from as far afield as Yorkshire and Staffordshire. The Lancashire Association was represented by the Rev. F. F. Rigby (president) and Mr. Shaker (secretary), and the Chester Diocesan Guild by Mr. J. W. Clarke (Master) and the Rev. J. D. Pearson (secretary), and the North Staffordshire Association by Mr. R. S. Anderson (Master). After the service the Bishop visited the ringing chamber and had a few words with the ringers.

Tea was served in Christ Church School, after which short speeches were made by the Mayor, the Bishop and the Vicar (the Rev. A. Clarke). The tower was open to all in the evening, and methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Surprise Royal.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on a splendid job, the blending of the new bells to the old eight being perfect, and there is a great improvement in the 'go' of the whole peal as a result of the lowering of the bells.

The bells being lower than the louvres had the effect of mellowing the sound, which although softened to the immediate vicinity, is diffused to a greater area, and the musical qualities can be much more appreciated.

Of the estimated cost of £1,500, the sum of £1,350 has now been raised, and there is thus still a deficit of £150. Further subscriptions will be gratefully received by the Vicar or wardens.

## Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolstencroft

### FAREWELL TO ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Wolstencroft are severing their long connection with St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne and are going to live in Buckinghamshire.

In their honour a farewell peal was rung at St. Peter's Church, where Mr. Wolstencroft had been a ringer and conductor for 55 years and Mrs. Wolstencroft for 21 years. This is the second tower Mr. Wolstencroft has circled to eight different methods.

The peal, Superlative Surprise Major, was the first in the method to be rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild and was the 60th peal together for Stephen Lloyd Parry and Fred Dunkerley.

Only two peals of Superlative have been rung at Ashton. A previous attempt was made on the 40th anniversary of the first peal, which was lost owing to the electric light being switched off accidentally after 2½ hours' ringing, and was to have been a memorial peal to Charles Jackson 1, Rev. A. T. Beeston 2, Bertram Prewett 3, George Dent 4, Isaac Shade 5, Gabriel Lindoff 6, William Pye 7, Ernest Pye 8, which was rung on September 12th, 1905.

### CHESTER GUILD'S REGRET.

The Chester Guild said farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft at a practice meeting at Bowdon on March 8th, which was attended by some 60 members and friends.

Mr. A. R. Elkins, branch chairman, expressed the regret of the Guild that two of their friends and staunch supporters of the branch, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, were leaving Ashton for Buckinghamshire. His remarks were endorsed by a number of members, and suggestions were made that this was hardly the time to move South in view of the infinitely worse weather which they were experiencing than the North!

Mr. Wolstencroft thanked the meeting for their good wishes and for the many happy years he had had amongst them. It was not easy to move after so many years, but he had finally brought himself to do it.

Mrs. Wolstencroft, who has been connected with St. Peter's, Ashton, for over 70 years as scholar, Sunday School teacher and superintendent, in a witty speech urged all young people present to take an active part in the corporate life of their church.

The branch and the Church of St. Peter, Ashton, will be the poorer by their removal, but what is their loss will, it is hoped, be Buckinghamshire's gain. It is expected that another county will enter into the sphere of multi-method Minor ringing.

A new feature introduced at the Bowdon meeting was a short talk on some of the difficulties encountered by learners and how to overcome them in order that newcomers to change ringing might be spared some of the drudgery which the older members were compelled to go through to acquire their knowledge.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. P. Lowe), there was a bountiful tea and the ringing was mainly in methods of the elementary type with plenty of rounds for the learners. To those who suggest that change ringing is a dying art the ages at this meeting ranged from 12 to 75 with the accent on the younger generation. Verb sap.

### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Corleston, Great Yarmouth.



## OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

### MR. JAMES HOULDSWORTH.

For many years the conductor of the talented band of ringers at Oswaldtwistle, who were pioneers of Surprise ringing in the Blackburn Branch, Mr. James Houldsworth, of Accrington, Lancs. (late of Oswaldtwistle), died on March 9th. He was cremated at Carleton on March 13th.

His Surprise peals included Palatine Surprise, Lancashire Surprise and Northampton Surprise, which were the first peals in these methods for the Lancashire Association. He was also a member of the band which rang a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods non-conducted which was also the first for the association. He will, however, be best remembered for the assistance and instruction he so readily gave to beginners.

He possessed that great asset of being able to impart his knowledge to others, and many ringers in the surrounding districts (including the writer) are very grateful and appreciative of the help and instruction he so willingly gave.

Mr. Houldsworth rang in all about 70 peals, a goodly proportion being Surprise, for most of which he acted as conductor. A.T.

### MR. J. N. OXBORROW.

The death of Mr. John Nixon Oxborrow on February 14th marks the passing of another notable College Youth. He was the secretary of the St. Stephen's, Westminster, band from its formation, and when the band at Westminster Abbey was inaugurated he was elected secretary, and held this position until the ban was placed on ringing during the war.

Mr. Oxborrow was a native of Helmingham, Suffolk, and before coming to London rang at least one peal, Grandsire Triples, at Coddham, which he conducted, on December 26th, 1879.

Although he was not a prolific peal ringer, he was an excellent striker and very safe on all numbers of bells. As far as can be ascertained, he rang about 170 peals, among these three Surprise peals in one day—London, Cambridge and Superlative—non-conducted London and Cambridge Major and Stedman Cinques, and a 'John' peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate. He was 86 years of age and had been a member of the College Youths for 60 years.

At the funeral at Streatham Park Cemetery on February 24th, the society was represented by Mr. W. H. Pasmore. A.B.P.

### MR. EDWARD PAUL.

Mr. Edward Paul, of Stroud, Glos., who died on March 8th, aged 83, was a regular Sunday ringer for over 60 years. He was not a peal ringer, having rung only two peals, but he was always found in his place for service ringing and was always on time. Mr. Paul was instrumental in introducing several young men to the tower, of whom the writer was one. L.B.

### MR. A. E. W. SMITH, SWINDON.

After a short illness, Mr. A. E. W. Smith, of Swindon, has died, aged 78. A native of Longcot, Berks, he learned to ring at Christ Church, Swindon, about 1900 and had been a member of that band since that date. He never mastered an 'inside' bell, but had rung the tenor to peals of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, and was an expert at tune ringing with handbells. Many a meeting or outing finished in a merry mood with William and partner performing with the handbells.

The funeral took place at Christ Church on March 14th, and was attended by members of the local and Rodbourne Cheney towers. A half-muffled touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. W.B.K.

### MR. W. H. JOHNSON, WORCESTER.

Mr. William H. Johnson (Bill Johnson to his many ringing friends in Worcestershire) died on March 15th in his 83rd year. He was a very active member of Worcester Cathedral band until a few years ago, when his doctor forbade him making the arduous climb to the ringing chamber.

He was not a prolific ringer—probably having not more than 50 peals to his credit, and several of these were rung on the Cathedral bells upon occasions of national rejoicings and sorrow—but he was a regular attendant for Sunday service ringing.

Mr. Johnson first entered into the life of the Cathedral 60 years ago, when he joined the voluntary choir, and he was for 50 years secretary of the Cathedral Guild and treasurer of the Worcestershire Association of Ringers for 40 years—a fine example of continuity and devotion to his fellow ringers.

In June, 1943, recognition was paid to his services when at a social gathering in the College Hall he was presented with a handsome gift of War Saving Certificates by Guild members and friends of the Worcestershire Association.

He was a well-known business man in Worcester, being a partner in the building firm of Messrs. Phelps and Johnson. He leaves two sons, who are members of the firm. His wife died in 1939.

The funeral service, held in the Cathedral on March 15th, was attended by many of his ringing friends. The Dean (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies) officiated. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by T. W. Lewis 1-2, S. T. Holt 3-4, G. J. Lewis 5-6, J. J. Jeffries 7-8.

### MR. WALTER CHIBNALL.

A stalwart of the Bedfordshire Association died on March 9th in the person of Mr. Walter Chibnall, of Aspley Guise, aged 82. His funeral took place on March 12th.

By trade, Mr. Chibnall was a bookbinder and for 50 years he was employed by the Powage Press, Ltd. His ringing career extended over 63 years, he having joined the Bedfordshire Association at the end of 1883, the second year after its formation. Throughout the whole of that period he rang regularly for services on the handy ring of six at the Parish Church of St. Botolph, where he was foreman of the company. He instructed recruits and kept the band at full strength.

It was his boast that from the time the Aspley bells were rehung over 40 years ago to the present time their upkeep had not cost the church authorities a penny piece. An accomplished amateur carpenter, he lined the walls of the ringing chamber with boarding at his own expense and saw to it that it was kept clean and in good condition at all times. He was capable of rehanging a bell and fitting new bearings, etc., when required.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

Despite the inclement weather, 19 ringers met at Rodbourne Cheney on March 8th for the quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch, and methods up to Kent Minor were rung.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hassett), and tea was served in the Sunday School by wives of the local ringers.

The secretary announced that a tour of outlying towers was being arranged in place of the May meeting, and it was decided to visit Blunsdon and Bishopstone in April and June respectively. Three juvenile lady members of Rodbourne Cheney tower were elected members of the association.

Ringers were present from Swindon, Blunsdon, Lydiard Millicent, Rodbourne Cheney, Faringdon and Stratton St. Margaret.

## Selby and District Society

### BRAYTON BELLS—A DISAPPOINTMENT.

A successful meeting was held at Howden on March 15th, when nearly 30 members were present from Barnby Don, Carlton, Goole, Hemingbrough, Selby, Thorne and the local company.

The Vicar of Howden (the Rev. A. Waring), being unfortunately indisposed, was not able to preside at the meeting, but sent his greetings to the members. The Vicar of Carlton (the Rev. E. Lawson-Brewis), who is a vice-president, presided, and 19 new ringing members were elected.

The secretary reported that owing to difficulties which were not anticipated, there would not be a ring of bells at Brayton and the fund was closed. A proposal that the whole of the year's collection should now go to the Carlton Fund was referred to an extraordinary general meeting of members, as the original resolution was adopted at the society's ordinary general meeting.

The next meeting is to be held at East-rington, subject to local approval, and there are to be joint meetings with the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) and Doncaster and District Society, also with Beverley and District Society.

The Chairman announced that Carlton bells are to be dedicated on May 10th by the Bishop of Sheffield and all were invited to be present.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar of Howden for the use of the bells, also to the local company for their arrangements, which included an excellent tea.

An unfortunate occurrence at the start of ringing nearly deprived members of the opportunity to ring this fine peal. The clapper bolt of the sixth bell had worked loose at the headstock and could not be tightened. Thanks to the ingenuity of the Howden ringers, however, temporary repairs were effected which enabled the bells to be rung.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

#### NORTHERN DISTRICT AT WETHERSFIELD

Call changes to London Surprise Major was the all embracing programme supervised by the District Master (Miss H. Snowden) for the Northern District meeting at Wethersfield on March 15th.

The following towers were represented: Halstead, Finchamfield, Bocking, Black Notley, Pebmarsh, Shimpling, Braintree, Brentwood, Romford, Great Bardfield, Dunmow, Sible Hedingham, Stansted, Sudbury, Leverstock Green and the local company.

The service in the church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. B. Shepherd), who gave a helpful address. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 1s. 9d. Tea was served in the schoolroom.

A cordial welcome to the visitors was extended by the Ringing Master and two new members were elected. Earls Colne was selected for the next meeting on June 7th. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Mr. B. Redgwell for making the meeting such a success. Handbells were also rung in various methods.

#### SOUTH-EAST DIVISION AT RETTENDON.

Thirty-two members and friends attended the meeting of the S.E. Division at Rettendon on March 8th, when the association's service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. P. Flute). Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. and Miss Jay and Miss Cardy.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, at which seven new members were elected, and the next meeting was arranged for April 26th at Wiford. The thanks of the Association to all who had assisted in arranging for such an enjoyable meeting were voiced by Mr. H. Shadrack. Ringing extended from rounds to Cambridge Minor.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The Kington Peal

## CONDUCTOR'S EXPLANATION.

Dear Sir,—As the ringer responsible for the Kington peal, I had not thought it necessary to answer your correspondents' letters, but your leading article of March 21st forces me to say:—

(1) Much has been made of the idea that local sentiment was hurt because the first peal on rehanging bells was rung by outsiders. The bells of Kington were not rehanging by the date of our peal, and, as far as I know, are still untouched.

(2) There was not the slightest intention of ignoring the ringing captain. I am sorry that he has felt annoyance, but I fail to see why any annoyance with outsiders should make him sever his connection with the local band. The facts are simply these: We attempted the peal on Friday, January 10th, but failed. We then intended to try again at Eardisland on the following Monday, only to discover on the Sunday that these bells were not available. The possibility of Kington was thought of, and the Vicar gave permission by telephone for the peal to be attempted.

Such are the simple facts which need not have created a 'mountain out of a molehill.' On my many visits to churches it has been my invariable custom to ask permission from the incumbent, unless I personally know a local ringer, in which case I should assume that he himself would contact the incumbent. This is the first occasion when difficulties have arisen.

In conclusion, I may say that the peal was first reported less than a week after it was rung.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. MORETON.

The Close, Hereford.

## A NEW BELFRY RULE.

Dear Sir,—Further light having been thrown on the Kington episode, your readers are now able to sum up.

(1) The Vicar is not to blame. Only a ringing parson can weigh up the susceptibilities and feelings of a ringer and his unwritten code of honour.

(2) Mr. Trevor Jones has had his feelings deeply hurt and an apology is due to him. 'Blessed are the peace makers.'

(3) The sterling qualities of the Kington ringers in raising money for the new bells, under the leadership of their captain, is brought into view.

(4) I have always found captains or foremen occupy their position on account of their skill, mental alertness, kindness and acknowledged leadership. They are fine specimens of English character and we can ill afford to lose them.

(5) I have had a hand in drawing up belfry rules with the unanimous agreement of incumbent, churchwardens, foreman and all the ringers. If I did this again I would add one more, viz:—

'That incumbent and foreman consult together if outside application is made to ring the bells.'

This would strengthen the unwritten code of etiquette, would not infringe the incumbent's rights, would put an end to peal snatching and convince the ringers that the parson was their friend.—Yours sincerely,

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton, Devon.

## LADIES' GUILD'S SYMPATHY

Dear Sir,—I would like, on behalf of the Northern District, Ladies' Guild, to convey my utmost sympathy for those of our members and their fellow ringers who are flooded out, particularly those in the Doncaster area. I sincerely hope that their present unhappy circumstances will soon be overcome.

E. DORICE KELLY, Hon. Sec.

164, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

## Captain Agrees to Return

Dear Sir,—I am an unattached member of the Kington district, but I would like to point out that there has been a misunderstanding over the peal of Hereward Bob Minor.

The bells have not yet been rehanging, the £186 raised is towards the cost of rehanging the present six and adding two new trebles to complete the octave.

The peal in question was the first of Minor on the bells. I understand it had always been the ambition of the captain to conduct the first peal of Minor on the bells with a local band, and one can well imagine his disappointment. He has, however, agreed to return to the tower as captain.

The whole affair has been most unfortunate.

—Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) ELSIE C. CHANDLER.

Beechgrove, Kington.

INFORMATION FROM CANADA  
WANTED

Dear Sir,—Your issue of February 14th contained an interesting letter from Mr. A. C. Limpus, of Vancouver, B.C., in which he mentions the peal rung there in 1911 for the Coronation of King George V. I have always had a particular interest in this peal, as I knew well and rang quite a bit with the conductor, Mr. G. W. Forster, in my young days. He came from Borden, Kent, and was an active member of the K.C.A. before he emigrated.

This peal (Holt's Original) appealed to me as a remarkably fine performance, especially on the part of Mr. Forster, who, I believe, came several hundred miles to conduct it.

It has always been a pleasure to see an occasional reference to him in 'The Ringing World,' and the last, several years ago, mentioned that he was seriously ill. I have often wondered whether or not he recovered. Perhaps Mr. Limpus can tell us so that his part in this historic peal can be placed on record in the report of the Kent County Association, of which he was a valued member.—Yours,

Crayford, Kent.

E. BARNETT.

## BROADCAST NOTICES

Dear Sir,—When broadcasts of bells are announced, would it be possible to give the wave-length?

The last issue of 'The Ringing World' mentioned a broadcast of the bells of St. Mary's, Ulverston, on March 16th, in the Home Service, but our programme in the Home Service at this hour was a service from Newton Abbot Congregational Church!

Whimble, Devon.

E. LOMAS (Miss).

## A DATE TOUCH FOR 1947

Dear Sir,—The enclosed 21 leads of Treble Bob may be of interest to those who like to ring a date touch.

At the treble's snap lead at the start of the 22nd lead the change is 123546, and the bells can be brought round at hand the next change giving a touch of 507 changes, which, with two 720's, will give the 1,947 changes.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

507 TREBLE BOB.

23456	3
56423	1
45623	3
23645	2
56234	1
25634	3
34625	2
56342	1
35642	4
54263	1

P.L. 25346

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123456

## Irish Association 'Cleared'

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter by Mr. Harold Poole in 'The Ringing World' dated 14th inst., when he suggested that I should say if there was ever a Frank Haslett having been a member of this Association.

I have perused all the records possible and I can find no trace of any person of this name amongst them (nor was there ever a Michael Mulcahy a member either), and certainly no peals by the Irish Association included any person bearing either of the names.

There have been a number of peals of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples rung by members of this Association, but never any of London Surprise Minor.

According to records, there has not been any person of the name who was a member of the Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, Society. I will, however, make inquiries from their secretary, and should my information be incorrect, I will not hesitate to write again.

Trusting that this information will 'clear the air' as far as this man's statements regarding this Association are concerned.—Yours faithfully,

FRED. E. DUKES,

Irish Association of Change Ringers.

## ST. MARGARET'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—The ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, do not need anyone to defend them against what was an unwarrantable attack upon their ringing, yet I feel bound to answer Mr. Burgess.

I am not in a position to judge the recording that he mentions, but I can say that bad striking would not be tolerated, for it has been a pleasure for me to ring with them on many occasions prior to 1939 when the bells were going badly.

As for the B.B.C. recording, it is quite possible that some of St. Margaret's ringers took part in it, in any case neither they nor Mr. Burgess can teach them anything about striking.

Hatfield is no great distance from London, and Mr. Burgess could profit by a visit there some time, when he would, I am sure, receive a very warm welcome, and at the same time enjoy some ringing which may be equalled but certainly not surpassed.—Yours faithfully,

Maidstone.

WILLIAM T. GRICE.

## RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re St. Peter's (Nottingham) 10 bells. The two trebles have the following inscription: 'To the Greater Glory of God. H. R. Cobbin gave me. Thanking God. 1919.' The donor (D.V.) hopes to complete 50 years' ringing service at St. Peter's on June 22nd next.

In your issue of March 7th, Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, gave particulars of the 9th bell in Beccles (Suffolk) tower, saying amongst the inscriptions on the bell was the name of Henry Hopson. Mr. Henry Hopson was the grandfather of H. R. Cobbin.

Nottingham.

H. A. COBBIN.

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## BIRTH

POWELL.—On Mar. 10th, 1947, at Victoria Cottage, Coombe Street, Lyme Regis, to Laura (née Keeley), wife of Cuthbert W. H. Powell, a son (Christopher). 1121

## DEATH

PYE.—On March 17th, 1947, at Porters Castle, Hedingham, Maud Alice Pye, widow of the late William Pye, aged 68 years. 1140

## FOR SALE

SET of Handbells (octave); £15.—Grater, 9, Franklyn Drive, Cowick Lane, Exeter. 1120

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. E. W. Pye is now 2, Victoria Villas, Alexandra Road, Sible Hedingham, Essex. 1141

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Meeting Bentley (5), Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1065

SURREY ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Asst. Hon. Sec. 1067

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Harrietsham (8), Mar. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1066

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice, Bexhill, Saturday, Mar. 29th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify Rev. P. J. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill.—John Downing, Hon. Sec. 1101

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Aughton, Saturday, Mar. 29th, at 2.30. 6 bells. Note change in tower. All welcome.—N. Heaps, Branch Sec. 1132

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Levington (6), Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1106

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Biddenden, Mar. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. 1108

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Evening meeting at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Monday, Mar. 31st, at 7.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1134

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Horsham, Apr. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea; names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt House Road, Crawley. 1093

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Marden (8), Apr. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Apr. 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent. 1113

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting, Dronfield (8), Apr. 5th. Bring own food.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1139

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells of Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. Miles' available 10 to 11.45 and after 3 p.m.; St. John de Sepulchre also, after 3. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. J. A. H. Waddington. Lunch, Bedford Grill, Bedford Street, 1 (4s.), followed by business meeting. Accommodation at lunch must be restricted to the first 70 who notify me.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 1011

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6). Meeting St. Mary-le-Tower 9.30. Photograph taken 11.45. Service 12 o'clock. Lunch 12.45 at Nightingale's, Upper Brook Street. Business meeting after. Those requiring lunch must notify me by April 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 1038

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Annual meeting Penarth, Easter Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4. Business to follow. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—F. J. Hannington. 1094

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. Service in All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. Swithin's (6), from 10 a.m.; Cathedral (12), 5-6.30 p.m.; St. John's (8), 3-5 p.m.; Claines (10), from 2 p.m. No arrangements have yet been possible for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1103

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Easter Monday. Arrangements for service, luncheon and towers as previously advertised. Additional towers: Chilham and Wickhambreaux.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 1129

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Wisbech, Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5. Bells available: Wisbech (10), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and after tea; Elm (6), Leverington (6), 11 a.m. to 3.30, and after tea.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John, Wisbech. 1131

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bath, Easter Monday. Service, St. Michael's, 12 noon. Lunch, Christopher Hotel 12.50 prompt. Business meeting, St. James Church Room, 2 p.m. Bells available: Abbey (10), 3 to 5.30; St. Michael's (8), 11 to 12, 6 till dark; St. Matthew's (6), 5 to 6, St. Mark's (6), 6 to 7; St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4; Twerton (8), 3.30 to 5, 6 to 8; Cors-ton (8), 3.30 to 6; Newton St. Loe, any time. Make own arrangements for tea. Restaurants closed. About 20 seats left for lunch. Apply at once.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 1115

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual, Easter Monday. Clay Cross (6). Bells 2 p.m. Business meeting, Parochial Schools, 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names, not later than Tuesday, Apr. 1st, to J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield. 1124

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Seaton, Easter Monday. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at Axe Vale Cafe. Names by Mar. 29th.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 1114



**SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.**—Meeting Ewell, Easter Monday. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notice for tea, please, to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Apr. 2nd.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1092

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. St. Paul's (10) available 10.30; St. Peter's (6) available during afternoon and evening. A meat tea has been arranged at the Lion Hotel, High Street, for 4 p.m., at 3s. 6d. per head. Names for tea, please, to the secretary by Wednesday, Apr. 2nd. The business meeting will be held in the lounge of the Lion Hotel at 5 p.m.—Mr. F. Plummer, Romaine Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 1125

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6). Meet St. Mary-le-Tower 9.30. Photograph taken 11.45. Service 12 o'clock. Lunch 12.45 at Nightingale's, Upper Brook Street. Business meeting after. Those requiring lunch must notify me by April 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 1038

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Easter Monday meeting, Burton Parish Church. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Bring food. Cups of tea only.—J. W. Cotton. 1135

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, April 12th. Bells: Hatfield (10), available in morning; Abbey (12), St. Peter's (10), 2-3.45 and in evening; St. Michael's (6) and St. Stephen's (6), 2-3.40. Service in the Abbey 4 p.m. Tea, Water End Barn 5.30, for those whose notify me by Tuesday, Apr. 8th. Alteration of Rule V.: That the portion of Rule V. relating to the day fixed for the annual meeting be amended as follows: 'That the Annual Meeting of the Association be held on the Saturday after Easter or any other date selected by the Committee.'—W. Ayre, Gen. Sec., Leverstock Green. 1099

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be at St. James', Milnrow, Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Tea 5.15, to those who send names before Apr. 4th to Mr. A. Buesill, 3, Cornfield Street, Milnrow. 1123

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.**—Annual general, Newark, Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea at Barnbygate Restaurant 5. Business meeting in belfry afterwards. Ringing till 8. Will all members please make a special effort to attend.—T. Groombridge, jun. 1105

**ELLAND, YORKS.**—Meeting at Elland on Saturday, Apr. 12th. All ringers invited. A tea will be provided.—F. Linfoot. 1122

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Banbury and Bicester Branches.—Joint meeting at Lower Heyford on Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to F. Pritchett, Lower Heyford, Oxford. Rousham (6) and Steeple Aston (6) available in evening.—E. C. Pearson and F. Sharpe. 1118

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting, Brewood, Apr. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45. Cups of tea 5.30. Please bring food. Bus leaves North Street (bottom Market Square), Wolverhampton, 2.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1119

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol City Branch.—Monthly, Apr. 12th, St. Thomas. Usual arrangements. Cups of tea only, 5.15. Bring own food.—C. H. Wood. 1126

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly, Charlton Kings (8), Apr. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 1117

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Burnham, Bucks, on Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in Church Hall. Business to follow. Names for tea must reach Mr. G. Gilbert, Pontresina, Milner Road, Burnham, by Wednesday, Apr. 9th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1133

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Ringing meeting at East Haddon on Saturday, Apr. 12th, at 3 p.m. 6 bells. Tea available.—F. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 1128

**SALISBURY DIOCESEAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly, Warminster, Apr. 12th. Usual arrangements. Advise for tea by 9th April.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. Phone 297. 1127

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly, Seavington St. Mary, Apr. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows. 6 bells. Notify by Apr. 8th for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Dayton. 1116

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting of special interest to all lady ringers in Kent and Sussex at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Apr. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Important meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells, by Apr. 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1110

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will take place at Brighton on Saturday, May 3rd.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1138

**VISITORS TO BOURNEMOUTH.**—Visiting ringers are always welcome at the various towers. Christchurch Priory (12): Sunday ringing, 5.30 p.m. Practice night, Mondays, 7.30 (verify).—Mr. George Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch. Bournemouth St. Peter (8): S.R., 9.30 and 11 a.m., 5.50. P.N., Thursdays, 7.30.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road. Bournemouth St. John, Surrey Road (8): S.R., 10 a.m. and 5.30. P.N., Tuesdays, 7.30.—H. A. Mitchell, 107, Kinson Road, Wallisdown. Handbells: Tuesdays, St. Peter's Hall, 6. 1137

#### DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

**MID-DEVON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.** Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, presided at the 25th annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Teignmouth on March 15th, when the local ringers were joined with visitors from Exeter, Tedbury St. Mary, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth. An apology was received from Mr. Harvey (Totnes).

The sub-committee reported on the memorial to the late Mr. C. R. Walter, and submitted three estimates for the work. These were referred back to the sub-committee.

The secretary's annual report stated that five meetings had been held and membership had increased. An increase in the general fund balance was reported by the treasurer, but a decrease on the Instructional Fund balance. The reports were adopted.

Officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills; secretary, treasurer and ringing master, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. B. H. Cooper; general committee, Miss L. E. Cload, Mr. C. F. Austin and Mr. W. C. Wakley. An honorary member and an associate member were also elected.

Meetings suggested (subject to permission) were Totnes, April 26th, and Buckfast Abbey with the South-West Branch in June.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. S. W. Phillips) for conducting the service and use of the bells, the Rev. I. W. Watson for his address and those who contributed to the catering. Methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.



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## EASTER

Out from the snowdrifts chilly,  
Roused from drowsy hours,  
Bluebell wakes and lily;  
God calls up the flowers.

These lines from a traditional Easter carol seem particularly appropriate this year with a winter of amazing severity—weeks of snow being followed by floods which have inundated thousands of acres, with much death and destruction. Behind this desolation will come the miracle of the resurrection; it is presented each succeeding spring and is commemorated by the Church with the Festival of Easter.

For the past week the bells of our churches have been silent. It is a generally accepted rule that no practices are held during Holy Week. For those whose ears are attuned to sounds that matter it has been a still week. And it is well that ringers should ask themselves each succeeding year what is the message of the silent bells? No resurrection can come without death pains and decay; similarly no Easter, with all its joy of a new life, arrives without its travail which this year has been one of physical anguish for thousands of people.

Charles Morgan, in one of his essays, takes infinite pains to condemn those who desire to regimentise the human family into what they describe as the Common Man. 'I believe that the coming age will be that of the Uncommon rather than the Common Man,' he writes with conviction. And later he adds, 'Woe betide the priest who looks for the Common Parishioner and not for the child of God.' Thus, in the appeal of the message of Easter reactions are different. 'The world itself keeps Easter Day' is the glad message of another carol. Nature has a common denominator and gradually reveals its new life, but with mankind it is individualistic and uncommon. The promise of the resurrection is there to all, but it has to be sought individually.

The Easter morning bells are an expression to the world of the Church's alleluias. It is the ringer's privilege to be the chosen messenger—an uncommon responsibility which is not merely confined to ringing a touch perfectly. This ringing is a spiritual act; an act of worship which is entered upon with a fuller significance if the true meaning behind the silence in Holy Week is understood and observed.

To many Guilds and Associations Easter is the start of a new year and a new life. More than a dozen of



such gatherings will take place on Easter Monday—occasions which are largely attended. It is indeed a happy thought to start anew with Easter and leave behind the dross of the passing year in the search for something far nobler and on a higher plane in our ringing. All the discouragements of the past are gone and buried; new hopes and aspirations will enable the coming year to give a better impetus to our work.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Mar. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF ERIN CINQUES, 5083 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 2	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 10
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 6	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.  
First peal of Erin Cinques by all except ringers of 3rd and 8th.

## TEN BELL PEALS

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat.

FRANK VARTY ... .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 7
*ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 3	†GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 8
CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
JAMES S. WEBB ... .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † 50th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRED,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES!

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 6
*ERNEST B. BETTS ... .. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	FREDK. SEAGER ... .. 8
†FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 4	FRED HODGSON ... .. 9
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 5	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
\* First peal on ten. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells since recasting.

PAINSWICK GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5083 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE LATHAM ... .. Treble	*RONALD WATTS ... .. 6
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 7
GEORGE GOULDING ... .. 3	†JOHN WHITING ... .. 8
WILLIAM STAITE ... .. 4	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 9
THOMAS WITTS ... .. 5	*CLIFFORD LAUNDER ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part (2nd the observation). Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.

*EDWARD CLAYDEN ... Treble	ALAN DENNISON ... .. 5
ERNEST LINDLEY ... .. 2	WALTER HICK ... .. 6
WILLIAM FAY ... .. 3	ROBERT LANCASTER ... 7
HENRY CLAYDON ... .. 4	ALFRED BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. LINDLEY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
*PATRICIA HOLMES ... .. 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 6
*ERIC A. DENCH ... .. 3	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 7
*ALAN WHITE ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

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

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

*K. CHILTERN ... .. Treble	A. D. COLLINS ... .. 5
TREVOR REYNOLDS ... .. 2	C. R. COLLINS ... .. 6
T. G. MARTIN ... .. 3	†H. BOSWELL ... .. 7
E. E. SPEKE ... .. 4	*ROY LUNN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

\* First peal. † 150th peal for the Society. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of A. Hubball and C. Willis, members of the local company, who lost their lives while serving in H.M. Forces during the war.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL ... Treble	*H. GEORGE HART ... .. 5
ELSIE K. FULTON ... .. 2	W. NORMAN GENNA ... 6
THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 3	*FRANK OAKSHOTT ... 7
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 4	WILLIAM WENBAN ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by W. WENBAN.

\* First peal of Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

### A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*FREDK. W. MIDDLETON Treble	*CHARLES H. MOORE ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	*JOHN MOOR ... .. 6
*MRS. FREWEN MOOR ... 3	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 7
*CEDRIC CURSON ... .. 4	GEORGE SAYER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.



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## EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*VICTOR WOODARDS ... Treble	*ERIC A. DENCH ... 5
LUCIE M. HUBBERT ... 2	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 6
MAURICE HODGSON ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method.

## SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE CHURCH ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY ... 2	*ROBERT CHALLEN ... 6
*MORRIS THOMAS ... 3	HENRY STALHAM ... 7
FREDK. PAGE ... 4	ALFRED HODDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Stalham.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE MANCROFT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

First peal in the method.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID VINCENT ... Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
GEORGE H. HESKETH ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

## HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE E. RETTER ... Treble	BRIAN PIDGEON ... 5
*JOHN CARTER ... 2	*REG. WOODLEY ... 6
JOHN QUICK ... 3	ARTHUR J. C. HOLWAY ... 7
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 4	ERNEST E. RETTER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. RETTER.

\* First peal of Triples.

## WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERIC T. LEE ... Treble	GEORGE L. GROVER ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETS ... 7
NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—On March 9th at the Church of St. Luke, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Chilton 1. T. Reynolds 2. T. Q. Martin 3. F. E. Speake 4. A. D. Collins (conductor) 5. C. R. Collins 6. H. Boswell 7. R. Lunn 8.

## BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... 5
FRANK SODEN ... 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS ... 6
FREDK. W. SODEN ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... 7
THOMAS S. STRATFORD ... 4	GEORGE R. MILES ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Thomas A. Bond, bellfounder, who died on March 13th.

## CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

Tenor 16 cwt.

*REGINALD J. FUNNELL ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
ALFRED PRIOR ... 2	*JOHN F. GROVE ... 6
*THOS. A. LAYBOURN ... 3	JOHN SITCH ... 7
HARRY TURNER ... 4	FRANK V. GANT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

\* First peal of Triples.

## MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALKELDA,

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

Middleton's.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
FREDK. SEAGER ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 3	ERNEST B. BETTS ... 7
JOHN WORTH ... 4	FRED HODGSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	†WM. C. PORTER ... 5
ALAN R. PINK ... 2	NEIL L. ALLNATT ... 6
*JAMES HIGGINS ... 3	*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
BETTY SPICE ... 4	†WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † 100th peal together.

## EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

VICTOR WOODARDS ... Treble	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5
LUCIE M. HUBBERT ... 2	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

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

## HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	*FRANK REED ... 6
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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



### UFFORD, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	PERCY K. PARKER ... 7
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.  
First peal as conductor and first attempt (age 11).

### BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F. sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	†CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
*JOYCE HUMPHREY ... 2	‡HENRY WEAVER ... 6
HAROLD F. WOOD ... 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	CECIL H. WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by R. P. WOOD.  
\* First peal. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ First in the method.  
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

### WORCESTER, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

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

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.  
First peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

### PULFORD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*GEO. E. W. GRIFFITHS <i>Treble</i>	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 5
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 3	HENRY O. BAKER ... 7
THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... 4	*ROBERT ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal.

### BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*BARBARA CLEVELAND ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. SLATFORD ... 5
MRS. F. A. PENN ... 2	PERCIVAL HARDING ... 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 3	FRANK A. PENN ... 7
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 4	SIDNEY PRESCOTT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. A. PENN.

\* First peal of Triples. The ringer of the third has completed the circle. First peal in method as conductor.

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

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD TUFFREY ... <i>Treble</i>	G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 5
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.  
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. H. Waddleton upon his induction to the benefice of Bishop Ryder's.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bishop 1, H. Bishop 2, K. White 3, J. Gordon 4, F. James 5, F. Robey 6, A. Webb (conductor) 7, E. Sawyer 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Dr. Rice.

### SIX BELL PEALS

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 4
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 2	FREDK. ROBERTS ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	CECIL H. WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. George Mackenzie.

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD L. SILLS ... <i>Treble</i>	†ERNEST T. J. LADD ... 4
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 5
FREDK. E. BUDGEN ... 3	ROBERT COLLINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JACK CURWIN (13) ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE PRESTON (14) ... 4
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK ... 2	*TOM CUTTS ... 5
*PHILIP COOTE (16) ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band. The bells were augmented from three to eight in 1915.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JACK R. WORRALL ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
*N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 2	GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

\* First peal of Surprise.

### HANDBELL PEALS

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNING ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD ... 5-6
*ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	OLAVE BROYD ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

\* First peal of Kent Major on handbells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT 5, ADDISON ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MISS JENNY PYM ... 1-2	ALBERT M. TYLER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	THOMAS H. HARRIS ... 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 1-2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 3-4
JOHN R. MAYNE (aged 13) ... 5-6	

Conducted by J. R. MAYNE.

First seven method peal in hand by all.



**ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.**—On March 15th, for a dedication service by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Alderman 1, R. Alderman 2, S. Bristow (conductor) 3, D. Parsons 4, H. Bristow 5, R. Yard 6.

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Peter Wood 1, H. Wood (first quarter as conductor) 2, R. Wood, sen. 3, C. Wood 4, T. Newman 5, W. Wickes 6, R. Wood, jun. 7, A. Emery 8.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, J. Keyte 3, M. Sinden 4, R. Jarvis 5, F. Perry 6, I. Harris (conductor) 7, C. Tompkins 8. A compliment to Mr. J. Keyte on the birth of a grandson.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**—At All Saints' on March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tompkins (conductor) 1, G. Mayes 2, E. H. Dilley 3, A. W. Dilley 4, T. H. Dilley 5, E. W. Earl 6. Half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. I. E. Lunt, wife of the Rector.

**DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.**—On March 23rd at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Scutts (first quarter) 1, Beryl Look 2, H. Lintern 3, W. Higgins 4, J. Lintern (conductor) 5, T. Tucker (first quarter) 6.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—At the Church of St. Mary on March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, R. W. Warwick 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, Miss J. H. East 5, J. W. Wilson (first quarter as conductor) 6, E. T. Smeller 7, W. W. Warwick 8. In memoriam to Mrs. R. T. Hibbert, who was interred on March 18th.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill (first quarter) 1, H. E. Good 2, Babara Pottinger 3, Joyce England 4, A. A. Hadley 5, F. Oakshott 6, D. Parsons (first as conductor) 7, J. F. Beams 8. In memoriam to Mr. Charles Lord.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ERITH, KENT.**—At Christ Church on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hill 1, V. J. Benning 2, Miss A. Catt 3, C. Udell 4, F. A. Coley 5, E. E. Jeffries 6, A. G. Hill (conductor) 7, J. Benning 8.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On March 23rd, 1,268 Stedman Caters: R. Hayes 1, F. Bowden 2, C. E. Smith 3, W. R. Morey 4, F. Oldroyd 5, E. Lee 6, A. Collyer 7, F. Radford 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, A. E. Brown 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by ringers of 6 and 7.

**HIGHGATE, LONDON.**—At St. Anne's Church on March 23rd, 1,344 Little Bob Major: D. Harman 1, Miss J. M. Preston 2, F. T. Chapman (first inside) 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, T. Bevan 5, G. F. Carter (first inside) 6, F. O. W. Knight 7, C. A. Vessey (conductor) 8. First quarter in method by all except conductor.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On March 15th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. Whiterod 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Newman 3, C. Franklin 4, J. Elliott (conductor) 5, C. Burton 6. Longest length for the treble and fourth ringers. A wedding compliment to Mr. C. Button, who was married at Braintree the same day.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.**—On March 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Madeley 1, R. H. Tyler (aged 15) 2, F. Price 3, W. J. Chester 4, A. M. Hickman 5, T. Price 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. The first quarter of Surprise for 1, 2, 7 and 8, and the first to be rung by a local band.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On March 22nd, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Atterbury 1, W. J. Allen (first quarter-peal) 2, A. Robinson 3, L. Farey 4, G. Tanner 5, B. O. Soden 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, W. G. Farey 8.

**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**—At the Parish Church on March 18th, 1,440 changes, being 720 Kent and 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Wain (conductor) 1, G. Hancock 2, H. Johnson 3, F. Robey 4, A. Turner 5, J. Brewster 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to ringers of 3 and 5.

**OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Scoles 1, C. Blakey 2, W. Procter 3, E. Brunton 4, A. Tomlinson 5, F. Read (conductor) 6, E. J. Gower 7, R. Leigh 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. James Houlsworth.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Sleet 1, H. Kingston 2, D. Sleet (conductor) 3, P. Underwood 4, H. J. Chaffey 5, W. Horn 6. A 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—At St. Margaret's Parish Church on March 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Cheal 1, Mrs. E. F. Salmans 2, T. A. Cross 3, J. D. A. Cleaver 4, E. Naylor 5, W. J. Walker 6, B. A. Edwards 7, P. O. E. F. Salmans, R.N. (conductor) 8.

**RICHMOND, YORKS.**—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Morton 1, T. Watkin 2, R. Spencer 3, J. Watkin 4, G. Holmes (conductor) 5, G. Cradock 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Sheppard 1, L. Barry 2, G. Latham 3, B. Latham 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Thain 6, T. Witts (conductor) 7, R. Sharpe 8.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—At St. George's Church on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Byles (first quarter) 1, E. Norman (first inside) 2, R. Short 3, H. Davis 4, P. Sweet (first as conductor) 5, G. Hucker 6. First quarter on the bells by all Wembdon ringers. Rung after service of dedication of two windows and restored organ by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

One of the most promising of the Oxford Guild's younger ringers is James Higgins (15), who has rung his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative). 'Jimmy,' writes the conductor, 'is very modest with it all.'

There are other young people in the news this week. Master George W. Pipe has called his first peal of Bob Major at the age of 11. This was at Ufford, Suffolk. His father and mother both participated in the peal. A family of conductors!

Another youthful conductor is thirteen-year-old John R. Mayne. He has called this week a peal of Minor in seven methods in hand!

The peal of Surprise Minor at Darlington on March 22nd was arranged for Jack R. Worrall (Cardiff) and John A. Pumphrey (Aylsham, Norfolk), who are serving in the Royal Corps of Signals. It was their first peal of Surprise.

For 65 years Mr. W. A. Jeavons has been a member of the Coseley, Staffs, band. In honour of his 82nd birthday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles were rung on March 19th by W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, Miss E. Causer 3, D. Whatmore (first quarter) 4, D. Holden (conductor) 5, A. Cope 6.

The usual precaution of locking the belfry door was not taken at Pulford, Cheshire, on March 22nd, during a peal attempt. After ringing had been in progress for some time, a visitor entered the ringing chamber. He was quickly requested to leave and did so, but after the peal a postcard was found on the outside of the door apologising for the intrusion and very favourably commenting on the quality of the ringing! No name was given, but he stated he was from the Wirral area and was en route to Llangollen. Real courtesy!

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Quarterly subscribers may deduct 7d. from their next payment for the two issues that did not appear in February. Writes one prompt payer in sending his full subscription to Mr. H. J. Eldred: 'No deduction made. Well worth the money.'

Will Mr. Robin Shuttleworth, who ordered 'Elementary Change Ringing,' please forward his address to the Editor?

The Frodsham, Cheshire, band have a new first in the Exercise—Double Mancroft Bob Major.

The Exercise will extend their best wishes to Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss Lucile M. Hubbert. Their marriage takes place on April 10th.

Latest caricature of the Exercise appears in 'Lilliput,' in which Gammidge introduces Bam, Bim, Boom, Bong and Beng.

Those attending the annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association should note a correction in the advertisement, which reads, 'Please bring food; cups of tea provided.'

Correction.—The peal of Little Bob Major at Tattenhall, Staffs, on February 22nd, was B. G. Key's 100th peal and not G. E. Oliver's as printed.

The example of Bournemouth in advertising holiday ringing opportunities has been followed this week by Brighton, who suggest that other holiday resorts should make similar announcements.

Steps are being taken to revive the Ladies' Guild in Kent, which lapsed during the war. It is hoped that the meeting at Tunbridge Wells on April 19th will place the Guild on a firm basis in Kent.

At Hobart, Tasmania, a half-muffled peal was rung at Holy Trinity Church when the news of the passing of Mr. Rupert Richardson was received. The visit of the Tourists to Australia is still remembered by Mr. A. R. Wilson and his fellow ringers.

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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

**A**LTHOUGH the beginning of change ringing in Sussex cannot be determined with any accuracy, it is certain that there were centres of the art of Horsham, Bolney, Brighton and Eastbourne in the early part of the 18th century. Bolney is believed to be the first tower in the county with a peal of eight, but there are no boards in the tower recording early performances. By the courtesy of Mr. A. Gillings, the following extracts were made from the minute book of the local society, in which some attempt was made to record the old peals:—

April 22nd, 1799, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Philip Tulley.

April 23rd, 1813, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by James Potter, Brighton.

April 6th, 1822, 11,216 Bob Major, conducted by Richard Cook, Bolney.

In the middle of the 18th century the heavy peal of six at Horsham, with its 36 cwt. tenor, was recast into eight, and between 1766 and 1821 twenty-four peals were rung. The band also scored the first peals at St. Nicholas', Brighton, 1777, and Uckfield 1785, besides travelling as far abroad as Dorking and Guildford. Unfortunately the ancient peal book of the Horsham Society, together with the peal book and certificate book of the Sussex County Association, disappeared in 1908 after an upheaval in the Association's affairs, and has never been traced.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, the old parish church, ringing was kept vigorous by the constant visits of the Court to the town, and by its comparatively easy access from London. There is a board recording a peal of Bob Major, 11,088 changes, in 1779, rung by a mixed band, which included Sussex ringers from Horsham, Chiddingly and Cuckfield. The bells were originally eight, augmented to ten, reduced to eight again when the two trebles were transferred to the new Parish Church of St. Peter, and again augmented to ten, finally to be recast into a modern peal of ten. Very many peals have been rung here, and there is a record compiled in this century which is reputed to be a complete list. At one time there is said to have been two rival companies ringing on the bells, the Silver Spurs and the Straw Boots, the former having their headquarters at the Windmill Tavern in Upper North Street. Within living memory the insignia of the silver spur was attached to a notice board at the Windmill, but on the closing of the inn this, and possibly other records, was lost.

On these auspicious foundations, the Sussex County Association was formed from a meeting called in December, 1884, by George F. Attree at St. Peter's, Brighton. In the early part of the next year the Association was formally launched, with George Attree as its first secretary. Twenty-five bands of ringers became affiliated, and the Association at once became the third largest in the country.

In 1885 the peal at Warnham was augmented to eight, and there was found a public which loved to hear its church bells rung all day and every day. In consequence Warnham soon came to the front as a centre of change ringing, and many of its peals have the footnote, 'Begun at 4.30 a.m.' It was no unknown occurrence to have two or even more peals rung in one day. Naturally, it was an ideal place for record breaking!

#### 'FANTASTIC EXTRAVAGANCES.'

The Association was inaugurated with an impressive list of honorary members containing the names of many of the Sussex clergy and a heavy sprinkling of the higher nobility, and it was from these that it obtained a large percentage of its income. For the first year or so it flourished exceedingly, then the subscriptions from the honorary members began



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIGHTON

[Photo: Brighton and Hove Herald.]

to fall away, fantastic extravagances on dinners and teas and the erection of marble tablets began to tell their tale on the balance sheets, which went from bad to worse. Every year showed a deficit until in 1891, when the accounts were more than £60 on the wrong side, George Attree, on his elevation to the Mastership, wiped out the debt. Under the secretaryship of the Rev. Lother Coder the Association was enabled to start afresh without encumbrance.

The unique position of George Attree, as an influential business man in Brighton, and a churchwarden of St. Peter's, enabled him to attract to the town many good ringers, and to provide unlimited facilities for practice. Amongst his band figure such well-known names as George Baker, composer and method inventor, George Williams, Edward Merritt, Harry Weston, Frank Bennett, Keith Hart, George Smart—some employed by the Attree firm, others attracted to the tower by its growing reputation or the opportunities offered for practice in advanced methods.

The 1890's found the St. Peter's band at the top of its form: the first peals for the Association of Cambridge, Superlative and London were rung at their own tower, and the first of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas'. These latter were not the first rung by the Sussex Association, as affiliated towers were listed as far away as St. Albans Cathedral, Herts, and All Saints', Fulham, claims the first peals of Caters credited to the Association. It is doubtful, however, if these peals can be reckoned truly Sussex ones. During this period the St. Peter's band travelled to London, and at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, rang the first peal of London Surprise in the City. The attitude of the London ringers to this performance is not recorded.

The same decade found a new centre of ringing at Crawley, under James Parker, peals of New Cumberland Surprise, Superlative and

Alliance Major being accomplished. At Henfield, too, Charles Tyler's band scored the first peal of Duffield for the Association and the first of Stedman Caters and Cinques on handbells.

The swift rise of the Association's reputation may be gauged by the fact that the first peal for the new Association was Grandsire Triples at Cuckfield, conducted by J. Jay, sen., and there were seven rung in the first year. In 1895 the total had risen to 98 for the twelve months, being at that time a record for any society. No less than 33 of these were rung at Warnham, and methods had included 10,080 Treble Bob Minor in 14 methods at Capel, conducted by D. Jordan, the first peal ever rung of Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by H. Chandler at Warnham, and the first peals of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.

In 1908 George Attree emigrated to Canada, and it might well have been that the removal of his undoubted personality and powers of leadership would spell disaster both to St. Peter's and the Association. That difficulties and troubles attendant on his sudden departure should occur is only to be expected, but the foundations he had laid were sound and there were capable men to carry on his work. In the election of the new Master, F. B. Tompkins, and secretary, G. Watson, with Keith Hart succeeding to the leadership of St. Peter's, affairs settled down in due course.

#### DIVISION OF THE COUNTY

By 1893 it had been found necessary, owing to the peculiar shape of the county with its Cathedral at the extreme west end, to form three divisions of the Association. This arrangement lasted until 1932, when under the secretaryship of Albert Stone the central division was divided into a northern and southern. Although various attempts have been made to give the Cathedral City more prominence, it is generally agreed that Brighton is geographically and conveniently the natural centre. General meetings held at Chichester or Eastbourne have always proved unrepresentative and unsatisfactory.

The first World War broke on the Association at the height of its reputation. A record of 112 peals had been rung during 1913; the finances were in a flourishing state; the new Benevolent Fund was proving its worth. It was owing to these facts that the organisation came through the war years on a firm footing to face the problems of peace. Despite some opposition, meetings were regularly held and there seems to have been very little dislocation in any direction. By 1924 it was found possible to offer rail fares to members attending meetings, in addition to the benefits derived from the Benevolent Fund.

Between the wars Crawley had risen again under the conductorship of Oliver Sippetts, where peals of Surprise in new methods and in the latest discovery, Spliced Surprise, were becoming almost everyday affairs. St. Peter's, Brighton, were making good use of the heavy peal of ten which had been presented by the Master, J. Thornton Rickman, and the first peal ever rung of London Surprise Royal in George Baker's Brighton version had been rung by the local band with Keith Hart as conductor. The jubilee meeting was held in Brighton in 1935, three foundation members being present.

Again war interfered with progress, this time more severely than before, but again, despite the total ban on ringing, activities continued. The handbell band gathered round Frank and Mrs. Hairs at Burgess Hill scored peals with regularity. It is largely owing to these activities, carried on under the stress of difficulties attendant on war duties, that the Association was enabled to start again so

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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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vigorously after the lifting of the ban. The county has reason to be thankful that it has escaped with negligible damage to bells and towers, although it took its part in the front line.

### NOTABLE PERFORMANCES.

- July 7th, 1888, 10,800 Treble Bob Minor in 14 methods at Capel, D. Jordan.  
Dec. 26th, 1894, 9,312 Superlative Surprise Major at Crawley, J. Parker.  
March 1st, 1889, 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major at Warnham, H. Chandler.  
Dec. 11th, 1891, 6,720 Canterbury Pleasure Major at Horsham, H. Chandler.  
Feb. 2nd, 1901, 6,720 London Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. Williams.  
April 29th, 1933, 10,432 Kent Treble Bob Major at Warnham, A. H. Pulling.

### PEALS RUNG BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME BY ANY BAND IN THE METHOD.

- Dec. 17th, 1888, Canterbury Pleasure Major at Warnham, H. Chandler.  
Jan. 10th, 1889, Oxford Bob Triples at Warnham, H. Chandler.  
Nov. 8th, 1894, Alliance Major at Crawley, J. Parker.  
Dec. 20th, 1894, Champion Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. F. Attree.  
Dec. 31st, 1897, Oxford Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. F. Attree.  
March 14th, 1898, Norfolk Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. Baker.  
May 16th, 1898, Westminster Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. F. Attree.  
March 22nd, 1901, Bristol Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. Williams.  
Feb. 11th, 1926, London Surprise Royal, Brighton Version, at St. Peter's, Brighton, K. Hart.  
June 11th, 1927, Spliced London, Superlative, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major at Warnham, A. H. Pulling.  
Jan. 7th, 1932, Berkeley Surprise Major at Crawley, O. Sippetts.  
Dec. 26th, 1934, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Peter's, Brighton, C. W. Roberts.

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Over 40 members and friends braved the Arctic conditions on March 15th to attend the annual meeting of the Guild at Dudley. The president (the Rev. J. Waring), who is Vicar of Dudley, conducted the service and his address gave food for thought in these troublous times. Tea was served at the business meeting.

At the ensuing meeting the following officers were re-elected: President, the Rev. J. Waring, R.D.; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Townsend; treasurer, Mr. H. Shuck; secretary, also Central Council representative, Mr. F. Colclough; auditors, Messrs. T. Justice and D. Holden. Six new ringing members were elected. An invitation was accepted to hold the next quarterly meeting at Netherton in June.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In spite of threatening skies, 51 members and friends attended the Canterbury District meeting at Hernhill on March 22nd. The achievement of the meeting was the electing of the Hernhill band of nine ringers in union with the Association, together with one junior member from Elham and one new hon. member. The next quarterly meeting will be at Elham on April 19th.

Ringing was in varying methods and degrees of striking, reports our correspondent. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Sharland), and Miss A. Foreman, who played the organ, recently completed 50 years as organist at the church. They were both thanked for their services.

## Sheffield and District Society

1946 A PROGRESSIVE YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at St. John's, Ram-moor, on March 8th. The weather was very difficult for travelling, but approximately 40 members attended from Rotherham, Staveley, Handsworth, Chesterfield, Whiston, Dronfield, All Saints', Pitsmoor, Sheffield Cathedral and the local company. The ten bells were available from 3 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30 and were well occupied.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was held. Owing to the Rector, Canon Foster, meeting with a slight accident which prevented him attending, the president (Mr. F. B. Ditcher) took the chair. Eight ringers were elected members. The balance sheet showed the society in a sound position.

The secretary (Mr. H. O. Chaddock) in his report said he was very grateful to tower secretaries and officers for the help he had received in arranging meetings. Twenty-seven new members had been elected, and three had been lost by death. The attendance at the monthly meeting had improved, and the society was on good terms with neighbouring societies and received plenty of support, particularly in the Doncaster and Chesterfield directions. During 1946, 27 peals had been rung, viz., 2 on six bells, 21 on eight bells, 3 on 10 bells, and 1 of Maximus, all on tower bells. There had been five conductors and 12 different methods were rung—a creditable performance for a small society. The peal book was complete to January, 1946, and outstanding peals were in process of being written.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. F. B. Ditcher; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, J. E. Turley and N. Chaddock; auditor, Mr. F. B. Ditcher; treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer; Ringing Masters, Messrs. N. Chaddock and G. Briggs; secretary, Mr. H. O. Chaddock; assistant secretary, Mr. W. Holland.

An invitation to hold the April meeting at Rotherham Parish Church was accepted. The committee are to arrange the competition for the society's silver cup. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. George Lewis, whose health prevented him attending, expressing the members' good wishes and thanking him for his past services.

A suggestion that the annual subscription be raised was withdrawn, and it was hoped that the society would continue to pay its way for another year when the position could again be reviewed.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, local company and ladies for the use of the bells and the hospitality given to the society was carried unanimously.

## OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM JAMES.

The passing of William James severs the last link of the Bromsgrove band which made ringing history 50 years ago. He rang his first peal over 62 years ago, and although not a great peal ringer, retained his interest to the last. He died suddenly on March 17th at the age of 78.

After the funeral on March 22nd the bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect for a steady and reliable ringer.

## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Corlestone, Great Yarmouth.

## Middlesex County Association

MEETING AT HARLINGTON.

The first meeting for about ten years, and the first since the augmentation of the bells from six to eight, took place at Harlington on March 15th.

About 45 members and friends attended, from Bushey Heath, Ealing (St. Stephen's), Farnham Royal, Feltham, Harlington, Hayes, Heston, Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Oatlands Park, Richmond, Stanwell, Southfields, Uxbridge, Wembley and Willesden, and the musical little peal were kept going from 3 p.m. till 8.30 p.m.

Methods rung, under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Finch (Ringing Master) and Mr. T. G. Baumster (Deputy Ringing Master), included Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major. Learners were not forgotten, and were given plenty of opportunities in rounds and six-bell ringing.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Reindorp, M.A.), who welcomed the Association. Tea was kindly provided by the local company in the Church Hall and was the more appreciated as the weather had again turned bitterly cold.

An informal business meeting was presided over, in the absence of Mr. W. H. Coles (the vice-president), who sent an apology, by Mr. F. A. Finch.

Elections were as follows: Miss Audrey Castle (Merton, Surrey) and Mr. C. A. Levett (St. Leonards-on-Sea) as non-resident life members; Mr. W. Pichall (Ruislip), Mr. P. Bettridge and Mr. H. W. Impey (Hillingdon, St. John's), and the Rev. P. C. J. Hoyal (Vicar of Stanwell), as ringing members.

The Secretary announced that the assistant secretary (Mr. W. G. Wilson) was somewhat seriously indisposed and was likely to be out of ringing for some time. On the proposition of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. F. A. Finch, the secretary was requested to write Mr. Wilson expressing the concern of those present, and to convey their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The next meeting was fixed for Heston on April 26th, and if possible an evening meeting at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, during May. The best thanks of the Association were accorded to the Rector, to Mr. J. Nelhams and the local company, and to the organist, for all the arrangements made.

The general secretary (Mr. E. C. S. Turner) announced that the annual general meeting of the Association would be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on May 10th, and not as previously announced. He also again drew attention to the appeal recently issued for the C. T. Coles Memorial Fund, and asked for members' support for this object.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WESTERN DIVISION AT KEIGHLEY.

Officers were elected for three years when the Western Division held its annual meeting at Keighley on March 22nd under the chairmanship of Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president). These were district secretary, Mr. William Ambler (with warm thanks for past services); Messrs. J. Ambler, P. Birkett and F. Hodgson, district committee; Mr. J. Ambler, general committee. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Marsden in June was accepted.

Four new members were elected, and the collection given to the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 14s. 10½d.

Ringing before and after the meeting ranged from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise. Evening ringing was marred by fumes from the boiler penetrating the ringing chamber: this, coupled with the bad 'go' of the tenor, caused ringing to be curtailed. Some 40 members were present and their enthusiasm may be the means of stimulating effort in this area, which has been at a low ebb for some time.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# NOTICES

## The Kingston Peal

### 'A PAROCHIAL AFFAIR.'

Dear Sir,—One cannot pronounce judgment until the whole of the facts is known. This sound advice given by the president of the East Devon Guild does not appear to us of the Hereford Diocesan Guild to have been taken by you, sir, before writing your editorial of March 21st.

You have not published any letter from the peal ringers explaining their action, to enable your readers to hear both sides of the question; and if you have received no such letter we submit that it was premature for you to write a leader on the subject. You have certainly read into Mr. Jones' letter more than he intended to imply and made the matter look far worse than it really is; for there was no question of a first peal—the two new bells are still only a future prospect.

You raise the question of the etiquette of peal ringing in a strange tower. The most usual practice is surely for the incumbent (not the captain) to be approached first. He will naturally consult his responsible officer (usually the steeplekeeper) before giving permission.

In the case of the Kingston peal, therefore, it would appear to us that the fault lay in the decision of the peal ringers (when the tower originally arranged for was not available) to try to get another one by telephoning to the Vicar at such short notice that he had no time to consult his steeplekeeper or captain.

Such a thing has undoubtedly been done by others many times before; but it is an act of discourtesy to the incumbent. Let this be a warning! Unless, however, an incumbent has a clear understanding with his own band he should very properly refuse to be rushed into giving consent in this way. But if he does give his consent, any trouble caused thereby is his own responsibility and not that of the visitors. It has become a parochial affair, and not one that can be usefully aired in the pages of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours, etc.,

E. G. BENSON, Hon. Sec.,  
Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Burghill Vicarage, Hereford.

## TOWER SNATCHING

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter of Mr. Eric Nobles. In 1938 I rang in 163 new towers in 19 counties, and in 1939, during the first eight months of the year, I rang in 153 new towers in 21 counties. But for the war, I was hoping to reach the 200 mark! In addition to these new towers, I visited from 30 to 40 'old' towers during both these years, so my total for both years was over 350 towers altogether.

While on this subject, I should be interested to know how many ringers have rung in 1,000 or more? I know of only five, Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, A. A. Hughes, W. A. Stote, J. T. Dyke and myself. My total is now 1,041 in 45 counties, in England, Wales and Ireland.

Since the war, owing to pressure of work and other factors, I am unable to do very much 'tower snatching,' but I am pleased to hear of others carrying on their widening of experience. Good luck, Mr. Nobles, and may you one day join the '1,000' up band.—Yours faithfully,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Eastbourne.

## ANOTHER RECORD

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to enter a discussion regarding the merits or demerits of the record of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, I would like to draw Mr. Burgess' attention to a recording of a touch of Grandsire Caters rung at Birmingham Cathedral, which may approach the high standard he desires.

Copies of this record are available from Mr. G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28.—Yours truly,

G. W. CRITCHLEY.

Sutton Coldfield.

## What's In a Name?

Dear Sir,—I have thought for some time that the naming of some of our methods is somewhat misleading, and I wonder if other ringers are of the same opinion. As the following will show, it presents something of an anomaly.

If we take a course of the Plain Bob method on any number of bells and insert a second hunt bell we call it Grandsire, i.e., Bob Minimus becomes Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles equals Grandsire Minor, Bob Minor equals Grandsire Triples and so on. We will accept Grandsire as a distinct method as the calls are not Plain Bob calls, and, further, the method can be rung on all numbers by straightforward extension.

Now if we take the Oxford Bob method and 'Grandsire' it as we do Plain Bob, we still call it Oxford Bob, and in consequence Oxford Bob on an even number of bells is an entirely different method to that on an odd number of bells. Ask any six-bell ringer. Would it not be more correct to call the method we know as Oxford Bob Triples, 'Grandsire Triples in the Oxford Bob variation'? The method is far more akin to Grandsire than Oxford Bob.

I noticed in a recent report of a peal of Doubles that Oxford Bob was among the methods rung. How do we juggle with the Oxford Bob method on five bells without ringing either Plain Bob or Grandsire?

Again, if we take the Plain Bob method and extend it as we do it still remains Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Bob Triples, etc., but if we take the variation of Plain Bob Doubles known as St. Simon's, when it is extended to Minor it becomes St. Clement's Minor. What accounts for this?

I have not rung St. Clement's Triples, but I presume that here again we introduce a second hunt bell and use Grandsire calls, thus making it far more akin to Grandsire than a variation of Plain Bob. There are no doubt dozens of other methods which are or could be treated as these two methods are. Perhaps our Methods Committee of the Central Council can enlighten us. I say 'us' as I imagine there are others besides myself who are equally fogged.

V.A.J.

Barton Stacey, Hants.

## RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—On Easter Monday, April 7th, I have a band going to attempt a 9,000 Bob Royal at Prittlewell, starting at 2 p.m. I think, should this be successful, it will be the longest length of Bob Royal rung. The composition, by myself, contains the 6th extent right and wrong in 50 courses.—Yours truly,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. P. C. Williams, hon. treasurer to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, is now Farnel, Nore Road, Portishead, Somerset. 1147

Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft wishes to inform all friends that he has now left Ashton-under-Lyne, and his new address is, 1, Cherry Orchard Close, Stoke Poges, near Slough, Bucks. Tel. Fulmer (Bucks) 63. 1142

KENT ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting arrangements as previously advertised, wet or fine. Lunch reserved for 290 applicants. Tickets ordered by March 28th not received by post should be collected at Drill Hall before 1 o'clock.—G. H. Spice, Gen. Sec. 1184

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Marden (8), Apr. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 1113

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield Branch. — Next meeting, Dronfield (8), Apr. 5th. Bring own food.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1139

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, Apl. 7th. Service in All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. Swithin's (6), from 10 a.m.; Cathedral (12), 5-6.30 p.m.; St. John's (8), 3-5 p.m.; Claines (10), from 2 p.m. No arrangements have yet been possible for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1103

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**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Annual general meeting, Wisbech, Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. Service 4 p.m. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided. Bells available: Wisbech (10), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and after tea; Elm (6), Leverington (6), 11 a.m. to 3.30, and after tea.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John, Wisbech. 1131

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Annual meeting, Bath, Easter Monday. Service, St. Michael's, 12 noon. Lunch, Christopher Hotel 12.50 prompt. Business meeting, St. James Church Room, 2 p.m. Bells available: Abbey (10), 3 to 5.30; St. Michael's (8), 11 to 12, 6 till dark; St. Matthew's (6), 5 to 6, St. Mark's (6), 6 to 7; St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4; Twerton (8), 3.30 to 5, 6 to 8; Cors-ton (8), 3.30 to 6; Newton St. Loe, any time. Make own arrangements for tea. Restaurants closed. About 20 seats left for lunch. Apply at once. — J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 1115

**DEVON GUILD.** — East Devon Branch. — Seaton, Easter Monday. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at Axe Vale Cafe.—J. Arbury, 2, Pater-noster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 1114

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.** — Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. St. Paul's (10) available 10.30; St. Peter's (6) available during afternoon and evening. A meat tea has been arranged at the Lion Hotel, High Street, for 4 p.m., at 3s. 6d. per head. The business meeting will be held in the lounge of the Lion Hotel at 5 p.m. — Mr. F. Plummer, Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 1125

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** — Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6). Meet St. Mary-le-Tower 9.30. Photograph taken 11.45. Service 12 o'clock. Lunch 12.45 at Nightingale's, Upper Brook Street. Business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 1038

**ELLAND, YORKS.** — Meeting at Elland on Saturday, Apr. 12th. All ringers invited. A tea will be provided.—F. Linfoot. 1122

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. — Next meeting will be at St. James', Milnrow, Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Tea 5.15. 1123

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.** — Easter Monday meeting, Burton Parish Church. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Bring food. Cups of tea only.—J. W. Cotton. 1135

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.** — Annual general, Newark, Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea at Barnby-gate Restaurant 5. Business meeting in belfry afterwards. Ringing till 8. Will all members please make a special effort to attend.—T. Groombridge, jun. 1105

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Banbury and Bicester Branches. — Joint meeting at Lower Heyford on Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to F. Pritchett, Lower Heyford, Oxford. Rousham (6) and Steeple Aston (6) available in evening.—E. C. Pearson and F. Sharpe. 1118

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF STAFFORD.** — Quarterly meeting, Brewood, Apr. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45. Cups of tea 5.30. Please bring food. Bus leaves North Street (bottom Market Square), Wolverhampton, 2. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1119

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.** — Cheltenham Branch. — Quarterly, Charlton Kings (8), Apr. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 1117

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.** — Meeting at Burnham, Bucks, on Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in Church Hall. Business to follow. Names for tea must reach Mr. G. Gilbert, Pontresina, Milner Road, Burnham, by Wednesday, Apr. 9th. — G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1133

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Devizes Branch. — Quarterly, Warminster, Apr. 12th. Usual arrangements. Advise for tea by 9th April. — W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. Phone 297. 1127

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Wotton Branch. — Meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), April 12th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. — John W. Adshead, Police Station, Falfield, Glos. Branch Sec. 1178

**LEICESTER GUILD.** — Hinckley District. — Ringing at Kirkby Mallory, 2.45 to 4.40, on April 12th. Tea (own food) at Peckleton 5. Ringing 6 onwards. 1174

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Grappenhall Branch. — Meeting, Lymm, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Advise Mr. L. Bradburn, 24, Church Road, Lymm, if requiring tea by April 9th.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 1177

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.** — N.E. Branch. — Meeting at Bickleigh, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please notify before 7th. — C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec. 1176

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Chertsey District. — Thames Ditton (6), Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. East Molesey (8) 7 to 9. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 9th. — F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 1172

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Leicester District. — South Wigston (8), Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by April 9th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 1170

**LEICESTER GUILD.** — Market Harborough District. — Meeting at Ilston-on-the-Hill on Saturday, April 12th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1168

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Priston, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m. Names to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 1164

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, April 12th. Final arrangements for outing. All members please attend. Names for tea to Miss P. Jackson, Staverton, by April 7th. — F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1163

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northern Branch. — Meeting, Grimsby District, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m., at 3s. per head. Names for tea by Thursday, April 10th, to W. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1162

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.** — Meeting, North Cave, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (2s. 6d.). Notify Mr. Hicks, Westgate, North Cave, near Brough, by April 10th. — A. E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 1130



**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.** — Meeting at Cheadle R.C. (8), Saturday, April 12th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—W. Carnwell. 1144

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Binfield (6), on Saturday, April 12th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1160

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 12th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by April 10th. Look up Double Oxford.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 1136

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.** — Edenbridge (8), April 12th, 3 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 1145

**SALISBURY GUILD.** — West Dorset Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Burton Bradstock (6), Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 1148

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Blunsdon (6), April 12th. Tea 5 p.m. — W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 1149

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, Derby Cathedral. St. Peter's also available 3 p.m. Committee 3.30. Tea 5, general meeting follows, St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Names by the 9th to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 1150

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Twyford, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards, Parish Hall. Names for tea by 9th.—W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester. 1151

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** —Preston Branch. — Meeting at Higher Walton, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells from 2.30. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec. 1155

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch. — Quarterly, Marksbury, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 1156

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Northern District. — Meeting, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay (8), on April

12th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Gofton, 41, Uplands, Monkseaton, by April 7th.—W. E. Robinson, Dis. Sec. 1179

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting of special interest to all lady ringers in Kent and Sussex at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Apr. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Important meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells, by Apr. 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1110

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.** — Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Dinder, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Notify for tea April 15th.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1165

**LADIES GUILD.** — London District. — Annual district meeting, Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House only for those who notify Mrs. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by April 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1166

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District. — Dedication of new bells at Saxilby, April 19th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available after meeting. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, April 15th. — J. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1167

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. —Bourton-on-the-Water (8), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Raymond Hicks, Hon. Sec. 1169

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.** — Quarterly meeting at Aston, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (12) available at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. Fred Price, 172, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham, 23. (Phone ERD. 0554) not later than first post Thursday, 17th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1171

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A special general meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on April 19th. Bells at Haslingden. Newchurch, Waterfoot and Rawtenstall available. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. W. Rideough, 18, Mount Terrace, Rawtenstall, before April 16th. — W. H. Shuker, T. Wilson, Hon. Secs. 1182

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark Branch.—Winthorpe (6), April 19th, 2.30. Bring own food. — J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1161

**DEVON GUILD.**—S.W. Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Bigbury, April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special coach from Plymouth 1 p.m. Names by 14th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1180

**OXFORD GUILD.**—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Watlington, Oxon (8), Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by 14th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 1152

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, Elham, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Rev. R. H. T. Williams, The Vicarage, Elham, near Canterbury, not later than Monday, April 14th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1159

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Guildford, April 19th. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, Bury Fields, 5.15 p.m. Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas' bells in afternoon. Merrow, Shalford and St. Nicolas' in evening. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, by April 15th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 1183

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** N.-E. District. — Meeting, Wormingford (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring food. Cups of tea only.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thorington, Colchester. 1158

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Eye and Bury St. Edmunds Districts will be held at Walsham-le-Willows (6) on Saturday, April 19th, to elect secretary for Eye District. Bells available at 3 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—A. Gillings. 1146

**LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.** — Until further notice Sunday ringing will be by arrangement only. Monthly Saturday practices discontinued. All inquiries to R. H. Dove, 70, Morris Lane, Leeds 5. 1181

**ST. PETER'S, ASHTON UNDER-LYNE.** — All applications for use of bells, etc., must first be made to the tower keeper, Mr. Robert Wimpenny, 5, Robert Owen Street, Droylesden, near Manchester. 1157



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## CONTINUITY

And who will carry on the torch? This question has to be faced by all organisations and indeed by all forms of human life where continuity is an essential factor. In bell ringing it is constantly to the fore; it is a major question for each tower. The need for an Elisha to wear the mantle applies not only to conductors and steeplekeepers (not all conductors are well acquainted with the care of bells), but also to the ranks of Sunday service ringers.

At Leeds Parish Church this continuity has been broken, as was pathetically told to the Exercise in the notice that appeared in 'The Ringing World' last week in the following terms: 'Until further notice Sunday ringing will be by arrangement only. Monthly Saturday practices discontinued.' We trust that the lesson of Leeds will be taken to heart by all towers and more particularly by those towers which are in key positions in Church and State. No tower can afford to be complacent as to the future; it must have its training school.

Leeds holds an honoured position among the famous rings of England. The bells are second only to St. Mary's, Redcliffe, in weight for a ring of twelve hung in a parish church, and are the ninth heaviest ring of twelve in the world, being recast in 1932 and increased from a tenor of 36 cwt. to one of 42½ cwt., with the addition of a semitone bell to provide a middle eight in F. Towers that take precedence over Leeds for weight are Exeter, St. Paul's, York, Southwark, Bristol, Worcester, Dublin and Manchester Town Hall.

Ecclesiastically Leeds Parish Church is equally renowned—it was considered for cathedral status at the time the See of Bradford was created, and was second favourite to Bradford Parish Church. From its clergy in the past hundred years have been chosen 13 Bishops and an Archbishop (Lord Lang had his first curacy after ordination at Leeds some 60 years ago). Famous musicians have been numbered among its organists, who included Samuel Sebastian Wesley, and the daily choral service is a regular feature of its church life.

Unfortunately, the unhappy state of ringing in Leeds Parish Church to-day is attributable largely to taking no thought for to-morrow. Within the last 13 years, we are informed, and possibly 20 years, no beginner has been taught in this belfry, reliance being placed on recruiting from ready made ringers drifting in from other belfries. Losses by death, retirement and advancing



years have reduced the company to a mere half dozen, and those left had not the heart to break in recruits. To such a low ebb had ringing been reduced that the bells have been rung only four times for services this year. An attempt to remedy this state of affairs is being undertaken by Mr. R. H. Dove, and when he volunteered to take on the task he met with an overwhelming response in the way of recruits from ex-choirboys, youth club members and sidesmen.

We trust that the lesson of Leeds will receive serious consideration throughout the Exercise. There are other towers where the flight of years is not being observed. A Surprise band, with all its members in the veteran stage, will find that its accomplishments cannot stay in the hands of time. There must be no delay in finding men and women to carry on the torch for the good of bell ringing generally and their own tower in particular.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Mar. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	EDGAR T. SMITH ... 7
HAROLD SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 9
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 4	AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 10
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 11
ALFRED ADAMS ... 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* Twenty-fifth peal of Stedman. Twenty-fifth peal together for H. Howell and A. V. Pearson. A compliment to Miss M. E. Terry, on the occasion of her wedding to Flight Lt. N. G. Mason, D.F.C.

## TEN BELL PEAL

WORSLEY, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*HAROLD HOLLINWORTH Treble	*VERNON SYKES ... 6
JOHN LUNHAM ... 2	*RICHARD LONGDEN ... 7
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 3	FRED GRUNDY ... 8
HERBERT BARLOW ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
*HUGH REYNOLDS ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (118). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... 6
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

Rung to celebrate the attainment of the age of 82 years by Mr. F. V. Sinkins, of Slough.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

'Barrabool' Peal.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WM. J. LEACH ... Treble	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 5
HAROLD SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
WM. J. COTTON ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal of Major and in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	SHELFORD SPARROW ... 5
LESLIE M. FORSTER ... 2	ROBERT J. STEED ... 6
BERT CHILVERS ... 3	SIDNEY ARBON ... 7
MISS JEAN FREER ... 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. W. F. Tydeman, for many years captain of the local band.

HINTON-ON-THE GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS M. ROWLAND ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	†PATRICK HARRIS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 7
RALPH HARRIS ... 4	*GEORGE FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' tower bell. Birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. F. C. Champion, and to Mr. J. D. Johnson.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED GRANDSIRE & OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*BERYL R. COWLIN ... Treble	JOHN E. PENNELLS ... 5
ALBERT A. EASTON ... 2	JOHN A. DOWNING ... 6
SIDNEY C. DRIVER ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 7
*SIDNEY G. SMITH ... 4	GEORGE F. PIPER ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by C. A. LEVETT.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal of Spliced Triples by all and for the association.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY ... Treble	HARRY WILDE ... 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
*MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	DENNIS ROE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by WM. BARTON.

\* First peal.



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## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
CEDRIC CURSON ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 6
*GEORGE A. SPARKS ... 3	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 7
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Little Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

## MOORSIDE, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	PETER CROOK ... 5
EILEEN H. BASTOW ... 2	*STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
IVAN KAY ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

\* Hundredth peal. A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft.

## CHATHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDK. RICHARDSON ... Treble	ERNEST F. SALMANS ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMANS ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6
EDWARD E. J. ALLEN ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

## WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

ED. V. RODENHURST ... Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... 5
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
*THOMAS PRICE ... 4	†ERNEST J. RALPHS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* Fiftieth peal together. † First peal.

## WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Pritchard's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS GWEN MURKITT ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (12) ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
WM. BIRMINGHAM ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Major.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	*ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 6
*PATRICIA HOLMES ... 3	*FRANCIS KIRK ... 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

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

STALBRIDGE, DORSET.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Hatcher 1, G. H. N. Biddle 2, A. G. Bollen 3, D. R. Randall 4, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 5, I. S. Mogg 6. First quarter-peal for 1, 2, 3 and 6, members of the local band.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE W. PIPE ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	*FRANK REED ... 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday peal for the conductor.

## ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 13 cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD Treble	JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 5
*KENNETH L. BROWN ... 2	*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
*DEREK R. JUDD ... 4	FRANK MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Treble	FREDK. A. FINCH ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	ALICK CUTLER ... 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

The first peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

## SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 5
†MRS. M. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	TOM PAGE ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Yorkshire.

## MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*LEONARD WARREN ... Treble	†KEITH HUDSTON ... 5
JACK BAILEY ... 2	WM. A. PARSONS ... 6
WM. LANCASTER ... 3	FRANCIS LOWE ... 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 4	ALFRED MOULD ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by A. MOULD.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LUCILE M. HUBERT ... Treble	ALAN WHITE ... 5
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
ERIC A. DENCH ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a first granddaughter for Mr. W. Rogers, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, of Erith.



## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ERNEST CARVELL ... .. Treble	†JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 4
FRANK VARTY ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5
ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 3	†RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

‡ Hundredth peal.

DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Northern Branch.)

On Thurs., Mar. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Four extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and thirty of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BETTY BROWN ... .. Treble	*CHARLES BROWN ... .. 3
BERTIE BEE ... .. 2	†CYRIL BALDOCK ... .. 4
FREDK. W. STOKES ... Tenor	

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on the bells. A farewell compliment to the Vicar (Canon J. A. Seaton), who is retiring.

ASHILL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Consisting of extents of Double Court, St. Clement's, Spliced Plain and Double Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

THOS. A. A. POTTER ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE SAYER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN,

First peal in more than one method on the bells and since 1911.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being one, 20 Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

BERNARD H. DALTON ... Treble	GEORGE R. DAWSON ... 4
WM. B. DAWSON ... .. 2	LEONARD P. WILSON ... 5
ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

First peal on the bells.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Mar. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. PEARSON ... .. Treble	E. BARHAM ... .. 4
WALTER WHITE ... .. 2	*C. MATTHEWS ... .. 5
*R. F. STIMPSON ... .. 3	*H. CLAYTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

\* First peal. To the memory of Richard Mount, churchwarden and captain of the ringers for a great number of years.

NORTHAW, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*ALAN BENNETT ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 4
JOHN W. PARSLow ... 2	†WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 5
†THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MRS. DORA EVANS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4
THOMAS F. KING ... .. 2	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5
*WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 3	*ROGER O. FRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. J. HAWKINS.

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

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 4
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CHILTON FOLIAT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE HARRISON ... Treble	JAMES F. SMITH ... .. 3
S. FRANK TUFFLEY ... 2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 4

T. ARTHUR PALMER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES F. SMITH.

\* First peal. To celebrate the coming of age of the treble ringer's son, Donald.

## HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT WAYSIDE, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 9-10
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 11-12

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CLOSE,

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

Tenor size 11 in G.

MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5-6
REV. E. G. BENSON ... .. 3-4	*GEORGE DAVIS ... .. 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C. No. 27).

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

\* First peal on eight handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5-6
JILL POOLE ... .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 7-8
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 9-10	

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: Joseph S. Carter. Witness: Peter J. Staniforth.

First Surprise peal on handbells by all the band and the first peal of Surprise Royal ever to be rung on handbells.



**ALFORD, Lincs.**—On March 28th, at St. Wilfrid's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Scoffin 1, S. H. Sutton 2, R. Armstrong 3, I. Smith 4, E. D. Chandler 5, K. Ketteringham (conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. George Muston, churchwarden for many years.

**ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On March 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. H. W. White (conductor) 1, F. W. Perrens 2, E. Stone 3, C. H. Webb 4, J. W. Taylor 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, C. A. Aylett 7, G. Gardner 8. First quarter upon the bells. Recently augmented to eight.

**BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. Giles on March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Salter (first quarter) 1, Gordon Walford 2, E. B. Barrington 3, K. V. C. Hawkins (first quarter 'inside') 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, D. M. Bellamy 6.

**BRISTOL.**—On March 27th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, Miss M. Bennett 2, Mrs. D. C. Bennett (first quarter as conductor) 3, F. Sampson 4, R. G. Hooper 5, V. L. Lucas 6, A. L. Bennett 7, C. A. Baker 8.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS.**—On March 30th, at the Norman tower, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. Kerry (first quarter) 1, A. E. Moore 2, S. Sturgeon 3, R. Simmonds 4, A. J. Ford 5, C. Stannard 6, W. Goodship 7, J. W. Banks (first quarter) 8, Wm. Stannard (conductor) 9, F. Buckle 10.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On March 30th, at St. James', 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson (first quarter in method) 1, R. Charge 2, W. J. Ellis 3, C. Potheary 4, G. A. Parsons 5, A. W. Coles (conductor) 6, H. W. Clark 7, R. Sanders 8.

**FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Eastwell (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Ewins 2, Miss P. Essex (first quarter) 3, W. Henley 4, Miss R. Tabraham (first quarter as conductor) 5, J. Alley 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.**—On March 30th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Palmer 1, W. Wilby 2, A. W. Martin 3, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 4, G. K. Smith 5, E. E. Whitmore 6, G. D. Deighton 7, C. Underwood (first quarter) 8.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Callard 1, G. E. Retter (conductor) 2, Miss E. Lomas 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, A. Holway 5, E. E. Retter 6, J. Salway 7, A. Coley 8.

**KILBURN, LONDON.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Lane 1, R. Gilbert 2, Miss M. Luke 3, Miss M. Davies 4, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 5, A. Bone 6, D. C. Birkinshaw 7, J. Wilkins 8.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. John-the-Divine, on March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Ward 1, J. Bennett 2, J. Bramley 3, S. Harrison 4, Alan Cattell 5, Arthur Cattell 6, G. Olliffe (conductor) 7, W. H. Clarke 8.

**LINCOLN.**—At St. Giles' on March 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob: Mrs. F. Metham 1, J. L. Millhouse (conductor) 2, C. Ward 3, Jean Metham 4, N. E. Chambers 5, A. T. Lowman 6, H. Marcon 7, S. A. Chambers 8. First quarter in these methods by all the band.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—At All Saints' Church on March 17th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, with tenor covering: H. Mansfield 1, F. White 2, S. Linnett 3, E. Richardson 4, S. Easter 5, A. South (conductor) 6, C. Mann 7. Rung in honour of the conductor's 70th birthday.

**MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Young (first quarter) 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, C. Harding 3, D. Gardner 4, E. Palmer 5, R. Harding 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, E. Cooksley 8. A compliment to T. James on his 70th birthday.

**NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.**—On March 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Cooper (first quarter) 1, F. Barnard 2, F. Ollier 3, E. J. Boffey 4, J. E. Brough (conductor) 5, H. Stubbs 6, T. Astbury 7, H. Chesworth 8. Rung with 6.8 covering.

**NORWICH.**—On March 23rd at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Banks (first quarter on eight) 1, Dr. F. Moor 2, Mrs. F. Moor 3, N. Golden (conductor) 4, E. G. Shorting 5, G. Sayer 6, J. F. Moor 7, W. O. Gowing 8.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Bob Minor (on the back six bells): R. Sherman 1, W. G. Gale 2, J. Hartless 3, C. Reed 4, D. Reed 5, W. Cheater (conductor) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On March 23rd at the Cathedral, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Cornell 1, D. Bayles 2, T. J. Southam 3, L. Hansell 4, W. J. Arnold 5, C. Sayer 6, R. F. Ewer 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method ever rung in St. Albans.

**WEST MALLING, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church on March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Daphne J. Jordan 1, R. Cropley 2, F. P. Wright 3, C. Mills 4, P. C. Wright 5, W. A. S'oman 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Cambridge, 360 Kent and 180 Plain Bob): E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, R. G. Spears 3, E. H. Kilby 4, M. Hodgson 5, A. Cutler 6, L. H. Bowler 7.

**WORCESTER.**—On March 15th at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Morris 1, W. Compton 2, H. Bentley 3, G. Lewis (conductor) 4, W. Lewis 5, D. Sayers 6, R. Woodyatt 7, J. Jefferies 8, T. Lewis 9, G. Ambler 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. H. Johnson, for many years ringing member of the Cathedral band, interred that day.

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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

Southwark Cathedral bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Southwark at 5 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday), when the annual festival of the Friends of Southwark Cathedral will be held. They were removed from the tower when war broke out, and through the generosity of Friends of Southwark Cathedral were sent to Whitechapel to be cleaned and tuned.

First peals on the bells are recorded this week in respect of two Lincolnshire towers—Dunston and Sempringham.

Farewell 720's have been rung at Llandudno to Mr. R. Oliver on March 24th and at Edgbaston, Birmingham, to Mr. J. F. Atkins, who is going to reside at Broadstairs.

Mr. Joseph J. Pratt, the beloved captain of St. John's, Hillingdon, ringers died on Saturday, aged 73. He had been a ringer for about 60 years. The funeral service is at St. John's Church to-day (Friday) at 3.45 p.m.

Correction.—In regard to the peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Woolton, Liverpool, on March 15th, the composition was A. Knights' (322 reversed) and not as printed.

Mr. W. Rogers, the latest campanological addition to the ranks of the grandfathers, is hoping for an early invitation to stand in a grandfathers' peal.

When ringers of St. Andrew's, East Hagbourne, paid their annual visit to Goring-on-Thames on March 18th they found the bottom of the tower flooded to the depth of a foot. Tiers of bricks with a ladder across, placed by Mr. Haines, the Goring foreman, made entry to the ringing chamber possible. Ringing was followed by the yearly game of darts between East and West Hagbourne at The Miller of Mansfield. Here the heavy bellringer scored 'three treble ones' to win the match.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

A broadcast about Loughborough's bell-making industry will be heard on the Midland Home Service (296 metres) on April 17th at 7.20-7.40 p.m. This will be a recorded programme from the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., produced by Peter Cairns. Information about bellringing rules and customs will be introduced.

The bells of Walsall Parish Church will be on the air next Sunday (April 13th) at 12 noon in the Midland Home Service, 296.2 metres.

Of more than passing interest is the peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on March 29th. The last peal on these bells was rung by the Australian tourists on their return in 1936. The long draught of rope makes a peal difficult to secure.

Hadleigh, Suffolk, where no change ringing has been practised for many years, is now on the map. At the end of the war eight ringers decided to explore the mysteries of Plain Bob. The following members rang their first quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples on March 26th: Mrs. J. L. Willis-Betts 1, Miss M. E. Jarvis 2, Mrs. Stephenson 3, F. Bloomfield 4, W. Clark 5, J. T. Corder 6, F. A. Willis-Betts (conductor) 7, F. Thorpe 8.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are holding their ringing week from April 21st-25th, with headquarters at Highway Hotel, Burford, Oxford. Two peal attempts are planned. The party will include the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews, H. Benson, C. Carew Cox, Preb. E. V. Cox, F. Ll. Edwards, R. D. St. G. Edwards, R. P. Farrow, T. P. Hearn (non-resident), N. E. Hope, R. H. Palmer, E. S. Powell I. J. Richards, D. P. Roberts, B. F. Sheppard, R. D. St. John Smith, A. G. G. Thurlow, W. M. K. Warren, C. E. Wigg, and Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

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## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

IN 1896 a young man took up an appointment in Dublin and at the same time was appointed instructor to the ringers and keeper of the belfry at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. By 1898 he had aroused the enthusiasm of the local ringers, who were now making progress in change ringing, and on Saturday, October 22nd, 1898, twenty-five ringers met to form a change ringers guild: thus the Irish Association of Change Ringers was born. The young man—Gabriel Lindoff—became its first secretary. Richard R. Cherry, K.C., became first president, and a William McCullough first treasurer. Of those twenty-five ringers, only three survive to this day, viz., Rev. Canon G. D. Scott, M.A., and Harold and Rawdon Greene, who were elected first life members of the Association two years ago. At that meeting five towers were represented: St. Patrick's Cathedral (10), Christ Church Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Baptist (10) and St. George's (8), all Dublin, also Christ Church, Bray (8); thus there were three rings of ten bells.

The Association adopted as its object 'That the Society shall be a bond of unity between all ringers in Ireland for the promotion and study of scientific change ringing.' By 1900 change ringing certainly had been promoted, for Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were well established in Dublin, Bray and Arklow, and already peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Triples had been rung by the local ringers.

The first report was printed in 1901. It gave a synopsis of the inaugural meeting and included an article on change ringing leading up to Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob).

By 1902 the membership had risen to one hundred members, embracing new towers from Belfast, Holywood, Drogheda and Kilkenny. Peals were on the increase, 17 having already been rung. This year the Association became affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and Richard Cherry was elected the first representative.

The membership continued to increase—to 150 members—more towers joined up from Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Rostrevor. In 1905 the only peal outside Ireland was rung, at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, on St. Patrick's Day. It was one of Bob Major, 5,024 changes, rung by Herbert P. Harman treble, John S. Goldsmith (conductor) 2, John W. Taylor 3, Isaac G. Shade 4, William H. Fussell 5, Ferris J. Shepherd 6, John H. B. Hesse 7, Ernest Pye tenor.

## FIRST 12 OUT OF ENGLAND.

A red-letter day for the Association was Whit Monday, 1909, when through the munificence of the Attorney General (the Right Hon. R. R. Cherry, K.C.) two trebles were presented and the B flat bell hung for ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Thus Ireland became possessed of the first ring of twelve bells out of England. The trebles were rung for the first time in peal on the previous day. The annual meeting on Whit Monday was attended by 150 out of a possible 185 members, and they were entertained by the donor of the new bells and the Dean of St. Patrick's.

The St. Patrick's Cathedral Society were not long in making full use of their twelve bells, for on January 14th, 1911, the first peal on twelve bells ever rung out of England was rung to Grandsire Cinques, 5,037 changes, in 3 hours 50 minutes; tenor 45 cwt. This team included the donor of the new bells ringing the 11th.

A challenge shield for competition amongst the affiliated towers was introduced in 1913,



**RICHARD C. CHERRY, K.C.**  
Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

the shield to be awarded to the society having the greatest percentage of bells rung for at least fifteen minutes before each service throughout the year.

During the Great War, 1914-1918, no meetings were held. This was also a troubled period for Ireland and was a serious set-back to progress, as so many ringers joined the Services and left bands depleted. The Civil War in Ireland and its consequences prevented the Association from meeting between 1920 and 1925.

Owing to the interest in ringing in the newly-formed State of Northern Ireland, the Northern Branch was founded in 1927. It elected its own officers and carried on as an independent unit.

## FIRST BROADCAST.

Progress in change ringing is reported for 1929, when six bands are mentioned as overcoming the difficulties and ringing touches in various methods. This year the first change-ringing broadcast in Ireland was made at St. Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry, prior to the dedication ceremony of the new ring of ten bells there.

Another trophy was introduced in 1933. Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., offered a silver cup for competition between the various towers before the annual meeting each year, the team whose striking showed the least number of faults to be declared the winners. Also in 1933, a fund known as the 'Bell Restoration Fund' was established as a result of a stop-watch competition, which realised £72.

After many years of effort, Gabriel Lindoff was elected president in 1934, and at the same time acted as secretary in order to maintain his continuity in that office. This was a most popular election; for three other nominees withdrew their names when Gay's name was proposed, thus leaving him unopposed.

In 1937, the first broadcast of change ringing from the Irish Free State took place on St. Patrick's Day, when Stedman Triples was relayed by Radio Eireann and by many stations throughout the world. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, took the honours.

The ban on ringing during the recent war put a stop to ringing activities in Northern Ireland, while their brothers and sisters in Eire were enjoying the use of their bells but most of the teams suffered as a result of their members volunteering to join the British and Eire Defence Forces or leaving the country for war work.

Gabriel Lindoff's death on November 7th, 1941, was a sad day for the Association in particular and the Exercise in general. He had been its hon. secretary since its foundation 43 years previously. A brass memorial tablet to his memory was dedicated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on the 76th anniversary of his birthday, November 19th, 1944.

During the recent world war, the Association met each year. Although the numbers were small, the standard of ringing and change ringing was well maintained in Eire. With the cessation of hostilities, the Northern Branch reorganised, and members of depleted bands returned in a number of cases, while new recruits were learning the art.

At present there are ten bands of the twenty-one affiliated societies practising change ringing in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob methods. The present membership is 285, including non-resident life members, and is the greatest number of members for any of the Association's forty-eight years.

## THE FOUNDERS.

Richard R. Cherry, K.C., first president, was born at Waterford in 1859. He attached himself to the Waterford Cathedral Ringers' Guild and took part in the second peal ever rung in Ireland—Grandsire Triples in 1873 for the Ancient Society of College Youths. He went to Dublin to study law and remained out of ringing for about 20 years. He was largely responsible for reorganising ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and for the introduction of Gabriel Lindoff to Ireland. In 1913 he became Lord Chief Justice of Ireland and, although a very busy man, found time to ring at St. Patrick's on practice nights. He died in 1923.

Gabriel Lindoff was born at Leiston, Suffolk, in 1868. From Lincoln in 1896 Lindoff came to Ireland and at once introduced change ringing. In 1898 he became the first hon. secretary of the Irish Association, a position he held until his death in 1941. Gabriel Lindoff's greatest contribution to the Exercise was perhaps as a composer. His peals of London ran into five figures. He also composed new methods—Erin, Dublin Court, Rochester, Princess Marina are but a few. His health began to fail after bombs were dropped on Dublin near his home in December, 1940, and he died on November 7th, 1941.

Secretary.—Frederick E. Dukes, who was elected the first assistant secretary in 1938, has carried on the secretarial work since Gabriel Lindoff's death. He learnt to ring at St. George's Church, Dublin, and at 18 became conductor of the local band. In 1933 he was transferred to Cork, where he formed a team to ring the bells of St. Finbarre's Cathedral, which had been idle for 22 years. Returning to Dublin in 1937, he again attached himself to St. George's, and in 1944 was appointed electrical engineer to the Great Northern Railway with headquarters at Dundalk.

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## IRISH ASSOCIATION

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Presidents.—Richard R. Cherry, K.C. (1898-1904), A. Tailyour (1904-6), Rev. G. D. Scott (1906-8 and 1912-13), R. T. F. Greene (1908-11), R. S. Blee (1913-14), W. Chamney (1914-19), Rev. Fergus Greer (1919-25), Sam Kennedy (1925-26), oldest ringer in Eire, aged 79, and still rings at St. John-the-Baptist, Dublin; C. T. Evans (1926-27), N. Robinson (1927-28), R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (1928-29, 1937-38, 1945-6), being Association's ringing Master since the position was instituted in 1933, and is one of the Central Council representatives; Rev. W. B. Allman (1929-30), Rev. W. Carroll (1930-1), M. Hogan, P.C. (1931-32), W. H. Wilson (1932-3), R. Lynch and W. E. Lynch (1933-34), Richard died in office, G. Lindoff (1934-5), Dean of Waterford (1935-6), D. McNeice (1936-7), J. C. Cherry, M.B. (1938-9, son of the first president), T. B. Tough (1939-40), J. S. Gibb (1940-1), Dean of Waterford (1941-2), Dean of Christ Church (1942-3), Canon E. H. F. Campbell (1943-5), James Cunningham, J.P. (1946- ), who is 89 and still takes his place each Sunday in his tower at Rostrevor, Co. Down. He was one of the original members of Rostrevor when the bells were installed there 67 years ago.

## A PEAL RECORD.

In all, 154 peals have been rung by members for the Association. Each peal is illuminated in the peal book. This number would not be so great but for the visits of 'expert English ringers' who toured Ireland on various occasions. To these bands go the credit for ringing the first peals in Ireland of Double Norwich, Superlative, London, Kent Treble Bob (Royal and Maximus) Stedman Cinques, Cambridge (Major, Royal and Maximus), Bristol and Yorkshire. These 'expert' ringers included Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. W. O. Jenkyn, James George, George, Ernest and William Pye, J. H. Cheesman, Ben Knights, W. Keeble, Bertram Prewett, William Fussell, G. W. Fletcher, J. H. Shepherd, J. Simpson, J. H. Riding, Frank Bennett, James Bennett, C. T. Coles, E. Duffield, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, and Miss Edith Parker, who was the first lady to ring a peal in Ireland and also to conduct one—Stedman Caters at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on August 1st, 1927.

Peals were rung for the passing of monarchs, ringers and well-known personages, weddings and birthdays. Two notable birthdays were Mrs. Murphy, aged 94, mother of R. S. F. Murphy, and the Hon. Katherine Plunkett, aged 110, who died in her 113th year.

A roll of honour, in memory of those ringers who served in the Great War, 1914-1918, is illuminated on one page of the peal book. Forty-seven ringers served their country, of whom nine made the supreme sacrifice.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

For the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Motcombe on March 15th, 28 members attended. The Guild service was conducted by the secretary (the Rev. W. Uphill), and the address given by the Vicar (the Rev. D. J. Jones).

Tea followed in the Memorial Hall, provided by the wives of the local ringers. At the opening of the business meeting the chairman (the Rev. F. L. Edwards) referred to the loss of Canon E. W. J. Hellins, from whose unflinching interest, counsel and generosity the branch had long benefited, and also of the Rev. C. H. Day, who was a keen ringer in his parish church at Thornford. The secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed an income of £21 7s. 3d., an expenditure £18 11s.

The following were elected ringing members: Miss P. Short, Miss I. Lintern, Mr. J. Hatcher, Mr. I. Mogg, Mr. L. Natter, all of Stalbridge. Thanks were expressed to the Rev. D. J. Jones and to the ladies who had provided the tea. Visits were made during the evening to towers at Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury.

## OBITUARY

## MR. JACK BANCROFT.

On March 27th Mr. Jack Bancroft was buried, having attained the ripe old age of 80. His ringing activities were mostly connected with the old ring of six at Norbury. He spent a good number of years in Vancouver, Canada, where his work was in connection with the Post Office. Norbury ringers were represented at his funeral. A peal was rung last year for his 80th birthday.—J. F.

## MR. THOMAS ARTHUR BOND.

After a brief illness, Mr. Thomas A. Bond, of Burford, Oxfordshire, died at his home on March 13th, aged 67. Mr. Bond was well known by ringers in many districts for his long established trade as a bell-founder, and many are the bells he has cast and rings augmented at the Burford Foundry. These include Taynton, Oxon, where a ring of four was augmented to six, Bledington, Long Crenodon, Minster Lovell and Church Knowle, Dorset.

He was for over 45 years a ringer at the local tower, and rang some thirty peals or more in the standard methods, the first of which when he was little over the age of 14. Although he did no peal ringing in latter years, he was often to be seen on the Church Green or walking round the churchyard when a peal was in progress. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

The funeral service on March 17th was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. F. S. Tucker, M.A., and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by B. J. Forest 1, F. Soden (conductor) 2, F. W. Soden 3, T. S. Stratford 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8. A memorial peal was rung at Burford on March 21st.—B. S. N.

## MRS. MAUD ALICE PYE.

Mrs. Maud Alice Pye, widow of the late Mr. William Pye, died at Porters, Castle Hedingham, Essex, on March 17th, and was buried at Alborough Hatch on March 22nd. The sympathy of fellow-ringers is extended to her son, Mr. Ernest W. Pye.

The bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled in 704 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in Mrs. Pye's memory, the ringers being E. Brown 1, T. Bird 2, A. Catterwell (conductor) 3, C. J. Barker 4, S. Dace 5, R. Rippingale 6, O. E. Broyd 7, R. H. Young 8.

## MR. JOHN HUGH WILKINS.

Secretary of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society of Change Ringers, Mr. John Hugh Wilkins died on March 26th, aged 86. He had been connected with the belfry for a very long period, probably 70 years, having joined the ringers at an early age. He is the last of the original band which was formed in 1896.

Although not an outstanding peal ringer, his total of peals would be in the neighbourhood of 200, and were mostly Grandsire and Stedman Caters. He was seldom absent from Sunday ringing and practice nights, and was very safe and reliable. His most outstanding peal was one of Plain Bob Royal, in which he rang the ninth in his stiff white collar and a very short rope. Throughout the peal he had to stand on top-toes. However, a good peal was rung, the first of Bob Royal on tower bells for the Essex Association.

In his younger days he regularly attended the College Youth meetings. He followed his father and the late Mr. F. Rumens in the position of tower secretary, and the local society has lost a very efficient officer. Apart from bellringing he was interested in orchestral music, and for many years played a cornet in one of the local dance bands. The interment took place in the local cemetery, preceded by a service in the church which he had served so faithfully and well.—H. R.

## A Yorkshire Week-end

After such a successful Lancashire ringing week-end that we had some months ago, it was decided to pay Yorkshire a visit. Headquarters were made at Ripon, which we duly reached on Friday evening, March 21st, about 9, and after a welcome meal, handbell ringing was enjoyed by all for the rest of the evening. The 'inmates' of the Spa Hotel became very curious and wondered what it was all about.

Ripon Cathedral with its beautiful ring of ten yielded a very good peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Back to lunch with everyone quite fresh and on to Middleham through flooded roads for the afternoon peal attempt. On arriving at Middleham floods and snow were still in great evidence and a small river was running through the churchyard. A peal of Cambridge was rung, the latter part of which was spoiled owing to water getting into one of the bearings; nevertheless, a beautiful ring of bells, and the unanimous vote of the company was that a return should be made in the summer to this beautiful spot. Back to Ripon, dinner, and more handbells, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Kent, Stedman and Cambridge being rung.

Sunday morning, 9.30, Ripon Cathedral for two good touches of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters to the obvious delight of several of the local company. So much appreciated was our handbell ringing the previous evening that visitors from the hotel came to see the bells rung for service. On to Halifax and a peal attempt of Superlative in the afternoon, which unfortunately failed past the half-way mark. The ring was concluded by ringing service touches of Stedman with some exceedingly good striking.

Our thanks are due to our two conductors, Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris and Mr. John Worth, to the local ringers who made the trip so pleasant, especially Messrs. Tingle and Hudson, of Ripon, and the Rev. J. G. Hardwick, of Middleham. F. DUNKERLEY.

## ALLESLEY BELLS

## NOW A RING OF EIGHT.

Ringers from far and near gathered at Allesley, Warwickshire, on March 22nd, for the dedication of the two new trebles to complete a ring of eight at the Parish Church of All Saints.

The Bishop of Coventry performed the dedication, and the service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Frank W. Moyle). An interesting feature of the service was the local ringers forming part of the procession, which led to the west end of the church, where the two bell ropes were handed to the local Ringing Master by the Bishop with the words—

'Receive the bells that we have here set apart, in memory of His servants in the greater life beyond our present sight, as a sacred trust committed unto you, and we bid you take heed that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory.'

The new treble was given by Miss E. M. Lancaster and her sister, Mrs. Wilcox, in memory of their mother, who gave the tenor in 1901, and the new second was given by the Rector and Mrs. Moyle and her brother, Mr. Geoffrey Faer, in memory of their respective mothers. They are an excellent splice with the old six, which have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and as a light ring of eight with a tenor 12 cwt. in G is a valuable addition to the rings of eight in the diocese.

After tea in the Parish Room, the Rector welcomed the visitors, who afterwards returned to the church and rang in various methods until about 7.30 p.m.

Ringers were present from Bedworth, Birmingham, Bulkington, Barrow-on-Soar, Ryfield, Chilvers Coton, Kereslev, London, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray, Meriden, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke (Coventry), Worcester and Wednesbury.



## Spliced Surprise Major

5,152 BY A. J. PITMAN.

## FURTHER ADVANCE IN COMPOSITION.

Dear Sir,—Following are the figures of my latest composition of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative. In addition to all the bells having all the work of the four methods, there is actually a quarter-peal in each method for the first time.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M	W	B	H	Methods
45236	—	—	—	—	LCSCC
24536	3	—	—	—	LBBSL
54632	—	—	—	—	LXL
36245	—	—	—	—	SSSCSSS
24365	—	—	—	—	LXL
32465	—	3	—	—	LSBBL
42563	—	—	—	—	CSOCL
35264	—	—	—	—	CSOCL
35642	—	—	—	—	CSBBBBB
35426	—	—	—	—	BBBBSO
42356	—	—	—	—	LSCSC
25463	2	2	—	—	LBLLLLL
34562	—	—	—	—	LXL
46532	—	2	—	—	CSOXBLSLCSO
53462	—	—	—	—	BBBBBBL
45362	—	—	—	—	LCL
23564	—	3	—	—	CSOXBBL
52364	—	—	—	—	CSOCL
43265	—	3	—	—	CSOXBBL
64235	—	—	3	—	LXLB
52436	—	—	—	—	LXL
43526	3	—	—	—	LBXXCSC
54326	—	—	—	—	LCSCC
32546	3	—	—	—	LBXXCSC
53246	—	—	—	—	LCL
62345	—	—	—	—	LBXXXXB
24653	—	—	—	—	CSOCL
25346	2	—	—	—	SSBXCSO
23456	—	—	2	—	LXLB

X Superlative or Cambridge.

## SCOUTS AS RINGERS

Dear Sir,—We recently rang a peal of Boh Major on our new ring of bells at Guiseley and had three Boy Scouts in the team, two of them ringing their first peal, the other his second. These Scouts rang splendidly throughout the peal, being both accurate and with good striking.

After the ban on ringing during the war had been lifted, we had only three regular ringers left so we decided to build up a team from boys whose ages ranged from 11 to 14 years. Four of these were Scouts and they have made excellent ringers, and, what is more, realise their ringing is a church service, for after their attendance in the belfry go into church, thereby consecrating their efforts.

Scouts are sagacious and trained in the very things which go to make a first-class ringer, namely, observation, the intelligent use of their five senses, pertinacity and a strong sense of both reliability and responsibility is inculcated in them.

Here is a fine field for ringing recruits, and I suggest where towers are depleted in numbers or new ringers are desired with an eye for the future, the Scout should be given serious consideration.—Yours truly,

A. C. WALSH.

Guiseley, near Leeds.

## SUPERLATIVE AT ASHTON-U-LYNE

Dear Sir,—The claim for the first peal of Superlative Surprise for the Chester Guild, stated in your issue of March 28th by the band as rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, is many years out of date.

I myself took part in one rung in the adjoining town of Hyde on April 11th, 1926, conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins, and even that was not claimed as the first by the Guild but as the first in the tower.

A. BARNES.

Stockport, Cheshire.

## Canadian Visitor's Peal

Dear Sir,—Would you be so kind as to publish a complete apology from me to Mr. Alfred H Pulling for inadvertently mentioning his name in the ringing at Old Windsor on January 20th, 1912, which was so kindly arranged in honour of my visit through Mr. Macdonald, who was with us in Vancouver some six months and now, I understand, is with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

May I explain to the best of my knowledge just what did happen whilst ringing. About half-way some bells clashed and ropes seemed to ascend and descend together. I, ringing the treble, was confused but not willing to give up as the conductor was getting the muddle straightened out. I kept on ringing. The bells seemed to be going O.K. again except my own, and I found I was at the wrong stroke. It was Mr. Macdonald himself shouted to me to set my bell for one stroke, and after doing so ringing settled down to its original compass. I am pretty certain Mr. Macdonald would remember this fact.

To my mind a peal of 5,040 is not a true peal unless all changes are rung. The mere fact of my setting my bell one stroke, to me at least, robs me of claiming a peal; in fact, if I should so happen to enter the church at Old Windsor and see a peal board commemorating that event I would not feel as though it was deserved. Would someone having a 'Ringing World' of January 20th, 1912, send me a copy of those who rang?—I am, yours truly,

A. C. LIMPUS.

208, Union Street,  
Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

## THE ST. MARGARET'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession a copy of the record of Stedman and Grandsire Caters rung by the St. Margaret's band. In my opinion the statements made by Mr. A. R. Burgess are wholly unjustified.

The actual recording is a bad one, made many years ago. The microphone must have been very badly placed, or else it is a pre-electrical recording. The actual striking of the bells is not in the least as Mr. Burgess would have us think. He should remember that bells, as organ music, do not record well. To the layman unacquainted with the intricacies of change ringing, I very much doubt that he would notice anything wrong with the recording at all.

I might add that this record is now unobtainable, and the only other record of bells issued is of the Victory peals rung at Westminster Abbey, York Minster, Coventry Cathedral, Bath Abbey and St. Mary's, Puddletown. This shows up the various qualities of bells excellently, but is spoiled, to my mind, by having a commentary.—Yours faithfully,

RALPH F. BOOTMAN.

St. Andrew's, Enfield.

## FOUNDRY QUERIES

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers please inform me whether the bell foundry at Ipswich under Messrs. Powell and the foundry at Burford under Messrs. Bond are still actively engaged in bell casting? I want the information for some notes that I am compiling on past and present bell founders.—Yours faithfully,

(Rev.) F. C. CHAMPION.

The Rectory, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

## THANK YOU, AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—Being of full age, I received a food parcel from Australia. It was nice food and my family and I enjoyed it very much.

There must be several old ringers who also received parcels, and they, like myself, I am sure would like to thank Australia for their kindness.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT EDWARDS.

Tenterden.

## Gloucester &amp; Bristol Assn.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. A. MAGGS.

An eight-day striking clock, suitably inscribed, was presented to Mr. Alfred Maggs at the quarterly meeting of Bristol Rural Branch at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on March 29th, in recognition of his 16½ years' faithful service and leadership of St. Ambrose's Guild. Mr. Maggs has resigned in consequence of leaving Bristol to reside at Coal Pit Heath.

Speeches made indicated that it was entirely due to Mr. Maggs' encouragement and genial personality that the Guild is at present in such a healthy state. Mrs. Lee (wife of the Vicar) made the presentation, and Mrs. Skidmore handed Mr. Maggs an illuminated album as a remembrance of St. Ambrose's Guild. References to his work were made by the Vicar, Mr. F. Bromwich (churchwarden), Mr. A. E. Clarke (organist) and Mr. C. Harding (branch chairman).

Business transacted included the selection of Almondsbury for the April meeting and Dyrham for the May meeting. Thanks were accorded the Rev. F. S. Lee for conducting the choral service and to the ladies of St. Ambrose's Guild and friends for providing tea. About 40 members were present, and the ringing before and after the meeting was much enjoyed.

## SUFFOLK GUILD

The ancient and beautiful Kedington Church was visited by the Guild on March 22nd. Mr. Howyer acted as guide, and an inventory of the church and relics of the 12th century were explained to those present. Towers represented were Sudbury, Cherington, Whepstead, Cowlinge, Pebmarsh, Stoke, Clare, Bury St. Edmunds and Kedington.

Business transacted was the election of 12 new members and the selection of Poslingford for the meeting. Methods rung ranged from Doubles to Cambridge.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

A combined practice was held at Carbis Bay on March 22nd, when about 25 ringers attended. Those present included Miss Eileen Symonds (diocesan president), Mr. W. H. Southard (Ringing Master) and Mr. C. E. Lanxon (secretary, Truro Branch).

Good practice was put in during the afternoon and evening at Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples and Bob Minor. Two good touches of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Harry Miles, were evidence of progress, and it was a healthy sign to find an increasing number of ringers from various towers who are enthusiastic about method ringing.

Cups of tea were provided at the Parsonage by Mrs. A. S. Roberts. The next practice is to be at Camborne on Saturday, April 19th.

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## MARRIAGE

**CORBY—HUBBERT.**—On April 10th, 1947, quietly at All Saints', Edmonton, N., Mr. Philip A. Corby, of Herne Hill, and Miss Lucile M. Hubbert. Temporary address, 79, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The permanent home address of Major H. J. Cann is now Corner Close, Kilve, Bridgwater, Somerset. Tel. Holford 204. 1175

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Burnham, Bucks, on Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in Church Hall. Business to follow. — G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1133

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Bickleigh, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. —C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec. 1176

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District. —Thames Ditton (6), Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. East Molesey (8) 7 to 9. — F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 1172

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 12th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Double Oxford. — G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 1136

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Edenbridge (8), April 12th, 3 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 1145

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burton Bradstock (6), Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 1148

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch. — Monthly meeting at Woughton-on-the Green, Saturday, April 12th, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 1185

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, Derby Cathedral. St. Peter's also available 3 p.m. Committee 3.30. Tea 5, general meeting follows, St. Peter's Parochial Hall. 1150

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness & Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Heversham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea, 4.30, at Milnthorpe. Ringing at Milnthorpe after tea.—N. M. Newby, H. Parkinson, Branch Secs. 1186

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — Next meeting at St. Peter's (R.C.) and St. John's, Lytham, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1188

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Twyford (8), Saturday, April 12th.—W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester. 1200

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch. —Quarterly, St. Giles' on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea 5. Service 6. Address by the Rector, Rev. J. C. Meyer. Bells at Witchampton available. — C. A. Phillips, Branch Sec. 1202

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Six-bell practice at Bobbing and Meopham on Saturday, April 12th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. —B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1217

**DEVON GUILD.**—Ringing practice, Major, Stedman, at Broadclyst, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea. — F. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1195

**BRIGHTON.**—Summer ringing.—Sundays: St. Peter's (10), 10.30 and 5.45; St. Nicolas' (10), 10.30; Good Shepherd (8), 6 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Hove (6), 10.30 and 6; Shoreham (8), 10.30 and 6. Practices: St. Peter's, St. Nicholas', and Good Shepherd in rotation, Mondays, 7.30, commencing April 14th at St. Peter's; Aldrington and Shoreham, Tuesdays, 7.30. Details of other practices and handbells from Inst. Lt.-Cdr. R. G. Cross, R.N., 18, Second Avenue, Hove. Tel. 4743. 1173

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Dinder, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Notify for tea April 15th. —W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1165

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting of special interest to all lady ringers in Kent and Sussex at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Apr. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Important meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells, by Apr. 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1110

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District. — Annual district meeting, Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House only for those who notify Mrs. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by April 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1166

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District. — Dedication of new bells at Saxilby, April 19th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available after meeting. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, April 15th. — J. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1167

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Aston, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (12) available at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. Fred Price, 172, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham, 23. (Phone ERD. 0554) not later than first post Thursday, 17th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1171

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A special general meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on April 19th. Bells at Haslingden. Newchurch, Waterfoot and Rawtenstall available. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. W. Rideough, 18, Mount Terrace, Rawtenstall, before April 16th. — W. H. Shuker, T. Wilson, Hon. Secs. 1182

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark Branch.—Winthorpe (6), April 19th, 2.30. Bring own food. — J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1161

**OXFORD GUILD.**—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Watlington, Oxon (8), Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by 14th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 1152

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Yatton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. — Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1207



**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Guildford, April 19th. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, Bury Fields, 5.15 p.m. Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas' bells in afternoon. Merrow, Shalford and St. Nicolas' in evening. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, by April 15th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 1183

**LADIES GUILD.**—Meeting at St. Mary - without-the - Walls, Chester, April 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea, 4.45, at Park Cafe. Names for tea to Mr. J. Swindley, The Forge, Handbridge, Chester, before Wednesday, April 16th. All invited. — Mary Elkins. 1201

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting at Royston, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1197

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ombersley, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business meeting after. — E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1196

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District. — Meeting at Messingham on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea provided, but only if you notify Mr. R. Traviss, Weir, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe, by previous Wednesday. — Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 1204

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Tetbury, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Cards for tea by April 15th to W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester. 1203

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Billesdon (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 1206

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 1205

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Crewes Branch.—Holmes Chapel (6), April 19th. Service 4.30. Tea if names received by 15th. — Rich. Langford, 118, Rushin Road, Crewe. 1214

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION. N.-E. District.**—Meeting, Wormingford (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring food. Cups of tea only.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thorington, Colchester. 1158

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Kingsdon, April 19th. Service 4.30. For tea please notify early. — F. Farrant, Martock. 1211

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton District. — Eaton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names to T. E. Pearson, Eaton, Grantham. — J. H. Cook. 1212

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Names to Mr. R. Hayne, 149, Avon Street, Coventry, by Wednesday, 16th, without fail.—Dorothy E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 1199

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. — R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 1220

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Blackmoor, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5, in School. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, 15th, to C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash. 1219

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice, Pulborough, April 19th, 3 p.m. Tea, only for those notifying E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis, by 16th. 1194

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Eye and Bury St. Edmunds Districts will be held at Walsham-le-Willows (6) on Saturday, April 19th, to elect secretary for Eye District. Bells available at 3 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—A. Gillings. 1146

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, Elham, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Rev. R. H. T. Williams, The Vicarage, Elham, near Canterbury, not later than Monday, April 14th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Broomfield Road, Canterbury. 1250

**BEDS ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District. — Woburn (8), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d.)—H. C. Hillyard. 1213

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 1193

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Sherfield English, April 19th, 2.30. Cups of tea supplied. Bring food and sugar. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 1187

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch. — Meeting, Buxton, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall. Also handbells in Village Hall from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. C. Duffield, The Mill, Buxton, Norwich, by Wednesday, 16th. — H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 1189

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District. — Meeting, West Wickham (6), April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea not later than April 21st to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1192

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service, tea, meeting. Names for tea by April 21st. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1207

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Odeon Cafe. Names for tea by April 22nd to B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Keitlston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 1218

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, April 26th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-8; tea and business 4. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1190

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. and after tea. St. Peter-at-Gowts' from 2 p.m., St. Giles', 6.30 p.m. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Monday, April 21st, to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec. 1208



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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), April 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham.

1215

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Doncaster and Selby District Societies at Thorne, April 26th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea, 2s. each, at Silver Street Cafe at 5 for all who notify Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, before April 24th. — H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1222

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—South Cadbury (6), April 26th. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by 21st.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat, Bath. 1216

**WINCANTON.**—The recast ring of six bells, with the addition of two new trebles at the Wincanton Parish Church will be dedicated by the Bishop of the Diocese on Saturday, May 10th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Chilcott, The Common, Wincanton, Somerset, by May 3rd. 1143

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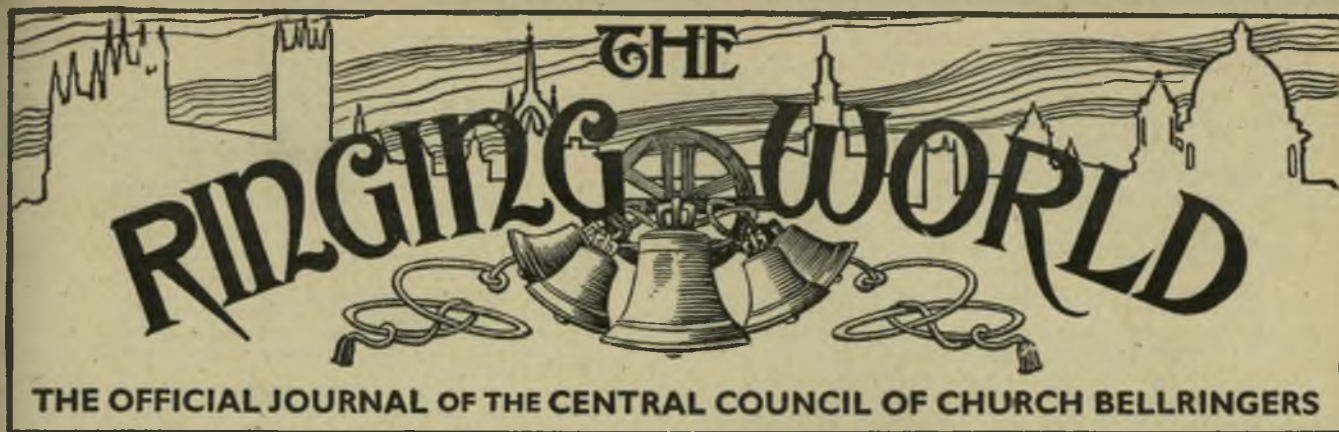
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## YOUR PAPERS

Most peal ringers and, in particular, conductors keep records. Some are systematic affairs, with peals tabulated and indexed with professional efficiency; with others they consist of exercise books pasted up with ringing data or perhaps a card index file. Such records are to a degree personal secrets; to the individual concerned they are an unfailing source of joy and memories of past achievement, and they constitute a life record. In addition, most conductors have their scrap book of peals and touches, cherished possessions which are constantly being added to, invaluable to the Exercise at large. With the limitations on printing to-day, these must of necessity be mainly in manuscript form or of cuttings.

Recently we have had one or two private letters from well-known leaders in their associations who, while compiling Guild histories and biographies, have regretted that in the case of certain ringers who have passed over their papers relating to ringing have been treated as salvage and destroyed. Their executors had regarded these manuscripts and records as of no intrinsic value, and they had been consigned to the waste-paper basket. One naturally can understand the point of view of the tidy housewife when confronted with an accumulation of papers (one noted ringer left a garage full of documents, some of which were valuable, but they required hours of time spent in sorting.) Too frequently when death occurs premises have to be vacated at an early date, and it is when confronted with a time limit that the uninitiated unceremoniously hands over the mass of papers to the salvage collector.

The point we are asked to emphasise is that all ringers should leave instructions as to the disposal of their papers. So many noted personalities regard their records of little value to ringing in general—probably a characteristic of a modest make-up—that they take no thought as to the eventual disposal of their papers. What every noted ringer really requires is a ringing executor who will sift and sort the papers and make sure that nothing of value to the Guild or Association is destroyed.

In ventilating this subject we trust that ringers, both individually and collectively, will consider the creation of the appropriate machinery for dealing with such masses of documentary data. Each Guild or Association should have a ringing executor to whom relatives of a deceased ringer could send such papers. We note that the Irish Association have this week appointed a librarian to deal



not only with the establishment of a library for the Association, but also the manuscripts left behind by that famous ringer and composer, Gabriel Lindoff. There are in most Guilds retired ringers with the necessary knowledge and aptitude for this work, and we feel certain, if general instructions and guidance could be issued from the Central Council, those inexperienced in this work would know what to look for and retain.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 8
JILL POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHIENEY ... 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band.

### BRISTOL.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

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

Tenor 50 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	*SIDNEY O/C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 3	*NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 9
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	JOHN S. MASON ... 10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
FRED. A. H. WILKINS ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### MANCHESTER.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt.

*ALEC CAIRNS ... Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS ... 6
BENJAMIN THORP ... 2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 3	ALBERT FORD ... 8
WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... 9
†REV. R. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 5	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Alderman Tom Adams, Lord Mayor of Manchester.

### PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... Treble	JOHN JACKSON ... 6
*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 2	*FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... 7
SYDNEY TUSON ... 3	JOHN CHARNOCK ... 8
†ED. COWPERTHWAITE ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 9
*W. HARRY CLARKE ... 5	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by ED. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal on tower bells.

### SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 5 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PRITTLEWELL,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 9000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*LEONARD BULLOCK ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	*PETER N. BOND ... 7
†ERIC A. DENCH ... 3	FREDERICK SOUTER ... 8
‡SQUIRE CROFT ... 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... 9
FRANK V. GANT ... 5	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal. The longest length of Plain Bob Royal yet rung. Rung to mark the bicentenary year of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

### YEovil, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble	†C. W. H. POWELL ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	WM. C. DOWDING ... 7
*WM. A. THEOBALD ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 9
TREVOR E. MARKS ... 5	*JOHN COLES ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MORRIS THOMAS ... Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... 7
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	HENRY STALHAM ... 8
R. GORDON CROSS ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... 9
FRANK BENNETT ... 5	*ALFRED HODDEN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.  
\* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Double Norwich Caters for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### SOUTHAMPTON.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*NESTA D. SMITH ... Treble	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 2	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 6
JOHN H. HUNT ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
*RICHARD SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

### DRAYCOTT, STAFFS.

#### THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD STEELE ... Treble	WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 5
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 6
*GEORGE MOUNTFORD ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
†JOHN G. CARLIDGE ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. W. HALL.  
\* First peal of Major 'inside.' † Fiftieth peal. First peal in the method on the bells.



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## RAINHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS ... Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6
FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 3	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
*TREVOR A. CROSS ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

\* First peal away from the treble. Rung as a 59th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Belsey, of Rainham.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR D. COOK ... Treble	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 6
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

\* First peal in the method. A welcome to the Most Rev. Joseph Masterson, D.D., Ph.D., D.C.L., fourth Archbishop of Birmingham.

## KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*GEOFFREY DIXON ... Treble	WILLIAM DIXON ... 5
HARRY ROE ... 2	DENNIS ROE ... 6
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 7
WILFRED WHITAKER ... 4	PHILIP WHITAKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

\* First peal in the method.

## NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 72 lb. in E.

LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
GORDON DYE ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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## DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Gave's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	PETER ANGER ... 5
JAMES E. FIGURES ... 2	LEONARD HARRIS ... 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 3	WM. A. THEOBALD ... 7
*LESLIE A. PAGE ... 4	PETER D. WENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal on newly augmented eight. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Purcell-Fox), and wedding compliment to daughter of W. W. Barnaby, churchwarden and local ringer.

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## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... Treble	*GORDON J. LUSK ... 5
*MISS JOYCE P. GAYMER ... 2	CHARLES F. VASEY ... 6
WM. H. BARBER ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... 7
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 4	†SAMUEL C. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by SAMUEL C. WALKER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. To celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vasey.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	ERIC T. LEE ... 5
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
WM. J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Doncaster and District Society.)

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

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

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Treble	JAMES THORLEY ... 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 2	THOMAS D. LEASK ... 6
HAROLD DENMAN ... 3	CHARLES THORLEY ... 7
ERNEST SHORT ... 4	HERBERT COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

Rung for the conductor's silver wedding.

## SOUTHAMPTON.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... Treble	†REGINALD A. REED ... 5
*LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
*REV. K. W. FELSTEAD ... 3	HAROLD P. REED ... 7
FRED. W. HOUSDEN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

## LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*E. DENNIS POOLE ... Treble	†WM. J. CHESTER ... 5
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 3	FREDK. PRICE ... 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 4	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. ‡ 100th peal together. First in the method on the bells.

## SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
*THOS. RILEY ... 2	WM. H. DEACON ... 6
JAS. TAYLOR ... 3	*GEORGE SKELLAND ... 7
THOS. W. HAMMOND ... 4	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

## HOLYWOOD, NORTHERN IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

*THOS. DUNWOODY ... Treble	HARRY BROWN ... 5
JAMES EDGAR ... 2	NAT SAVAGE ... 6
WILLIAM PRATT ... 3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 7
FRED E. DUKES ... 4	JAMES MANN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. BROWN.

\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. M. Roycroft, M.A., and Miss Mary F. Martelli.



## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIGGE ... .. Treble	† JOHN H. BAYLESS ... .. 5
GERALD F. BALL ... .. 2	CECIL E. CARR ... .. 6
E. CHARLES TURNER ... .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 7
* REGINALD C. TIPLER ... .. 4	WM. BRIGGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

\* First peal on eight. † 50th peal. Rung on the 70th birthday of Mrs. Ballard, mother of the conductor.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

* DONALD CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4
WM. C. HUGHES ... .. 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal.

## BARTON STACEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

NESTA D. SMITH ... .. Treble	WM. R. MELVILLE ... .. 4
LESLIE A. TREMEER ... .. 2	RICHARD SMITH ... .. 5
HARRY E. BALAAM ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

First peal of London Minor by the Guild, upon the bells, and by all except the conductor.

## ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

* COLIN KENYON ... .. Treble	† CHARLES CLEGG ... .. 4
ROGER LEIGH ... .. 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 5
KENNETH HINDLE ... .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Brian) to the ringer of the 4th.

## ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

J. BRIAN SMITH ... .. Treble	LEONARD WALSH ... .. 4
* DEREK SANDERSON ... .. 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 5
ROGER LEIGH ... .. 3	* ERIC LOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD ... Treble	G. LESLIE LUNN ... .. 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 2	PHILIP BARNES ... .. 5
GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On March 30th at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lorna Briggs 1, W. E. Clarke 2, A. Freeston 3, S. Jessop 4, R. Brown 5, J. Petch 6, F. Dewey (conductor) 7, B. Jackson 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

## NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

FREDK. G. WELLS ... Treble	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 4
REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 2	LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS ... 5
DONALD E. LEE ... .. 3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING Tenor

Conducted by P. W. J. HARDING.

A farewell peal to L. E. Hitchins, who is shortly leaving for a period of service in H.M. Forces in Singapore.

## HUNTINGDON.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERIC SMITH ... .. Treble	WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 4
STANLEY MURPHY ... .. 2	CLAUDE GIMBETT ... .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## BRAMLEY, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Combined St. Clement's and Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

* ERIC T. LEE ... .. Treble	† HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 4
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in eight methods by all the band except the conductor, first as conductor in eight methods, and the first peal in eight methods for the Guild.

## MINSTER, SHEPPEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,680 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

* S. KNIGHT (15y. 10m.) Treble	S. M. EVANS (16y. 11m.) 4
J. G. ROOKE (15y. 10m.) 2	W. H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
* J. M. WATSON (15y.) ... 3	* B. MCARTHUR (18y. 3m.) Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

\* First peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## HOVE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

* MISS BARBARA SECCOMBE 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4	MRS. R. G. CROSS ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by R. G. CROSS.

\* First peal.

## HOVE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. R. G. CROSS ... .. 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 5-6
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by FREDK. PAGE.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. G. Cross, also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bond. The conductor's 100th peal on handbells.

## HOVE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 1-2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5-6
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 3-4	MRS. R. G. CROSS ... .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.



**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.** — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, E. A. Jurd 2, Miss M. D. Pilcher (first quarter inside) 3, P. H. Speck 4, H. W. Lloyd 5, F. G. Barron 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. A. Nobes 8.

**BOREHAM, ESSEX.** — At the Church of St. Andrew, 1,264 Bob Major: P. Childs 1, B. Dines 2, S. Everett (conductor) 3, W. Allen 4, A. Church 5, A. Edwards 6, C. Jaggard 7, R. C. Thrift 8.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.** — At St. Modwen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 6.4.8 behind: Jill Cochrane 1, K. Pratt 2, J. H. Britton (conductor) 3, Gloria Inwood (first quarter) 4, H. Cornwell 5, H. H. Brittan 6, A. Skelton 7, W. Minor 8. A christening compliment to the son of the ringers of the 6th and grandson of the conductor.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.** — At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Allen 1, F. W. Brinklow 2, Miss A. White 3, E. Runter 4, H. Bradley 5, A. L. Simmonds 6, R. C. Thrift 7, S. Everett (conductor) 8.

**CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.** — At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Dunford 1, W. R. Falconer 2, Mrs. C. W. Tamplin 3, Miss J. Humphrey 4, W. C. Challen 5, R. C. Blackman 6, P. R. Blackman (conductor) 7, F. S. Griffen 8.

**DINDER, NEAR WELLS, SOMERSET.** — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Keevil (first quarter) 1, P. Hull (conductor) 2, R. Smith (first quarter) 3, F. Harvey 4, F. Bird 5, F. Griffen 6.

**ERITH, KENT.** — At Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hill 1, C. Udell 2, Miss A. Catt 3, E. C. Patten 4, F. A. Coley 5, E. E. Jefferies 6, A. G. Hill (conductor) 7, J. Benning 8.

**GOSBERTON, Lincs.** — At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob: H. Brookes 1, R. Sellers 2, N. Hutcheson 3, R. Facey (first quarter-peat) 4, Fred Payne 5, H. Bennett (conductor) 6.

## EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.** — At Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: W. Joiner 1, A. Easton 2, T. J. Southam 3, J. Pennells 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. S. Piper 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, W. S. Pope 8.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.** — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Goldsmith 1, W. Stepney 2, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 3, G. Beene 4, B. Stepney 5, A. Ellis 6. First quarter in method by all the band.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.** — 1,344 Oxford Bob Triples, at St. Andrew's Church: S. Childs 1, T. G. Bannister 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, P. E. Jones 5, W. Honer 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

**KEIGHLEY, YORKS.** — At St. Andrew's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Bairstow 1, 2. Candling 2, H. Oglesby 3, J. Windle 4, A. J. Smallbones 5, L. Thompson 6, F. Dalby 7, A. Bairstow (conductor) 8.

**KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.** — At St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beale (first quarter) 1, L. F. Ellis 2, T. Harris 3, J. Owen 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, A. Corrigan (conductor) 7, E. Veale 8.

**LINCOLN.** — At the Cathedral, 1,309 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. M. Lyon 1, K. S. B. Croft 2, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 3, L. Snell 4, S. Chambers 5, A. T. Lowman 6, R. F. Smith 7, W. Tomlinson 8, H. L. Pask 9, J. Freeman 10, J. L. Millhouse 11, H. Lowman 12.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.** — 1,264 Bob Major: B. Madeley 1, R. Hazeldine 2, P. Sambrook 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, W. J. Chester (conductor) 6, A. M. Hickman 7, W. H. Tyler 8. First quarter-peat for 2nd and 3rd, aged 16 and 15 respectively.

**MINSTER, SHEPPEY, KENT.** — A quarter-peat of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Knight (first quarter) 1, Garth Rooke 2, John Watson 3, Geoffrey Beynon 4, Stanley Evans (conductor) 5, Peter Neal 6.

**NOTTINGHAM.** — At St. Peter's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. A. Salter 1, F. Bradley 2, K. Wagstaff 3, G. Padgett 4, R. Ale 5, T. V. Jennison 6, E. Oliver 7, J. A. Barratt (conductor) 8, F. Brown 9, R. Bowler 10.

**NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.** — 1,440 Surprise Minor, consisting of 720 Norwich and 720 Cambridge: A. I. Walpole 1, A. A. Long 2, S. Fenn 3, D. Fenn 4, G. G. Walpole (conductor) 5, D. A. Long 6.

**POPLAR, LONDON.** — 1,263 Stedman Caters at All Saints' Church: L. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, A. W. Brighton 4, W. J. Ellis 5, J. Bowler 6, F. Furbanks 7, A. W. J. Appleton 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

**RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.** — At St. Andrew's Church, 1,200 Doubles, consisting of 240 Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob: A. I. Walpole 1, A. E. Long 2, G. G. Walpole (conductor) 3, D. Fenn 4, H. W. Barrett 5.

**RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.** — 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Gibbs 1, B. J. Stubbs 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, S. G. Robinson 4, H. Richardson 5, W. Copperwheat 6, A. Bellamy 7, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 8.

**RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.** — 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: A. Gibbs 1, A. Bellamy 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, W. J. Whitmore 4, H. Richardson 5, W. Copperwheat (conductor) 6.

**TRULL, SOMERSET.** — At All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. G. Sparkes 1, R. W. Harris (first quarter) 2, J. Hotchin (first inside) 3, R. G. Perry 4, J. Cole (first as conductor) 5, H. Churchill 6.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.** — At St. Margaret's, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss K. Burchall 1, Miss G. Burchall 2, Mrs. E. E. Davis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, W. J. Nudds 5, R. Stannard 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 8, C. J. Matthews 9, R. Sanders 10. First quarter on 10 bells by the Misses Burchall, who hail from Sutton-on-Trent.

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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

Handbell ringers throughout the Exercise are rapt in admiration of Mr. Harold J. Poole's band in accomplishing the astonishing performance of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'in hand,' as reported in our last issue. Another milestone in human achievement as regards bellringing has been passed.

'Norwich Diocesan Leaflet' for April states: 'Cromer P.C.C. has gratefully accepted the Rev. A. Buxton's offer to pay for the rehanging of the bells and the addition of two more.'

A faculty has been applied for to retune the six bells and add two trebles at Towednack, Cornwall. This is a neighbouring parish to Carbis Bay, where a new eight was recently installed.

With the peal of Pudsey rung at Leicester Cathedral on Easter Monday, Ernest Morris has now rung peals of Major, Royal and Maximus in this method.

Hundredth peal congratulations this week to Reginald A. Reed and William J. Chester. Frederick Page has rung his 100th on handbells, and Edward V. Rodenhurst and Arthur Pritchard their 100th together.

A fathers and sons peal was rung at Kildwick, Yorkshire, on April 5th. The fathers rang 2, 3, 4 and 5, and the sons 1, 6, 7 and 8.

The many friends of Mr. T. W. Chapman, who for close on 60 years was a regular Sunday service ringer at Nuneaton Parish Church, will be very sorry to hear that he had a slight seizure recently and that it has affected his speech. He is now living at 338, Ombersley, Worcs.

Corrections.—Two typographical errors are regretted. The size of the tenor in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Weyside, Leicester, on March 22nd, was 17 in A; the peal of Little Bob Major at Hethersett on March 21st was 5,088 changes.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Bats in the belfry is a common expression. Experience of the same took place during a peal at Abbey Church, Minster, Sheppey. A bat came into the tower and dodged in and out of the ropes. The peal was a fine juvenile effort. Congratulations!

St. Thomas' (Salisbury) Appeal has now reached £741, writes Mr. William A. Theobald.

The sequence from quarter to peal has been achieved at Chester-le-Street. Congratulations to Conductor S. C. Walker on calling his first peal on Easter Monday and so keeping this northern association in the news.

'Bim, Bam, Boom, Bong and Beng' cartoon is going the rounds. Mr. Fred E. Dukes acknowledges the receipt of same from an unnamed Leeds admirer. As he is partly bald, the majority of his tower regard him as 'Boom.'

'Bellringing gets you. Try once; they are such lovely bells you'll keep on.' This is the appeal of the Rev. B. J. M. Thackeray, Vicar of Thatcham, Berks, to the youth of his village. Except for Easter, the bells have hung mute since last year. We will keep an eye on our quarter-peal column for Thatcham, Berks.

Standon, Herts, has now had its first quarter by a local band. Behind this achievement is the untiring work of Messrs. Walter and Sidney Smith. The 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on Easter Day was rung by J. Day 1, J. Smith 2, R. Stacey 3, H. Groom (conductor) 4, S. Smith 5, J. Burr 6. A first quarter for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

'Like Johnny Walker, young John Perkins (81), of Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, is still going strong,' writes a correspondent. This Eastertide he stroked the tenor to 1,260 Bob Minor. Other ringers were H. W. Pratt 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, F. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5. John is a T.T. and non-smoker.

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## EASTER MONDAY ANNUAL MEETINGS

### Bath and Wells Association

#### MEMBERSHIP OF 1,200.

The Bath and Wells Association has now 158 affiliated towers with a membership of 1,200. This gratifying statement was made by Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary) at the annual meeting of the Association at Bath on Easter Monday.

In the regretted absence of the Master through illness, the Rev. Beaumont Russell (chairman of the Bath Branch) presided. The meeting remembered in silence those of the Association who had died since the last meeting, in particular John Hesse, James Burge, William Hoyle and Preb. Knapp-Fisher.

The secretary in his report stated that the Association possessed in Government securities £171, the current account stood at £158 8s. 4d. and there was about £10 still to come in from the Frome Branch. There was also a small credit with 'The Ringing World.' He also gave a resumé of the committee meeting that morning and announced that Mr. W. A. Osborn, the Diocesan Adviser on Belfries, appointed by the Association, had been co-opted on to the committee. The Association had also benefited by a gift of £10 from a life member.

A grant of 10 gns. to the Bell Fund was approved, and it was decided to include the years 1946 and 1947 in the next report. A sub-committee was formed to take preliminary steps towards erecting a tablet in memory of those members who lost their lives while in the Services. Subject to the necessary permission, the meeting sanctioned the expenditure of £50 for this object.

Mr. H. J. Sanger gave a well-balanced account of the Central Council proceedings at Norwich, and he was congratulated upon it by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, the secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. W. A. Osborn then told of his work during the year among the towers, at no fewer than ten of which he had given advice, which was either carried out or was to be acted upon.

Visitors from the Gloucester and Bristol, Salisbury and Universities' Associations were welcomed by the Chairman, who also proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to those who had earned them. Mr. H. H. Tucker was elected as a life honorary member.

The Association's service was held at St. Michael's Church, where the Rev. G. W. J. Catchpole (Rector) officiated and gave an appropriate address. Lunch was served at the Christopher Hotel, but it was regretted that accommodation could not be found for all those who applied.

Much ringing, most of which was of a good standard, was done, and the help of Mr. S. S. Woodburn, secretary and Ringing Master of the Bath Branch, was much appreciated.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

After a long discussion, the Bedfordshire Association decided at their annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday to send a resolution to the Hertfordshire Association informing them that the Bedfordshire Association are in favour of the formation of a St. Albans Diocesan Guild with the two Archdeaconry Branches of Bedford and Hertford.

Miss Evelyn Steel, the president, was in the chair, the meeting following a meat tea served at the Lion Hotel. She was re-elected, as were the vice-presidents. Mr. F. J. Plummer, the secretary, has now an assistant in Mr. H. D. Harris. Mr. Sharman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Harris for the preparation of the history of the Association as printed in 'The Ringing World,' which would be added to this year's annual report.

A proposal to increase the subscription of life members to 5s. was carried and Rule 7 amended accordingly. Four new members were elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the clergy for the use of the bells.

### Norwich Diocesan Association

#### INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION APPROVED.

About 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Association at Norwich on Easter Monday. During the day the bells of St. Peter's, Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John-de-Sepulchre were rung to a variety of methods. At the service, held at Mancroft, the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. H. Waddington) preached the sermon and also dedicated a new peal board, recording 5,000 Bob Royal rung on November 11th, 1944, commemorating Archbishop William Temple; 5,040 Grandire Triples, rung on January 20th, 1945, in memory of Canon Meyrick, formerly Vicar of Mancroft; and 5,280 Double Norwich, rung on June 5th, 1945, commemorating victory in Europe.

The annual lunch was at the Bedford Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting. At this the rule to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. was approved.

The election of officers was as follows: President, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; auditor, Mr. G. P. Burton. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. The Standing Committee branch representatives were approved as follows: North Norfolk, Mr. Russell Curson and the Rev. G. W. Wilson; East Norfolk, Messrs. G. Fletcher and G. Walpole; South Norfolk, Messrs. E. G. Bennett and F. W. Munnings; West Norfolk, Messrs. L. Houghton and Cecil Ebberson.

It was noted that Mr. Lee, chairman of the East Norfolk Branch, had retired, being replaced by Mr. H. J. Eldred. The meeting unanimously decided to arrange to give Mr. Lee a testimonial in token of the Association's gratitude and affection for the work he has done over a long period. Donations are to be limited to 1s. each; it is hoped that each tower will collect from its members, and will send its gift to its branch secretary. The closing date for gifts is May 31st. The accounts, which show a satisfactory balance, were adopted.

New members elected were: Ernest Ames and Harry Reynolds, Lowestoft; the Rev. J. Idris Jones, Dr. Mary Wright and Mrs. K. Brown, Reedham; Nancy Hall, Mulbarton; and the belfry election of G. Sparks, Norwich, was ratified.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for the use of the bells, the Vicar of Mancroft for his sermon, and the organist for playing. It was a great pleasure during the day to welcome the Lincoln ringers on their annual outing.

### LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

About 50 members, including visitors from Swansea and Kilburn, attended the annual meeting at Penarth on Easter Monday.

The bells were raised at 2 p.m. and kept going in various methods until the service, at which the Rev. Dennis R. Brown officiated. Tea, kindly provided by Mr. Vivian Rogers, a churchwarden, was served at the Welsh Cafe.

The Rev. D. R. Brown presided at the business meeting and extended a hearty welcome to the Association to Penarth. The balance sheet showed that the Association was in a sound financial position with a balance of £70 10s.

Mr. Percy Jones, of Caerphilly, was elected Master for the ensuing year. The secretary (Mr. F. J. Hannington) was asked to carry on for another year, and Mr. W. Prosser and Mr. R. Addis were elected as auditors. The meeting learned with regret of the illness of Mr. W. J. Powell, of Llanfrehfa, also of Mrs. Perry, wife of Mr. C. W. Perry, of Bridgend.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Newport (All Saints'). A collection for the newly inaugurated Bell Fund realised £1 14s. 3d.

### Kent County Association

#### OVER 300 AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Members and friends from all parts of the county and including some ringer visitors from other associations much enjoyed their visit to Canterbury on the occasion of the 67th annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung for two hours during the day and those of the city churches of St. Alphege's, St. Dunstan's and the outlying churches of Ash, Wingham, Chilham, Sturry and Wickhambreau were visited by parties of ringers.

Service in the Cathedral, specially arranged for the ringers, was at 12 noon. This was conducted by the Precentor, the lesson being read by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, and the address was given by the Dean (Dr. Hewlett Johnson). Following the service the ringers and friends, numbering just over 300, adjourned to the Drill Hall for an excellent luncheon in an atmosphere punctuated with that pleasing hum of chatter so reminiscent of the pre-war gatherings.

Mr. F. White, of Tunbridge Wells, presided and he was supported by Mr. G. H. Spice, of Sittingbourne (hon. secretary), Mr. Fred Mitchell, of Gravesend (hon. treasurer), and Mr. G. H. Cross, of Barnhurst (hon. auditor). Among the guests were the Bishop of Dover, the Dean, the Archdeacons of Canterbury and Maidstone, the Rev. J. W. Poole, the Rev. A. R. Barnes, the Rev. R. H. I. Williams, Mr. A. B. Beresford-Jones, a life member and president of the Cathedral ringers and the Association's sole surviving foundation member, Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough, who, accompanied by Mrs. Ruck, received the congratulations and best wishes of those present.

The business meeting, with Mr. F. White presiding, followed lunch. In his report the general secretary covered all matters of interest which had occurred during the past year, including a detailed record of peals, etc. This report showed that the Association was now well in its stride towards complete recovery after the war period, and if the same rate of progress continued during the present year there was no doubt that Kent ringing pre-war standards would be regained and surpassed. During the past year 155 new adult practising members and 25 juveniles had joined the Association as well as 22 non-resident life members and 28 new honorary members.

The treasurer presented the financial report, which showed a very healthy state of affairs and left no doubt in the minds of members that the Association was still going strong financially. During the meeting a donation of £25 from the Belfry Repairs Fund was unanimously voted to the Canterbury Cathedral Appeal Fund.

The various officers were all re-elected and were thanked for their work during the past year. At the close of the meeting thanks were accorded to Mr. B. Luck (the Canterbury district secretary) and his helpers for their good work.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Wisbech on Easter Monday, when members and visitors from Walsoken, Tilney (All Saints'), Grantham, Ely, Cambridge, Shouldham, Sawton, Downham Market, Marham, Terrington St. John, Peterborough, Raunds, Stanwick, Leicester and Great Staughton were present.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Pelloe), who afterwards presided at the business meeting. Owing to the fuel crisis it had been found impossible to print the annual report in time for the meeting, but this should be available shortly. Both the general secretary (Mr. W. W. Cousins) and the auditor (Mr. T. R. Dennis) were re-elected, and the committee were re-elected en bloc.

Next year the annual general meeting will be held at St. Neots (Hunts).



## Bob Royal Record

### PRITTLEWELL'S SUCCESS.

In ringing a peal of 9,000 changes of Plain Bob Royal at Prittlewell, Essex, on Easter Monday, a new longest length record has been established. The last longest length of Bob Royal, 8,100, was rung at Leeds, Kent, on Nov. 30th, 1751, in 5 hours and 26 minutes.

The band arrived punctually before 2 p.m., and after attending to the ropes and ringing a few rounds, started the peal at 2.5 p.m. The bells settled in well and a good fast beat was maintained until the peal was completed at 7.40 p.m. The ringing was good throughout and there were no serious trips. An occasional corrective word was spoken by the conductor, Frank B. Lufkin, or James Bullock, otherwise there was nothing spoken and the ringing was enjoyed by all.

The company blended youth with experience. The youngest, Leonard Bullock, is the 17-year-old son of Jim Bullock, who turned in the tenor. Jim is a College Youth and St. Paul's Cathedral ringer and lives at Dagenham.

Horace J. Mansfield hails from Maldon, Essex, and Eric Dench is the Middlesex ringer from Edmonton. Squire Croft, of Richmond, was included in the band during the last few days, deputising for a member who dropped out.

Frank V. Gant is from Hornchurch, the conductor and Fred Souter are local men, Peter Bond is from Chichester and rang his first peal on tenor. Frank Knight, from St. Martin's, London, participated in the record peal of Stedman Cinques.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING AT SHIFNAL.

Shifnal is of particular interest to Midland ringers as the home of Samuel Lawrence, a great ringer of bygone days whose peal book has a place in Shrewsbury Museum and is a truly great record of days when travel in this part of the country was very difficult.

Thirty-six members, representing a dozen different towers, gathered together at Shifnal on March 22nd for some most enjoyable ringing, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Little Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative.

The Vicar (Rev. John W. M. Finny) welcomed the association and conducted the service, during which special remembrance was made of Canon G. M. Bell, Rector of Worthen, a very old friend of the association and hon. member, whose death had occurred during the previous week.

Bring sandwiches was the order for tea which, with nicely arranged tables and cups of tea, made and served by friends in the Church Hall, was quite enjoyable. There was some handbell ringing, and several enthusiasts continued this in the train on the way home!

The next meeting will be on May 3rd, when two six-bell towers, Montford and Bicton, will be visited.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

When the Biggleswade District met at Clifton on March 29th, a collection, which amounted to £2, was made for the Lord Mayor's Flood Distress Fund. Mr. C. H. Harding presided over the business meeting, attended by 40 members, and the sum of five guineas was voted to the Stoddard Bell Restoration Fund. Four new members were elected and Maulden chosen for the next meeting. Thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells.

Some good touches were rung, including Cambridge Surprise, York Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were also rung for learners. The bells were rung down about 8.30 p.m., which brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

## LETTERS

### Tower Snatching

#### MORE FOUR FIGURE MEMBERS.

Dear Sir,—My old friend Pat Cannon seems to misunderstand the letter from Mr. Eric Nobles. Mr. Nobles asks how his record for the year 1946 compares with that of other ringers for the same year. I consider it would be hard to beat for 1946, both as regards the number of new towers rung in and Sunday service ringing. Congratulations, Mr. Nobles, on a very fine achievement!

Several names can be added to the five mentioned by Mr. Cannon. Mr. Alfred W. Brighton was the first ever to accomplish four figures in the number of towers. He gave up round the 1,700 mark. The lead was then taken by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, who has, of course, held it ever since. This information was given to me by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith at Bristol in January, 1938.

I believe Mr. John Thomas during his career as a bellhanger has run well into four figures. This number includes every ringable ring of bells in Somerset. Although he is of a modest, retiring nature, perhaps he would like to confirm this! The late Mr. Francis E. Dawe claimed to have rung in 1,100 towers, but it was always doubtful if he could produce a written record to substantiate this!

On looking at my own record I find the following: 1937, 164 new towers, 10 'old' towers; 1938, 201 new towers, 32 'old' towers; giving an average of 'new' towers for the two years of one every other day! I rang in my 1,000th tower, Southwell Cathedral, Notts, on March 12th, 1939, at the age of 31 years 7½ months. I should be interested to know if 1,000 has been accomplished at an earlier age than this.

My total is now 1,165. I have rung in all English counties excepting six, also four counties in Wales. Owing to pressure of work and family responsibilities, which are my first consideration, I only get an occasional chance of ringing in a new tower these days. Tower snatching, although laughed at by some ringers, has its values. Besides giving its devotees the opportunities of ringing under all sorts of conditions, it creates friendships of life-long duration. My best wishes to all who have an interest in this side of ringing.

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coundon, Coventry.

### 27 DIFFERENT ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—Within the last twelve months I was privileged to attempt peals in 25 different counties and for 27 different associations, and was successful in 22 of the former and 23 of the latter.

I neither claim any particular virtue nor attach special importance to having done so, since it was entirely due to favourable circumstances and, above all, the courtesy of ringers in general, but purely as a matter of idle curiosity. I would be interested to know whether it may be a record so far as this particular form of 'tower snatching' is concerned.

—Yours, etc.,

Leeds.

R. H. DOVE.

### PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' appeal to all ringers who have unwanted copies of photographs of bells, whether in the frame or not, to send them to me? I am trying to get as many photographs of bells as possible, and owing to the complete lack of books containing suitable illustrations I would appeal to other ringers to help me.—Yours faithfully,

RALPH F. BOOTMAN  
(St. Andrew's, Enfield).

18, Palace Gardens, Enfield, Middlesex.

## Congratulations!

Sir,—Hearty congratulations to Mr. Harold J. Poole and his band on their peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'in hand.' This must rank as a very notable achievement indeed.

C. W. WOOLLEY.

NOTE.—Other letters expressing similar sentiments have been received.—Editor.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY ANNUAL NOMINATION MEETING.

The Society's March meeting was transferred from Bramley to Armley and held on the usual Saturday.

When the bells were rung up some of the notes appeared very distant; investigation revealed that clapper lashings had not been removed! The ropes were seriously affected by the weather and were somewhat difficult to handle; consequently striking was not of the best. For tea visitors were accommodated in the homes of the local ringers.

At the business meeting, held in the tower, Mr. J. McGlenn, presided, and thanks were passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company. The Vicar's warden (Mr. Horace Buckle) replied. The general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 26th.

Nominations for offices were received as follows: President, Mr. John McGlenn; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, F. Hutchinson and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; auditors, Messrs. F. Hutchinson and S. Helliwell.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WIRRAL BRANCH.

The monthly meeting, held at St. Andrew's, Bebington, was well attended, 42 members (representing eight towers) and nine friends being present. Short touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon A. G. Bernard). The company was entertained to tea in the Church School.

At the business meeting a sub-committee was appointed to discuss the question of the encouragement and teaching of young ringers. The hon. secretary was also empowered to arrange transport for the June meeting. The votes of thanks included a special one to the ladies for providing and serving the excellent tea.

A.J.M.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

In spite of the inclement weather, the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, held at Reigate on March 29th, was attended by 59 members. Ringing at the Parish Church in the afternoon and evening comprised Cambridge Royal, Bristol, the standard methods and rounds.

After the service the company adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea. The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. Dan Cooper, the Master.

Mr. H. J. Skelt was elected a vice-president in addition to the Bishop of Croydon and Mr. John Crawford. Messrs. C. de Ste. C. Parks and E. G. Talbot were elected secretary and assistant secretary respectively.

A report covering the period from the issue of the last report until the end of 1946 is to be issued.

The committee's report revealed a very satisfactory state of affairs and enumerated the 22 peals rung for the Association during the year. These ranged from Doubles to Maximus. It is hoped to hold the next annual general meeting at Southwark.



## Weddings

**MR. P. A. CORBY—MISS L. M. HUBBERT.**  
The marriage took place quietly at All Saints', Edmonton, on April 10th, of Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss L. M. Hubbert. The bride, given away by Mr. T. J. Lock, has made rapid progress in ringing during the last year or two under the guidance of Mr. John Thomas, while the bridegroom, who has taken part in many noteworthy performances in various parts of the country during the last decade, is prominent as a very able conductor.

The bells of All Saints' were rung after the service, and at least six peals were attempted in honour of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Corby will shortly take up residence in Forest Hill, S.E.

**CAPT. R. N. W. LYDEKKER—MISS M. J. M. LYDEKKER.**

Capt. Richard Neville Wolfe Lydekker, of Tunbridge Wells, and Miss Margaret Julie Mary Lydekker, only daughter of the Rev. L. E. Lydekker, Vicar of Linslade, and granddaughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, Berks, were married at Linslade, Bucks, on March 25th.

The Bishop of Oxford performed the ceremony, assisted by Canon Robinson, uncle of the bride. The bells of St. Barnabas' Church were rung after the wedding in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich by Miss E. Steel, Mrs. J. Newman, F. Dedman, G. Heley, W. Insley, W. Jeffs, J. Newman, F. Plumer, H. Whitney, F. Vickers and J. Vickers. F.D.

## LADIES' GUILD

### AT ANSTEY AMID THE SNOW.

Through the snow came 40 members for the joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Anstey on March 15th.

Ringings included Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A delightful tea in the Church Room was followed by the respective meetings. The Leicester District fixed their next meeting at South Wigston on April 12th, and the Ladies' at Daybrook (Notts) on May 17th. The gathering dispersed after more ringing at the church to make their way homeward through the snow.

## DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The first monthly meeting of the Ilkeston District, held at Sandiacore on March 29th, brought together a good attendance of members and visitors, including the general treasurer (Mr. W. Steen).

Ringings on the tower bells was followed by service in church, at which the Vicar officiated. About thirty sat down to an excellent tea, kindly arranged under the direction of Mr. P. L. Parrott.

Mr. James F. George presided at the business meeting, and in his opening remarks expressed his gratification at the good attendance and stressed the importance of individual effort in a determination to make the new Ilkeston District a success. He called attention to the hard work ahead, and hoped that all would readily respond by loyally supporting the new venture. The district was extremely fortunate in having the services of Mr. E. C. Gobey as Ringing Master, with his son, Mr. E. F. Gobey, as assistant.

It is hoped to hold monthly meetings at all the towers allotted to the district during the next twelve months, the next meeting being arranged to take place at Heanor on May 10th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local band for making arrangements, terminated the meeting. Tune and change ringing on handbells and on the tower bells occupied the remainder of the evening, the methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

## Irish Association

### OPPOSITION TO 'SYNTHETIC' BELLS.

A timely warning against the use of 'synthetic' bells was contained in the report of the Irish Association presented at the annual meeting at St. Thomas', Belfast, on Easter Monday, when 100 ringers were present.

Mr. R. Adamson (Belfast) presided in the absence of Mr. J. B. Cunningham (president). The attendance shield was presented to Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, each scoring 98.92 per cent.

The report stated that the bells of Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, Bray, Drogheda, Coleraine, Ballylesson and Hillsborough were in need of attention. Overhauls in some cases were either in hand or pending. Rumour was that there might be one or two more ringing peals up North.

'We hope they will bear fruit with real ringing bells of which ringers and churchpeople may be justly proud, and not with sounds of heavy peals coming from "ridiculously" small belfries by means of gramophone records and amplifying apparatus. We urge the clergy and churchpeople when considering bell installations that where the tower is suitable to make every effort to raise the necessary funds for the real thing, which will outlast for centuries any form of "synthetic" bells.'

The number of affiliated societies is 19 and the membership is: Life 3, honorary 8, ringing 278. N.R.L.M. 56.

A proposal to reorganise the Association by the setting up of three districts, which will each manage their own affairs, similar to other affiliated associations, was passed. All districts would meet together annually.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. W. Pratt (Holywood); hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson (Dublin); Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (Dublin); hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes, A.M.I.E.E. (Jenkinson). Twenty-four members were elected, and Messrs. J. B. Cunningham and R. S. F. Murphy were elected to life membership.

It was decided to form a library with headquarters in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, which would house all Gabriel Lindoff's compositions and other works. Mr. T. McMorran was elected librarian.

The 50th birthday would be celebrated next year, and it was proposed to collect £50 for the augmentation of the Bell Restoration Fund. It was decided to compile a roll of honour for insertion in the peal book in honour of those from Ireland who served in the recent world war. The meeting for 1948 will be held at Dublin.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### EAST DEVON BRANCH ANNUAL.

Preb E. V. Cox (Guild president), who presided at the annual meeting at Seaton on Easter Monday of the East Devon Branch, extended congratulations to the branch on its progress.

Mr. J. Arbury (hon. secretary) mentioned its progress (it is the largest in the Guild with about 100 members), and that Sunday service ringing was well maintained and that the help of the leaders of bands was invaluable. The accounts showed nearly £33 in hand. Seven-teen proficiency certificates were presented.

Elections included: The Rev. A. Fane De Salis (branch chairman), Mr. G. C. Woodley (vice-chairman), Messrs. J. Arbury (hon. secretary and treasurer), C. Turner (Ringing Master), P. Davis, C. Turner and L. Baker (representatives on Guild Committee).

Sidmouth was chosen for next year's annual meeting, Payhembury for a meeting on June 28th and Luppitt for one on September 29th.

Members stood in silence in memory of Messrs. J. Chown, H. Skinner and D. Edworthy.

Seventeen proficiency certificates were presented.

## Salisbury Diocesan Guild

### WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The call of garden work probably kept many away from the quarterly meeting held at Burton Bradstock on April 12th, in spite of the charms of that picturesque Dorset village.

Members, however, attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Burton Bradstock, Evershot, Netherbury and Lyme Regis and good use was made of the bells, the ringing before and after tea including rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Minor.

The Rector, the Rev. A. R. Dittmer, conducted the service, and in a short address welcomed the Guild. After tea the chairman (the Rev. C. Carew Cox) presided at the business meeting and asked those present to stand in memory of three ringers with long service who had recently been called to their rest, viz., Mr. J. Lathey, of Bradpole, Mr. W. S. B. Northover, of Bridport, and Mr. J. Poole, of Beaminster. The statement of accounts, in complete at the annual meeting, showed a satisfactory credit balance of £17 2s. 11d. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 19th at Whitchurch; also by-meetings in May and September at Hawkechurch and Netherbury respectively.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, to Mr. Elsworth, the branch organist, and to the ladies who had provided the excellent tea.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

### AT EWELL ON EASTER MONDAY.

The North-Western District meeting, held at Ewell on Easter Monday, aided by the weather, again proved a very popular venue for ringers. Over 70, representing 34 towers as far apart as Bedford, Hereford and Eastbourne, arrived, and soon a crowd were 'trapped' in the belfry, and under somewhat difficult circumstances ringing in various methods took place until 4.30.

The Vicar (the Rev. V. P. Davis) officiated at the service. A splendid tea was provided at the Congregational Hall.

Mr. F. Collins presided at the business meeting, which was carried through with the usual Surrey promptness. One life member, Mr. D. Carnley, of Isleworth, Messrs. J. Hillier and D. Parsons, Carshalton, W. J. Ellis, St. Leonard's, Streatham, and Mrs. A. K. Matthews, ringing members, were elected.

Chertsey, on June 21st, was voted for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to Mr. J. Beams. Handbells were soon going to various methods. Under the direction of Mr. Collins, ringing continued at the tower until 9 p.m. and the standard of ringing was good. R. L.

**STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.**—At St. Michael's Church on March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Winterbourne 1, J. Flanders 2, C. Calcutt (conductor) 3, B. Coster 4, H. Farmoor 5, W. Floyd 6.

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**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark Branch.—To-morrow's meeting at Winthorpe cancelled.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1263

**DEVON GUILD.**—Ringing practice, Major, Stedman, Broadclyst, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Tea.—F. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1230

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting of special interest to all lady ringers in Kent and Sussex at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Apr. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Important meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1110

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—Annual district meeting, Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1166

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Aston, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (12) available at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1171

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Yatton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1207

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Guildford, April 19th. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, Bury Fields, 5.15 p.m. Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas' bells in afternoon. Merrow, Shalford and St. Nicolas' in evening.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 1183

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Messingham on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea provided.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 1204

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 1205

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ombersley, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business meeting after.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1196

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** N.-E. District.—Meeting, Wormingford (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring food. Cups of tea only.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thorington, Colchester. 1158

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Kingsdon, April 19th. Service 4.30. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1211

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 1220

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, Elham, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1159

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Meeting, West Wickham (6), April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea not later than April 21st to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1192

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service, tea, meeting. Names for tea by April 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1207

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Odeon Cafe. Names for tea by April 22nd to B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Keitlston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 1218

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, April 26th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-8; tea and business 4. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1190

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Woodhouse Eaves (6), April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, Dis. Sec. 1260

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. and after tea. St. Peter-at-Gowts' from 2 p.m., St. Giles', 6.30 p.m. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Monday, April 21st, to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec. 1208

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—South Cadbury (6), April 26th. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by 21st.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat, Bath. 1216

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), April 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 1215

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Doncaster and Selby District Societies at Thorne, April 26th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea, 2s. each, at Silver Street Cafe at 5 for all who notify Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, before April 24th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1222

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Meeting, Bishop's Waltham (8) and Swanmore (6), April 26th. Bells 2.30. Service, Bishop's Waltham 4. Tea and business follow. Names by April 23rd.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 1210

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting St. George's, Bolton, April 26th. Bells 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1262

**CHESTER DIOCESAN LEAGUE OF BELLRINGERS.**—Chester Branch.—Doddleston, Sat., April 26th. Bells (6) 2. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Wed. the 23rd.—Geo. E. Griffiths, Rodlee, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 1257

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.**—General meeting, Leeds Parish Church, Sat., April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 1259

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. District.—Meeting, Saffron Walden (12), Sat., April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Wed., April 23rd, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1256



**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.** — Biggleswade District. — Meeting at Henlow on April 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 1261

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.** — Eastern Division. — A district meeting will be held at Hoddesdon (8 bells) on Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by April 26th.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, nr. Hoddesdon, Herts. 1253

**CHESTER GUILD.** — Northwich Branch. — Meeting at Weaverham (6), April 26th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—D. C. Osborn, Hon. Sec. 1251

**SCOTTISH ASSN.** — Annual meeting, St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, April 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting in Synod Hall. 1221

**SALISBURY GUILD.** — Dorchester Branch. — Buckland Newton, April 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Bus from Dorchester 2.30 and 3.30.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 1223

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch. — Meeting at Tredington (6 bells), Sat., April 26th, at 3 p.m. Good attendance, please! —D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1224

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Peterborough Branch. — A meeting will be held at Whittlesey, St. Mary's (8), on Sat., April 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 1225

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.** — Manchester Branch. — Next meeting will be at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Sat., April 26th, at 3.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1239

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.** — Meeting at Heston, Sat., April 26th. Bells 3. Tea (Church House) 5. Names to Mr. H. C. Chandler, 44, New Heston Road, Hounslow, by April 25th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1229

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northampton Branch. — Meeting at Brafield, Sat., April 26th. Service 4.15. Bring food.—R. S. Cowley. 1231

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.** — Derby District. — Monthly meeting Duffield April 26th, 3. Cups of tea only. Business meeting belfry 6.—W. A. Parsons. 1245

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Thrapston Branch. — Meeting at Brigstock, Sat., April 26th. Service 4.30. Tea for those whose names arrive by April 22nd.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 1233

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** — Sudbury-Clare District. — Meeting at Poslingford (5), Sat., April 26th, 3 p.m. Tea at Shepherd and Dog Inn 5. Notify me please, by the 24th. Clare (8) available 7.30 till 9 p.m.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 1234

**SUSSEX ASSN.** — Eastern Division. — Practice Laughton, April 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by 23rd.—Frank H. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham. 1235

**DEVON GUILD.** — Mid-Devon Branch. — Totnes, Sat., April 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Warwick's, Fore Street, 5. Names by April 23rd.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. (Phone 3121.) 1237

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.** — Axbridge Deanery. — Meeting at Badgworth (5) near Axbridge, Sat., April 26th, 6.30.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford. 1238

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Newbury Branch. — Thatcham (8), Sat., April 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. A. Brown, The Broadway, Thatcham, Berks, by Wed., April 23rd. 1226

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.** — Meeting at Greinton, April 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea by the 22nd.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 1240

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Ross District. — Meeting Upton Bishop (6), Sat., April 26th, 2.30. Service 4. Cups of tea 4.30. Names to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 1241

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.** — Woolton St. Lawrence, April 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Parish Room. Number for tea by Tuesday the 22nd to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 1242

**CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.** — Romford (8), April 26th, 3 to 9. Interval 5 to 6 for light refreshments. Competent band will help any who want progress. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1247

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.** — Bristol Rural Branch. — Almondsbury (8), April 26th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 1243

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.** — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting Topsham, May 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by April 28th. 1258

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.** — Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Cobham (6), Sat., May 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please send numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Freeland Road, Cobham, by April 30th.—A. H. S. 1249

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual meeting Leicester, May 3rd. Usual arrangements. Particulars next week. Tea only to those who obtain tickets not later than April 28th, from H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1250

**MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.** — Dedication of the new treble bells at the Parish Church, May 3rd, 3 p.m. The ring of 8 bells will be available before service. Arrangements will be made for tea; as catering is difficult, please advise early.—Percy Fordham, 8, Kingsway, Mildenhall. Tel. 2269. 1252

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.** — Quarterly meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield, May 3rd. Bells 3. Tea 4.30. Welcome Cafe. Names to Mr. F. Bradley, 2, Glen Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, by April 30th. 1227

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.** — Sat., May 3rd. Montford (6), 2 to 4.30. Tea (2s.) at Wingfield Arms, 5, Bicton (6), 6 to 9. Bus service from Baker Street, Shrewsbury.—E. D. Poole. 1254

**SUSSEX ASSN.** — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 3rd. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', from 3, Good Shepherd 7.30 to 8.30. Service St. Peter's 4.30. Tea and business follow. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by April 30th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1236

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, May 3rd. Names for free tea by April 29th to Mr. F. Barber, Fairlawn, Doddington Ridge, near Wellingborough. 1232

**NORWICH ASSN.** — South Norfolk Branch. — Meeting, Bunwell, on May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and light refreshments in the school for those who let me know by April 29th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 1264



**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Warehorne, Sat., May 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1248

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—50th annual meeting, May 10th, Ealing. Ringing St. Stephen's from 2.30, St. Mary's 3 and evening. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Names for tea to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing.

1246

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea (2s. per head) in the schools 5. Names to H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Leeds, 6, by May 7th. General meeting on same premises immediately after. Bells again available after meeting until 9, also St. Michael's (8) 7 to 8.30.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

1255

**CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH.**—Ring of ten bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated on Sat. afternoon, May 24th, by the Bishop of Derby. Names for tea by May 7th to Sam Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. 1244

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## SIXTY YEARS ON

Last Saturday, the 60th anniversary of the first ringing of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells silent, was commemorated by a supper party given by one of the ringers, Mr. John C. Mitchell, J.P., and attended by another of the survivors, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. This silent peal was rung at the Goose and Gridiron, London, on March 11th, 1887, and it was originally planned for the commemoration supper to be held on March 8th, but owing to the very severe weather conditions it was postponed. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell on this happy occasion were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. E. G. Fenn (past-master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. A. A. Hughes, J.P. (treasurer of the society), and Mrs. Hughes, and Mr. A. B. Peck (secretary of the society).

The story of this peal, in which the order of ringing was J. C. Mitchell 1-2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3-4, C. F. Winney 5-6, G. F. McLaughlin 7-8, was told in reminiscent vein by the survivors. The idea of attempting such a performance dawned upon Mr. C. F. Winney, the well-known ringer, after a peal of Holt's Original on January 25th, in which Messrs. Mitchell and Buckingham took part. These two ringers, whose ages were then 19 and 20 respectively, came from St. Albans daily to London for business. The first practice took place on February 9th, the condition being no calls, but mistakes corrected without stopping. On February 25th, this being the eighth time of meeting, the band met at the residence of Mr. Winney, and upon the arrival of Mr. Mitchell, who had been detained at business until 10 p.m., it was decided to commence the peal, which was successfully brought round at 1.20 a.m.

The public performance at the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths was a different proposition. A demonstration that the band was equal to the task was given on March 2nd, when two-thirds of the peal was rung. Another start was made on March 8th, when 4,600 changes were rung, and the clock of St. Paul's struck eleven so hard that one of the band thought he counted 13 and in consequence came to grief! The peal was finally accomplished on the 11th, the day being the 33rd anniversary of the silent peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung at the Whittington and Cat, Bethnal Green, by Messrs. Cox, Cooter, Haley and Wood. The peal was umpired by Mr. W. Barron, of the Royal Cumberland Society, and Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, of the



Ancient Society of College Youths, who took down each lead as rung.

Of the survivors, Mr. Buckingham celebrated his 81st birthday last Tuesday. He joined the Abbey Guild at St. Albans Cathedral in 1884, was elected a member of the College Youths in 1885, and has some 400 peals to his credit. A prominent Freemason, he is a Past Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Lodge of England and a Past Grand Registrar of the Province of Hertfordshire. Mr. Mitchell joined the St. Albans Society in 1885 and was elected a College Youth in the same year. He had the distinction of being elected the first honorary member of the Central Council. His business life was spent in London Transport. Upon retirement in 1933 on the construction of the London Passenger Transport Board, he was secretary and treasurer to the London General Omnibus Company, Ltd., and allied companies. Since 1923 he has been a J.P. for the City of London. He is a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harnessmakers, and in Masonic circles is a Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England and a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Hertfordshire. Of the other two who have passed over, Mr. Winney died in 1940, having been elected a College Youth in 1879, and Mr. Geo. F. McLaughlin was elected a College Youth in 1881, Master in 1886 and died in 1929. The anniversary is one which we can recall with just pride, and the coincidence is that it has been celebrated in a vintage year of handbell ringing with the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in hand—a happy omen for the future of this side of the Exercise.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

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On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 4 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 9
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 4	*THOS. G. MYERS ... 10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS
	JOHN S. MASON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WM. H. HEWITT ... Treble	*DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON ... 6
MRS. F. E. COLLINS ... 2	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 7
*MRS. W. J. RAWLINGS ... 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... 8
DENNIS G. BROWN ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5	*WM. J. RAWLINGS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Philip A. Corby and Miss Lucile M. Hubbert.

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On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5029 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	FREDK. W. RISHWORTH ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	HAROLD SMITH ... 8
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 9
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 5	JOHN LUCK ... Tenor

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5031 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31½ cwt.

GEORGE DAVIS ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 2	ALAN WHITE ... 7
JEAN A. SOUTHERS ... 3	WILFRED F. MORETON ... 8
*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... 9
BETTY SPICE ... 5	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal on ten bells and in the method.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 56½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED ... Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 2	NORMAN COOMBS ... 7
DONALD G. CLIFT ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 8
EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
HENRY J. SANGER ... 5	FREDK. TARGETT
	LEONARD DERRICK Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5009 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

WM. J. ELLIS ... Treble	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 8
ALAN F. THIRST ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS ... Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	*G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8
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RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 5	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5130 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS M. E. RIDYARD ... Treble	*THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 6
MISS NORAH BIBBY ... 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
*GEO. H. RANGLES ... 3	FREDK. GRUNDY ... 8
JAMES TAYLOR ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
*JOHN LUNHAM ... 5	*HARRY MOORCROFT ... Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by FREDERICK GRUNDY.

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

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## HEREFORD.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

SHEILA B. MORETON ... Treble	GEORGE DAVIS ... 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 6
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 7
WM. H. SYMONDS ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. BEEVER (C.C.C. No. 25).

Conducted by M. P. MORETON.

First peal as conductor.

## PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	*FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 5
*JOHN D. ROCK ... 2	*E. PETER ROCK ... 6
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	†LESLIE EVANS ... 7
GEORGE DAVIS ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 25th peal together. A compliment to Peter Rock for his 21st birthday.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Treble	†PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 6
†DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON ... 3	JAMES S. WEBB ... 7
†STANLEY EVANS ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Composed by G. W. DERENHAM.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Pritchard's ... Treble	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 5
MRS. P. BILLINGTON ... 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 6
JOSEPH W. H. WHITE ... 3	JOHN THOMPSON ... 7
THOMAS SHEPPARD ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by L. TREVOR.

## EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Apr. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 10 cwt, 14 lb. in A flat.

ALBERT WALKER ... Treble	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Rung for the wedding of Jean Margaret Freemantle and Stanley George Wallis.

## EDMONTON, LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARGARET F. EMERE ... Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... 5
ERIC A. DENCH ... 2	DENNIS H. LANGDON ... 6
PHILIP J. COWARD ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
JOHN H. BOTTOM ... 4	VICTOR R. WOODARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.

Rung for the wedding of Philip A. Corby and Lucile M. Hubbard.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

## A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt, 3 qr, 17 lb.

WM. H. B. WILKINS ... Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
JAMES HIGGINS ... 3	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*EVEREST FORD ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
JOHN T. GARTSIDE ... 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 6
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
PETER CROOK ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn H. Dearden.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Treble	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Ipswich. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss L. M. Hubbard.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDK. A. COLEY ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
ALBERT W. COLES ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... 4	CHAS. W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss L. M. Hubbard.

## METHERINGHAM, LINS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JACK F. HODSON ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
*JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	*JOHN WALDEN ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7
†MADELINE M. LYON ... 4	†KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.



ASSTEAD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF COBHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES SMART ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. 6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 7
GEORGE A. COOK ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Arranged by G. MARRINER.

Conducted by A. HARMAN.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

GEORGE SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES S. WEBB ... .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	*ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... .. 6
*JOHN W. BEST ... .. 3	HARRY PYE ... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method. A welcome home to the Rector of Farnon after a serious operation.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*CHARLES BROWNLOW ... .. Treble	ERIC BRUNTON ... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2	RICHARD BENSON ... .. 6
FRED READ ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

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

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 5
DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... .. Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER ... .. 5
HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... .. 6
*ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 7
*JOYCE HUMPHREY ... .. 4	*HERBERT F. DUNFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
TOM PAGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... .. 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 4	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* 300th peal.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... .. Treble	ALAN WHITE ... .. 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... .. 6
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... .. 3	REV. E. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 7
BETTY SPICE ... .. 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise for the Society.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST H. MASTIN ... .. Treble	*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 2	EDWARD BARKER ... .. 6
FRED WIGMORE ... .. 3	*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 7
*WALTER JARVIS ... .. 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by F. WIGMORE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal. Ring for the wedding of Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss L. M. Hubbert.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	*VICTOR J. C. WOODS ... .. 5
*CHARLES BLAKEY ... .. 2	*ROGER LEIGH ... .. 6
ERNEST J. GOWER ... .. 3	*WILLIAM PROCTER ... .. 7
*ALBERT YATES ... .. 4	FRED READ ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. READ.

\* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford as conductor. Ring for the wedding anniversaries of the 4th and tenor ringers.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5124 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Treble	JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... .. 2	*GEORGE DAVIS ... .. 6
BETTY SPICE ... .. 3	REV. E. G. BENSON ... .. 7
*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 35).

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

S. M. RUDDLESDEN ... .. Treble	HAROLD HAYNES ... .. 4
*ERNEST G. ORLAND ... .. 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... .. 5
JAMES H. WEBB ... .. 3	VICTOR A. PERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. PERRY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

REGINALD PEPPER ... .. Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL ... .. 4
G. STANLEY BREWIN ... .. 2	HARRY KIRBY ... .. 5
DONALD L. WALTON ... .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On March 30th, at St. Peter's, 1,287 Stedman Caters: M. Thomas 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, A. Gravett 3, R. G. Cross (conductor) 4, Miss F. A. Edgar 5, G. Ades 6, A. W. Bond 7, W. C. Hart 8, F. Page 9, A. Hobden 10.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, E. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, N. Hollingworth 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, G. Parsons 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.



SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	†SIDNEY H. BARRON ... 4
*MARY S. LINGARD ... 2	*DONALD R. MARSHALL... 5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VEYSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by K. HIGGINS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

Seven different extents (Nos. 34, 52, 54, 49, 51, 50 and 48 C.C.C.).

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER MAWBY ... Treble	FRANK BURGESS ... 4
ERIC NOBLES ... 2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 5
RONALD C. NOON... 3	GEORGE CARE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

\* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. Jones and Miss W. Parris.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, APOSTLE AND MARTYR,

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

Being two extents of Morning Star, five extents each of Stedman, Spiced Stedman and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 of Morris' Arrangement and 18 extents of Grandsire (15 callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

LESLIE EVANS ... Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS... 4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 2	E. PETER ROCK ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3	*REGINALD J. HERBERT... Tenor

Conducted by E. P. ROCK.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Ebenezer Charles.

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL... Treble	†FREDK. S. MACEY ... 4
PERCY PAGE ... 2	WM. J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEP ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Kent Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At 26, IRON MILL LANE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 1-2	*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At VICTORIA VILLAS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

*OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	*ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
*ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Conducted by E. W. PYE.

\* First peal in the method on handbells.

HEREFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the CATHEDRAL CLOSE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;**

BETTY SPICE ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE ... 7-8
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 3-4	*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 9-10
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5-6	†ALAN WHITE ... 11-12

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal on twelve bells, † First peal of Maximus, and first peal on twelve bells 'in hand.'

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Heavy bell issue might well describe this number of 'The Ringing World.'

The St. Martin's Guild with a peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral will receive many congratulations, and Mr. J. T. Dyke's band, who rang for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Wells Cathedral, will certainly be not overlooked.

Peals at Exeter are no light occasions. Five of the company rang the Bank Holiday previous a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, with its 50 cwt. tenor. Wilfred Williams turned in the tenor at Bristol and was with John S. Mason on 'Grandison' at Exeter. George E. Fearn rang the eleventh at both towers.

Wells Cathedral tenor of 56½ cwt. required two men for the peal on April 12th. The late J. W. Washbrook had a companion on the tenor for the reopening peal on November 4th, 1891.

Started in 1893, the first Monday evening in the month practices at St. Mary's, Lambeth, were a regular feature until 1939. The London County Association announce their revival in this issue.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Sam Petter (Worplesdon) at the Guildford Guild annual on attaining his 70th birthday. Tea was prepared for 110 and 130 arrived. 'Ticket holders only' is the threat of Mr. G. L. Grover for future meetings.

The Acoustics Group of the Physical Society, which is open to both members and non-members of the society, is arranging a special summer meeting which will take the form of a symposium covering a particular aspect of acoustical investigation. For details of the society's activities application should be made to the Joint Hon. Secretary, 1, Lowther Gardens, Prince Consort Road, London, S.W.7.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Central Council members desirous of attending peals during the Whit

week-end and week following at Exeter should write to Mr. E. W. Biffin, 17, Sydney Road, St. Thomas', Exeter, who is in charge of arrangements. Many towers in the locality are available. Please state methods.

A jaunt to Broadclyst, near Exeter, is proposed by the Ladies' Guild. They are holding a meeting there on Whit Saturday.

The peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at St. Mary's, Portsea, was A. T. Greenwood's 300th peal. Of his peals 286 have been rung with the conductor, F. W. Rogers.

To ring his 21st peal for his 21st birthday is a distinction. The ringer was E. Peter Rock, of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and the coming of age celebration was at Preteigne, Radnorshire.

On two successive days peals of Double Norwich were rung in Bolton, Lancs, at different churches. Messrs. P. Crook, A. Tomlinson and E. Benson rang in both peals.

Peals were rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Philip A. Corby and Miss Lucile M. Hubbert at Beckenham, Edmonton, Epsom, Crayford, Loughborough, Bell Foundry and Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk.

Cobham Surprise has been rung for the first time. The method, which was rung at Ashstead, was to the memory of William James of Cobham, who was for many years leader of the Cobham, Surrey, ringers. He was laid to rest at Cobham on the previous day.

Mr. H. Clarke, for many years a ringer at Kingsthorpe Parish Church, Northampton, celebrated his 80th birthday on April 10th. His many friends in the Peterborough Diocese will join us in wishing him many more happy years' association with ringing. A touch was rung in the evening as a tribute to him, and the team was later entertained at his home.

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## Exeter Cathedral Peal

An important ringing achievement was the peal of Stedman Cinques on the magnificent bells of Exeter Cathedral on April 12th rung for the St. Martin's Guild. The time occupied, 4 hours and 10 minutes, was precisely the same time as the first peal on the twelve bells, which took place on July 5th, 1924, and which was also rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild. Messrs. T. H. Reeves and J. F. Smallwood took part in both these performances. Congratulations to Thomas Myers, who rang the tenth faultlessly in this, his first peal of Cinques.

Details of the bells:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Founder	Note
Treble 1923	6	2	16	Taylor	F
2 1923	6	3	2	Taylor	E flat
3 1729	7	0	22	W. Evans	D
4 1616	8	3	10	J. Byrdon	C
5 1658	8	2	0	J. Pennington	B flat
6 1630	10	1	0	T. Purdue	A
7 1902	18	0	4	W. Evans	G
8 1693	19	0	19	T. Purdue	F
9 1676	28	0	4	T. Purdue	E flat
10 1729	33	2	11	W. Evans	D
11 1676	40	3	19	T. Purdue	C
Tenor 1902	72	2	2	Taylor	B flat
Half-tone 6th	11	1	8		A flat

## DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

**TITLE CHANGED AT ANNUAL MEETING.**  
After a lengthy discussion the Derby and District Association at their annual meeting at Derby on April 12th decided to change the name of the Association to the Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers. The decision was prompted in view of the inclusion of the Peak District in the Association's area.

About 60 ringers attended the meeting at Derby Cathedral from Sheffield, Staveley, Chesterfield, Ashby, Overseale, Repton, Ticknall, Darley Dale, Ilkeston, Sawley, along with ringers from the local towers. St. Peter's tower was also available. Methods rung included Cambridge and Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, the youngest ringer, Master Peter Marriott, of Ticknall, having to stand on a chair to ring the treble to a touch of Grandsire.

Owing to catering difficulties, tea was served in St. Peter's Parochial Hall, where Miss Wickman along with help from ringers' wives provided an excellent tea.

The Vicar of St. Peter's (the Rev. O. A. Shaw) presided at the business meeting and gave a hearty welcome to all. The retiring officers, president, secretary and trustee F. Lowe were all re-elected, and the quarterly meetings fixed as follows: July, Peak district; October, Ilkeston; January, Chesterfield; and Easter, Derby. Ringing continued until 8.15 at St. Peter's and 8.30 at the Cathedral.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### BURTON A HOLIDAY ATTRACTION.

The Easter Monday meeting of the Guild, held at Burton Parish Church, proved to be a real holiday attraction for upwards of 60 ringers and friends assembled from Ashby, Measham, Overseale, Netherseale, Lullington, Repton, Rolleston-on-Dove, Ticknall, Derby (Cathedral, St. Luke's, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's), Rotherham, Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke, Ilkeston (St. Mary's), Duffield, Burbage, Spondon, Bournemouth, Lichfield, Wolverhampton and the two Burton towers.

Tea was served in the Friars Walk Schoolroom, after which the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) announced that the postponed annual meeting will be held at Burton St. Paul's on Saturday, May 10th. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for use of the bells and to the ladies who had served tea. A retiring collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 4s. 6d.

Touches brought round included Bristol Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Kent and Oxford Spliced Treble Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Trips.

## Southwell Diocesan Guild

### FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

For their first annual general meeting the Southwell Guild visited their newly-formed Newark District on April 12th and were rewarded with an attendance in the region of 60.

Ringing was indulged in on Newark's heavy ten from 2.30 to 5, when the entire company assembled at the Barnbygate Restaurant for tea, where they were joined by the Guild president, the Bishop of Southwell.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the Guild in force for the first time and emphasised the need for spade work in isolated districts where instructors are hard to find.

The meeting in the belfry was conducted by the guild chairman (Canon Wilkinson). After having accepted the secretary's and treasurer's reports, the members had a hard nut to crack with the problem of supplying each member with a report which would cost about 2s. each to print for an annual subscription of 1s. 6d.

After an exhaustive discussion it was decided that a report must be printed of this first year's operations, during which the membership had grown to 230, 31 peals had been rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Royal and much fresh ground broken. The secretary was instructed to proceed with the compilation of a report which should be as concise as possible and be as nearly as possible a directory of the towers in the area.

It was further decided to make a charge of 6d. for this report when available with a recommendation to tower secretaries to ask those who could to pay 1s., and to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. in 1948 to include a free report. No charge was made in the general officers, the Bishop, Canon Wilkinson, Miss Thompson and T. Groombridge, jun., being re-elected en bloc as president, chairman, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively. Canon Wilkinson and Miss Thompson were elected trustees, and Messrs. F. W. Brown and P. E. Ball auditors. The sum of three guineas was voted from the Bell Restoration Fund to Rampton, where an augmentation is in hand.

Mention was made of the Leicester Guild's outstanding success in scoring the first of Surprise Royal 'in hand,' and the secretary was asked to convey to the band the congratulations of the meeting on such a meritorious performance.

In conclusion, the chairman noted the progress of 1946, not measured in any spectacular achievement, but in the opening up of new ground and getting the far ends of the area together, in short, the benefits of organising on a diocesan basis, which could never have been hoped for on the far flung basis of pre-1946 days, and looked forward to the day when the Bishop's exhortation to cultivate the village towers had borne fruit and every tower was an active unit of the Guild.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local officers for the facilities given, and to the local district secretary (Mr. Raithby) for his excellent arrangements concluded the meeting and ringing was again the order till 8 p.m. T.G.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

East Ilsley's outing on Easter Monday was enjoyed by some 30 ringers and friends. Chipping Norton, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Wifney, Claxfield, Bampton and Appleton (Berks) were the towers visited, and the ringing all day was quite good.

The Ilsley ringers are most grateful to Mr. Harry Farmer for his splendid arrangements, and feel very honoured that Dick White with his records was quite happy to be with the Ilsley boys and girls, and that two branch secretaries, the deputy master and general secretary of the Guild found time to spend a very pleasant day with them. W. H.

## Guildford Diocesan Guild

### GOLDSMITH MEMORIAL BELL.

An announcement was made at the annual meeting of Guildford Diocesan Guild on April 19th that the sacring bell for the new Guildford Cathedral, which is to be the ringers' memorial to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the first secretary of the Guild, will be handed over on the anniversary of Mr. Goldsmith's death in June.

Mr. G. L. Grover (secretary) explained that the diocesan authorities had received a licence to complete the crypt into a chapel and had notified the Guild that the bell would be required. An order for the bell had been given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and delivery had been promised about the anniversary of Mr. Goldsmith's death. So far £56 had been raised towards the cost of £70, and contributions were invited. About the anniversary, in the first week in June, the Guild hoped to stage some ceremony for the handing over of the bell.

The Rev. K. C. Davis, who presided, said the Bishop felt that while there were so many people homeless, the work of completing the Cathedral should not be put in hand. It might be possible to start again in two years' time.

The report of the Executive Committee gave the strength of the Guild as 430 ringing members (70 life and unattached, 41 Service members) and 95 honorary. As to restorations, Chertsey (8) and Merrow (6) had been rehung; Dunsfold (6) and Hascombe (5) recast and rehung; Walton-on-Thames (8) rehanging in progress. Restoration work at Shere, Womersley, Ash and Bagshot was contemplated, and at Sand the church authorities intended to provide a peal of six as their war memorial.

Losses by death included Major J. H. B. Hesse (first Master), the Rev. A. C. Tranter (Egham), Mr. H. Baldock (Cobham), hon. members; Mr. A. E. King (Farnham) and Mr. H. Harris (Guildford), ringing members.

During 1946, 46 peals were rung against 52 in 1945. This slight falling off was more than counterbalanced by the fact that there were 20 first pealers compared with 12 in the previous year. Five of the peals were rung outside the diocese and 16 diocesan towers claimed one or more of the remaining 41. Although there were 10 conductors once again, unfortunately there were no claims to 'first as conductor.'

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. J. Corbett, showed that the balance in hand had increased from £47 2s. 5d. to £58. The Benevolent Fund stood at £83 13s. 5d.

The report and accounts were adopted. The Master (Mr. A. Harman) reported the death of Mr. James, of Cobham. In his memory a new Surprise peal had been dedicated Cobham Surprise. The Master also made acknowledgment of the services of Mr. W. H. Viggers in connection with the Guild's new peal book, and Mr. A. C. Hazelden mentioned that the Guild was indebted to Mr. Harman for making a fine box for the custody of the book.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden announced a valuable addition to the Guild library by Supt. Hilton (Surrey Police) of a copy of 'Campanologia Improved,' by C. A. Bettesworth, dated 1733. It was a third edition and the book had been restored by Mr. Viggers. A welcome addition was from Mr. Shaker (secretary of the Lancashire Association) of instructional books issued by his Association.

There was only one change in the elections. Mr. R. Hasted being succeeded by Mr. Leslie Hunter as hon. auditor. In appreciation of his services in the Farnham District the Guild conferred on Mr. Hasted a vice-presidency.

The Guild service was held in St. Nicolas Church, the Rev. K. C. Davis giving the address and Mr. W. A. Dollimore (Aldershot) read the lesson. Tea was served in St. Nicolas' Hall, and ringing took place at the Guild churches and Merrow and Shalford. Those who contributed to the success of the meeting were thanked.



## OBITUARY

### MR. WILLIAM C. JAMES.

Captain of the Cobham (Surrey) band for over 40 years, Mr. William C. James died on April 8th, aged 69. He started ringing at Cobham in 1903, was elected captain in 1906 and continued in office until last year.

Cobham ringers earned the title of 'the happy family'. With Mr. James they were always prominent at Guild meetings, and this same friendliness prevailed in the village where there were over 30 honorary members of the Guild recruited mainly by Mr. James.

Mr. James was very methodical. He kept records of practice and service ringing and was a good instructor.

The funeral service was on April 11th, the Guildford Guild being represented by Mr. A. Harman (Master) and Mr. Arthur Smith (secretary, Leatherhead district). The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled. Cremation was at Woking.

### MR. J. J. PRATT.

As briefly announced in our columns, we regret to report the death on April 5th at the Hillingdon County Hospital of Mr. Joseph J. Pratt. His wife, who had been ailing for some time, did not long survive her husband, and died on April 8th. They were both buried together in Hillingdon Cemetery on April 11th.

The interment was preceded by a service in St. John's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford), and was attended by many parishioners and over 20 ringers. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells over the open grave by A. R. G. Twinn 1-2, F. G. Baldwin 3-4, F. W. Goodfellow 5-6, W. H. Coles 7-8, T. G. Bainister 9-10.

At the express wish of the family, the bells at St. John's were not rung on the day of the funeral, but the following day an attempt for a memorial peal of Grandsire Caters on these bells failed after about three hours through a shift-course. A peal of Bob Major, however, was rung as a tribute to Mr. Pratt's memory at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, on April 19th, at which tower he had done much ringing, including his first peal on April 16th, 1894.

Jack Pratt, as he was affectionately known, gave long and faithful service to St. John's Church for nearly sixty years, and for the last 21 years had been a popular and respected captain. Just before the war parishioners and ringing friends presented Mr. Pratt with an armchair, and his old friend William Honor a clock, as mark of appreciation of the 50 years' service of each in St. John's belfry. Mr. Pratt did a good deal of ringing locally and in neighbouring districts.

No accurate record of his peals is known at the moment, but it was round about a hundred. Steps have been taken to see that Mr. Pratt's ringing papers and his handbells are not lost to the Exercise.

Jack Pratt endeared himself to all who knew him. His kindly disposition, dry humour, patience and understanding made him well fitted to lead the ringers. He was particularly popular with the youngsters, who held him in great esteem and regarded him with undisguised affection. F.W.G.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

### COMPETITION FROM TWO QUARTERS.

The fact that the Cheltenham Gold Cup race was being run and that the weather was ideal for gardening combined to keep all but 15 from the meeting at Charlton Kings on April 12th. This was a pity as tea was provided for 30.

The next meeting was fixed for Chiddwickham, in June if possible, and if sufficient support is forthcoming an outing in the Bristol-Bath area will be arranged later. Mr. C. Harding (general secretary) reported on details of management and annual meetings of the Association. The Rev. W. Wardle (Vicar) presided. Ringing continued afterwards until 8.45.

## LETTERS

### WELLS CATHEDRAL PEAL

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate those who took part in the peal on our Cathedral bells on Saturday last. As an old ringer and living so near the Cathedral I just smoked my pipe and listened to every round of the peal, wishing, of course, that I was taking part, and I must say that I have never heard better striking. I think special praise should be given to the ringers on the back bells, as most ringers know our Wells Cathedral bells are heavy, but in this peal they were rung beautifully.—

Thanking you, yours truly,  
Wells, Somerset.

A. SAUNDERS.

### RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS

Sir,—The inscription on the 3rd bell at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, reads as follows:—'Danl. Wade, aged 80 years, Wm. Last, two of the parish ringers. T. Mears, of London, fecht 1826.'—Yours faithfully,

P. LAFLIN.

25, Hallam Street, Stockport.

### EIGHTY TO-DAY!

Dear Sir,—Mr. George Wilson, who celebrates his 80th birthday on the 25th of this month, started ringing at the Parish Church at Goring in 1880, and has been a regular member of the band ever since.

He joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1889, and was one of the band who taught themselves to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles on the existing five bells, and so got the new treble which had been promised as a reward by the Vicar. This bell was cast in 1889.

He missed only one attendance for service ringing in 1946 (103 out of 104), and also waded through the recent floods to attend. His striking of the 7th or tenor in Triples or Major is exceptionally good, and in the words of one visiting ringer, 'extremely good for any ringer at any age.'—Yours faithfully,

L. G. HAINES (Foreman).

Goring.

### BATH AND WELLS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of 18th inst., I note that the membership of the Bath and Wells is given as 1,200.

On turning up the Master's reports for previous years I find the following: Year ending June 1st, 1920, new members 198, made up as follows, performing 181, honorary, etc. 17; report ending May 31st, 1931, membership 1,730; report ending May 31st, 1933, membership 1,620; report for 1938, nearly 1,400.

Surely these figures give room for thought.—Sincerely yours,

### GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

#### SPRING MEETING AT RICKLEIGH.

Gardening opportunities created by fine weather militated against large attendance at the spring meeting of the North-East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers at Rickleigh, near Tiverton, on April 12th. However, the fixture provided a pleasant afternoon and good use was made of the six bells for Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

Service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rector (the Rev. H. G. Hatch). Mr. N. T. D. Coleridge (a ringer and relative of Canon Coleridge) played accompaniments for hymns. Tea was kindly arranged by Mesdames Carew, Hatch, Vowler and Haydon and Miss Butt. The Rev. J. M. Turner (of Washfield, of which parish he has just written an interesting booklet) presided over business, which included approval of arrangements for a special combined meeting at Uffculme (8 bells) with Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on July 5th, and a quarterly meeting of the Tiverton Branch at Huntsham (8 bells) on July 19th. Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild) was at the meeting, with Mr. F. C. Smale (general secretary).

## Beverley and District Society

### NORTH CAVE MEETING.

A hearty welcome was accorded the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. H. F. Elgood) on the occasion of the visit to North Cave on April 12th. The bells, a handy and musical six with tenor weighing about 12 cwt., are rung from the ground floor and these were set going to various methods, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor preceding the service, conducted by the Vicar.

Tea, provided by the local company, was thoroughly enjoyed by about 50 members. The president (Mr. G. F. Williams) presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), the Vicar, Mr. A. H. Fox (vice-president, Eastern District) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary).

During the meeting Mr. A. H. Fox asked the president to accept on behalf of the Society the gift of a peal record book. In doing so he wished the Society a great future and that they would soon score their first peal. The President, in accepting the book, assured Mr. Fox that the Society appreciated the kindly thought and fine gesture that had prompted the gift.

Other business transacted was a rearrangement of forthcoming meetings to Nunburnholme on May 10th and Market Weighton (with the Selby and District) on June 14th. Three new members were elected. The gratitude of the assembly to the Vicar, the local company and the ladies was appropriately expressed by Mr. Arnbo, seconded by Mr. F. Dale. Ringing, which was most enjoyable, continued until 8.30 p.m.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

#### FARNHAM DISTRICT AT ASH.

In spite of the bad 'go' of the bells, the striking was quite good at the Farnham District meeting at Ash on April 12th, which was attended by more than 50 members.

The Rector (the Rev. H. M. Inley) presided at the business meeting, when the Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denver) spoke of the decision of the Parochial Church Council to raise funds for restoring the bells and bell frame in the tower to first-class order. This was a real necessity if the ringing was to continue. About £1,000 was required and every donation, however small, would help. A collection taken for the Bell Fund realised £2.

New members elected included Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler and Miss B. Rowe-Hunter (Aldershot), Mr. and Mrs. R. Woods, Mr. J. Waugh and Mrs. G. Joyce (Farnborough), Miss Jean Whelan (Ash), ringing members, and Mrs. R. Hasted (Farnham), the Rev. L. E. Jones, Mr. A. G. Pitt and Mr. G. Bartlett (Farnborough), honorary members.

Mr. Viggers (Aldershot) brought a gramophone record of the bells of the Cathedral Church, Birmingham, for the company to hear and this was much appreciated. Handbell ringing followed.

The service was conducted by the Rector, and Mr. C. Williamson (Aldershot), a bell-ringer, was the organist. Tea was served by ladies in the Catholic Hall.

### AN EDBASTON WEDDING

A wedding of much interest to Birmingham ringers was that of Miss Jean Margaret Freemantle to Mr. Stanley George Wallis at St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, on April 9th. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. Sidney W. Freemantle, beadle and parish clerk at Edgbaston Church and a ringing member of St. Martin's Guild.

The bells were rung to Stedman Triples and 'fired' immediately after the ceremony. The reception was held at the Vicarage by kind permission of Canon Stuart Blofeld, who officiated at the choral service.

In the evening a peal of Double Norwich was rung at Edgbaston in honour of the occasion, the band being afterwards entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Freemantle's home.



## EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ASH, KENT.—At St. Nicholas' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob with 7.8 covering: Miss J. Holman 1, A. C. Gambrell 2, Miss D. M. Jenner 3, W. E. C. Goldup 4, J. D. Ogilvie (first quarter as conductor) 5, J. Wells 6, W. Payne 1, E. Prescott 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—1,264 Bob Major: Miss B. Frost 1, Miss A. Holden 2, H. Holden 3, A. Williams 4, J. Bailey 5, A. Ball 6, J. E. Bailey 7, A. Hall (conductor) 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—1,264 Bob Major: Miss G. Murkitt 1, Miss M. R. Jaycock 2, Miss M. Pemberton 3, Miss J. M. Broomfield 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, Miss J. Hearn 6, Cyril A. Burgess 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, J. Keyte 3, C. F. Taplin 4, I. Harris 5, J. Jarvis 6, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 7, C. Tompkins 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, C. Potheary 2, C. Parks 3, D. Cooper 4, R. Davies 5, J. Saunders 6, W. Oatway 7, G. H. Humphries 8, P. E. Collins (conductor) 9, F. E. Mitchell 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters by 3 and 7.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Mears 1, H. W. Else 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, F. Croft 5, L. Fidler (conductor) 6, W. E. Symonds 7, G. Cherry 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: E. Faulkner 1, T. Laybourne (first in method) 2, J. Carrot 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, J. G. McDougal 5, J. T. Grove 6, F. V. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Prebble 1, W. Fright 2, W. Bidnell 3, C. Swan 4, S. Mowl (conductor) 5, W. J. Bidnell 6, R. J. Birch 7, W. Parkes 8.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: H. Warnett (conductor) 1, S. Ball 2, L. Chislett 3, E. Jones 4, W. Packer 5, E. Moulder 6, J. Daffers 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to the conductor.

LANE END, BUCKS.—1,440 Bob Minor: H. Duffield 1, W. Woodward 2, J. Meakes 3, K. Seymour 4, R. Wright 5, W. Avery (conductor) 6.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.—1,376 Bob Major: W. E. Allman 1, C. Ward 2, A. Billington 3, W. Allman 4, D. Maddock 5, E. E. Hughes 6, J. Orme 7, T. H. Mather (first quarter as conductor) 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, H. Hoften 3, T. Warner 4, J. N. Jukes 5, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 6, H. Shepherd 7, C. Bragg 8, H. Bragg 9, J. Bragg 10.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Bennett (first quarter, age 13) 1, S. E. Bennett 2, A. D. Mills 3, A. J. Farr 4, J. T. Newington 5, W. Hollingworth 6, J. G. Ames (conductor) 7, D. Lawson 8.

STALYBRIDGE, LANCs.—At Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, H. Saxon 4, J. Jackson 5, F. Hodge (conductor) 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Nicholls 2, L. W. Fisher 3, H. W. Pratt 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, John Perkins (aged 81 this day) 7.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss F. L. Wright 1, E. A. Turner 2, R. Smith 3, A. Whatmore 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, G. C. Cookson 6, J. W. Smith (conductor) 7, D. Watson 8. First quarter in method for 3, 6 and 8. A compliment to Mr. A. Whatmore, who has been a ringer for 51 years, and on his retirement from the G.W. Railway.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Jude's, Randwick, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. White 1, I. Napper 2, N. Robinson 3, R. S. Rowe (first as conductor) 4, J. Duncan 5, A. Grant 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—At All Saints', Parramatta, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Short 1, Miss G. Somerville 2, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 3, G. Williamson 4, B. Dunbar 5, T. Howell 6.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Petronella, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Hurrell 1, A. W. Rolfe (conductor) 2, W. E. Hurrell 3, F. M. Cooper 4, G. Jennings 5.

## OTHER QUARTER PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Smith 1, R. Biggs 2, A. E. Cox 3, D. Cox 4, A. G. Jones 5, A. Heywood 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On March 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Parish Church: Miss Audrey Castle (first in method) 1, J. Bullock (conductor) 2, T. H. Taffender 3, S. Croft 4, J. Bowler 5, C. Otley 6, C. D. Nichols 7, J. Rea 8.

LEYTONSTONE, E.11.—On March 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Housden 1, C. A. Hughes 2, G. Dawson 3, A. Prior 4, C. E. Willmington 5, F. V. Gant 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, W. R. Killingback 8.

OFF SARDINIA, MEDITERRANEAN.—391' N. 11'E.—On March 12th, on H.M.S. 'Wolfe', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lieut. B. Girling (first quarter) 1-2, Rev. M. C. C. Melville (conductor) 3-4, Surg.-Lieut. F. L. Hall (first quarter) 5-6.

OXFORD.—March 30th at St. Giles', 1,280 Bob Major: A. Higgins 1, P. Walker 2, A. H. Gearing 3, E. G. More 4, R. Higgins 5, V. J. Bennett 6, J. R. Chaundy 7, J. Higgins (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On March 23rd at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Potheary 1, Miss A. Look 2, E. L. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, W. J. Ellis 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

## AN OLD EVESHAM BELL FOUNDRY

As far back as 1690 Matthew Bagley, a member of the noted founders of Chacombe, Northants, set up a foundry in Evesham. He was followed by Clark and Bushell, who carried on business as bell founders in Evesham at Merstow Green. It was about 1705 that rings of bells cast by this firm became apparent, and two noted rings in the district, viz., Hinton-on-the-Green and Badsey, were cast by them. The Hinton bells were a ring of five, now augmented to eight by Taylors in 1931.

There are several individual bells bearing Clark's name or the founder's trade mark in Worcestershire and Warwickshire. This consisted of a square or oblong surmounted by the symbol IHS with a cross rising out of the H.

On a bell at Hinton enclosed in the square is a Latin inscription: 'Me RenoVaVit. Q.V. Clark I.V.V. Vs DaVi VVarrenI et pro VoItis' (William Clark recast me at the orders of David Warren and in fulfilment of vows).

Arranging the capitals as Roman numerals, we arrive at the date of casting, 1705. This clever and ingenious chronogram, as trade mark and inscription, is both unusual and interesting, and is peculiar to these old craftsmen, whose only memorial now is the tuneful ring of bells still in use in certain of our church towers.

REV. F. C. CHAMPION.  
Hinton-on-the-Green.

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## BIRTH

WENBAN.—On April 8th, 1947, at Redhill Hospital, Edgware, to Joyce (née Sandell), wife of Ralph E. W. Wenban, the gift of a son (David).

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## PUBLICATIONS

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE,' Part IV., price 1s., supplied to purchasers of previous parts. Parts I. to IV. supplied, price 4s. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. 1301

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting Hoddesdon, April 26th, cancelled. 1296

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Meeting, West Wickham (6), April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. 1192

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service, tea, meeting. Names for tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1207

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, April 26th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-8; tea and business 4. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1190

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), April 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 1215

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Doncaster and Selby District Societies at Thorne, April 26th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea, 2s. each, at Silver Street Cafe at 5.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1222

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. District.—Meeting, Saffron Walden (12), Sat., April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 1256

**SCOTTISH ASSN.**—Annual meeting, St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, April 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting in Synod Hall. 1221

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Buckland Newton, April 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Bus from Dorchester 2.30 and 3.30.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 1223

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Tredington (6 bells), Sat., April 26th, at 3 p.m. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1224

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting at Heston, Sat., April 26th. Bells 3. Tea (Church House) 5.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1229

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting Duffield April 26th, 3. Cups of tea only. Business meeting belfry 6.—W. A. Parsons. 1245

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury-Clare District.—Meeting at Poslingford (5), Sat., April 26th, 3 p.m. Tea at Shepherd and Dog Inn 5. Clare (8) available 7.30 till 9 p.m.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 1234

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham (8), Sat., April 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1226

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Woolton St. Lawrence, April 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Parish Room.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 1242

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**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech Branch.—Hockwold-cum-Wilton (6) (not Northwold as intended), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1287

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Meeting, Bishop's Waltham and Swanmore, April 26th. Bells 2.30. Service Bishop's Waltham 4. Tea and business follow.—J. H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 1210

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting Topsham, May 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by April 28th. 1258

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham (6), Sat., May 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please send numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Frelands Road, Cobham, by April 30th.—A. H. S. 1249

**MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.**—Dedication of the new treble bells at the Parish Church, May 3rd, 3 p.m. The ring of 8 bells will be available before service. Arrangements will be made for tea; as catering is difficult, please advise early.—Percy Fordham, 8, Kingsway, Mildenhall. Tel. 2269. 1252

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield, May 3rd. Bells 3. Tea 4.30, Welcome Cafe. Names to Mr. F. Bradley, 2, Glen Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, by April 30th. 1227

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Sat., May 3rd. Montford (6), 2 to 4.30. Tea (2s.) at Wingfield Arms, 5. Bickton (6), 6 to 9. Bus service from Baker Street, Shrewsbury.—E. D. Poole. 1254

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 3rd. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', from 3. Good Shepherd 7.30 to 8.30. Service St. Peter's 4.30. Tea and business follow. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by April 30th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1236

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, May 3rd. Names for free tea by April 29th to Mr. F. Barber, Fairlawn, Doddington Ridge, near Wellingborough. 1232

**NORWICH ASSN.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Bunwell, on May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and light refreshments in the school for those who let me know by April 29th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 1264

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Warehorne, Sat., May 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1248

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting Buckingham (8), Saturday, May 3rd, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 1294

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting Faringdon, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 30th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1293

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Peak District.—Great Longstone (6), 3, Saturday, May 3rd. No tea arranged. Meeting 5.—H. E. Taylor, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1295

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Western District.—Meeting Lanchester (6), May 3rd, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—John A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 1271

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Southern District.—Meeting Shildon, May 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 30th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 1278

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Ecclesfield (8), Saturday, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring food. Details of cup competition now available. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 1272



**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 3rd, at 2.30. All welcome. 1266

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Peter's, Bushey Heath (8), 3 p.m., May 3rd. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 1273

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting Leek (10), Saturday, May 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1274

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Wargrave (8) on Saturday, May 3rd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1281

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting May 3rd. Ringing: St. Margaret's (12), 12 noon to 4.15 p.m.; Cathedral (12), St. John's (10) and All Saints' (6), 2 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service St. George's 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. George's Hall, Colton Street, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting and social evening. Tea only for those who obtain tickets by April 28th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1284

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly, Burghill, Saturday, May 3rd. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer. 1286

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Ruardean, Saturday, May 3rd. Also the dedication of memorial tablet to the late William Bishop by the Bishop of Gloucester, assisted by the Master, Rev. C. Hope. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Dedication and service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Ringers who require tea must let me know by April 28th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney. 1283

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Meeting Sharnbrook (6), May 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1279

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting Hornby, May 3rd. Names for tea to H. Parkinson, 76, Lancaster Road, Morecambe. 1291

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Cranbrook (8), May 3rd, 3.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 2nd to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent. 1302

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Mary's, Lambeth. Ringing first Monday in each month (except August), 7-9 p.m., commencing May 5th. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers. 1191

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—50th annual meeting, May 10th, Ealing. Ringing St. Stephen's from 2.30, St. Mary's 3 and evening. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Names for tea to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 1246

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea (2s. per head) in the schools 5. Names to H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Leeds, 6, by May 7th. General meeting on same premises immediately after. Bells again available after meeting until 9, also St. Michael's (8) 7 to 8.30.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1255

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—I.W. District.—Freshwater, May 10th. Bells 2.20. Notify by 7th Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 1282

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Taunton Branch.—Meeting Bradford-on-Tone, Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 1285

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Midland District.—The annual meeting will be held at Washingborough on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, May 6th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 1298

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Branch.—Annual meeting Ambrosden (8), May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Bicester (8) available in evening. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 1300

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches.—Joint meeting Chudleigh (8), May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Number by 5th.—E. J. Ryall, Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 1275

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Ranworth (6), Sat., May 10th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5. Bring own eats; cups of tea provided. South Walsham bells (5) also available.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 1277

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Annual meeting St. Paul's, Burton, May 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by May 3rd to Mr. B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 1292

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Clanfield, Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea by May 6th to H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon. 1280

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting Scarborough, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Hornsey Dene Boarding House 5. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by May 10th. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1288

**CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH.**—Ring of ten bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated on Sat. afternoon, May 24th, by the Bishop of Derby. Names for tea by May 7th Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. 1244 to Sam Scattergood, 797, Sheffield

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Our Leicester commentator writes: 'Old Joe' Morris, of Leicester, who will be 80 on July 1st, holds the distinction of having rung the tenors to the lightest and the heaviest handbells ever rung to peals. We think, however, his latest achievement (as reported recently) of ringing 11-12 to Stedman Cinques with a tenor 17 cwt. in A will take a bit of beating! Good old Joe!!



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## 'GRANDISON'

Every young ringer, if the word 'Grandison' is mentioned to him, would unhesitatingly reply, 'That's the name of the tenor of Exeter Cathedral.' Few, however, have heard of John Grandison, the Bishop of Exeter from 1327-1369, who is commemorated by this famous tenor of 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb., which was recast by Messrs. Taylors in 1902 from the original bell of 1729. Grandison was a great builder. Under his enthusiastic leadership the nave of the Cathedral was completed and vaulted, and the bell is a worthy homage to the great Bishop.

The thoughts of the Exercise reverted to Exeter in our last issue, and congratulations are extended to the St. Martin's Guild on their fine achievement. In particular, mention should be made of Wilfred Williams and John S. Mason, who rang the massive tenor, and George E. Fearn who turned in the eleventh bell, which is named 'Stafford.' This is the first peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter since the war. Peals here are no light achievement, and occupy a place of honour in any ringer's peal book.

Only on one occasion has 'Grandison' been rung single-handed to a peal. The performance is still spoken of with admiration, and it is well that the present generation should know of these stalwarts of old. That was on September 14th, 1903, the peal being Stedman Caters. The ringers on that occasion were John Thomas treble, Charles Mee 2, Isaac G. Shade 3, John Austen 4, Alfred W. Brighton 5, Gabriel Lindoff 6, Charles Jackson 7, William W. Gifford 8, Ernest Pye 9, William Pye tenor. The conductor was William Pye, who found the task exhausting, and on the completion of his performance the Cathedral authorities decided that in future two men should ring 'Grandison' to peals. Of these ringers of 44 years ago some are still with us and can tell the tale. Survivors include John Thomas, John Austen and Alfred W. Brighton.

There have been other noteworthy peals. The first on these bells after they were rehung in 1902 was of Grand-sire Caters on October 6th, 1902. The names are familiar to the older generation, and the treble man and one of the tenor men are still alive. They stood in the following order: George Williams treble, Henry White 2, Rev. W. S. Willett 3, Alfred W. Brighton 4, Rev. F. E. Robinson 5, Charles R. Lilley 6, Rev. H. A. Cockey 7, William W. Gifford 8, Richard T. Hibbert 9 Rev. G. F. Coleridge and Ferris Shepherd tenor.



An interesting sidelight on the old bells is contained in 'The Bells News' of 1892 of a ringing tour in Devon by the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. This states: 'The bells were raised, the front six in peal, ten or a dozen men being required for the job, and a few rounds rung on the ten, when someone suggested a course of Caters, no such thing ever having been rung by any men, the bad go of the bells and weight of metal, tenor 67 cwt., being supposed to militate against them. Though 16 men are accustomed to ring the ten, the visitors stuck to the nine changing bells single-handed, allowing only four to the tenor. Marvellous to relate, the course was rung, and well rung too, as testified by those outside. On this historic occasion, the first touch ever brought round on the ten bells, we may be permitted to append the names of the gallant band: H. G. Fruin 1, J. W. Taylor 2, E. A. Pitstow 3, N. J. Pitstow 4, Rev. F. E. Robinson 5, W. W. Gifford 6, F. Shepherd 7, Rev. G. F. Coleridge 8, J. W. Washbrook 9, Rev. W. S. Willett, E. Shepherd, B. Mundy and J. W. Carnell 10. While cooling down after their exertions, the six minutes' ringing being far harder than the nine hours occupied by the other peals, the local men kindly rang the minor eight with the noble 9th covering, that the visitors might listen to the wondrous and plaintive melody.' To use a colloquialism of this day and generation, 'Those were the days!'

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 10
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5	ALFRED BALLARD ... 11
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JILL POOLE.

100th peal by the conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 9
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Composed by G. LINDOFF.

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First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal by all except ringers of 2, 6 and tenor. For the wedding of Philip A. Corby and Miss Lucile M. Hubbert.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HENRY TOOKE ... Treble	*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	†LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	*CLAUDE COUSINS ... 8
†N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 9
*WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5	†GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal. First peal of Little Bob on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GORDON HENSHAW ... Treble	*LAWRENCE WARD ... 6
ARTHUR CHALLINOR ... 2	WILLIAM GAYES ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	*HARRY FARRER ... 8
JOHN WORTH ... 4	GERALD FARRER ... 9
JACK TIPPER ... 5	*EDWARD SEED ... Tenor

Composed by WILFRED MATTHEWS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the new ring of ten bells.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	†LESLIE EVANS ... 7
†ALLEN MORGAN ... 3	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 8
†GEORGE DAVIS ... 4	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 9
†MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5	GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS (C.C.C. No. 9)

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § First peal of Royal on tower bells.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

*MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 6
*PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	†JOHN H. HUNT ... 8
*ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 9
REV. R. F. ROUTH ... 5	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by A. V. DAVIS.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE CARE ... Treble	*BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 6
WM. R. HAMMOND ... 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 7
*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	*B. JACK STUBBS ... 8
ERIO NOBLES ... 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 9
*RONALD C. NOON ... 5	W. JOHN DOVE ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE (Stedman No. 11). Conducted by G. CARE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. A birthday compliment to F. E. Whitmore.



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WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRED GRUNDY ... .. Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... .. 2	JOHN BEN. BUDD ... .. 7
RICHARD BENSON ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 8
ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 9
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 5	ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.  
A farewell peal to the Vicar, Canon Renshaw.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 5
*JACK KING ... .. 2	ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... .. 6
*KENNETH L. BROWN ... .. 3	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

### FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 5
*JOHN W. BEST ... .. 2	*WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... .. 7
JOHN F. BIBBY ... .. 4	CECIL RADDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of Superlative.

### HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 5
ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 2	HENRY TOOKE ... .. 6
ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 3	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 7
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

### ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6
LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major by all the band.

### ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*J. HARRY COOK ... .. Treble	†ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 5
*ALAN CATTELL (15) ... .. 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... .. 6
†MAVIS WHITEHEAD (13) ... .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH ... .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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

### NORWICH.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JACK KING ... .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 7
*N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First touch of Double Norwich.

### KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES HIGGINS ... .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 5
PHILIP WALKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... .. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 7
BETTY SPICE ... .. 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JAMES HIGGINS.

### GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PERRY ... .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	*SYDNEY C. EASTER ... .. 6
FRANK C. MAY ... .. 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD... .. 7
GERALD FROST ... .. 4	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Kent.

### BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (6th the observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALAN HOUGH ... .. Treble	ALBERT A. LUCAS ... .. 5
THOMAS C. BELTON ... .. 2	CHARLES R. BELTON ... .. 6
*HARRY DUNCOMBE ... .. 3	THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 7
REGINALD C. TIPLER ... .. 4	*ROY COLEMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. R. BELTON.

\* First peal, age 18. In memoriam to Mr. William White, for over 50 years aringer at Barwell.

### BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... Treble	HARRY TURNER ... .. 5
*FRANCIS R. GODDARD ... .. 2	*DESMOND G. MAYELL ... .. 6
*TERENCE A. GOODEY ... .. 3	ALBERT PRYKE ... .. 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 4	JOHN STITCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C., No. 23.)

Conducted by H. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major.

### HILLINGDON WEST, UXBRIDGE.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... .. 5
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... .. 2	HERBERT W. IMPEY ... .. 6
FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 7
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 4	FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

In memoriam, Joseph John Pratt.

**SALISBURY.**—On March 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Mussell 1. H. Abrahams 2. J. Figgures 3. F. Harris 4. W. Theobald (conductor) 5. L. Harris 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.



## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... Treble	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 3
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2	*ROBERT J. EDDEN ... 4

WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

ACORINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*COLIN MILTHORP ... Treble	ROGER LEIGH ... 4
DEREK SANDERSON ... 2	LEONARD WALSH ... 5
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 3	ERIC LOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. LEIGH.

\* First peal.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES T. LAKER ... Treble	*ARTHUR C. STONER ... 4
*LESLIE G. JUPP ... 2	*CHARLES G. STONER ... 5
FLORRIE WYMAN ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Consisting of four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 16 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire, 18 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*CLIFFORD BOOTH ... Treble	*BENJAMIN STEPNEY ... 4
*WILLIAM E. STEPNEY ... 2	*GEORGE BEENEY ... 5
†FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	*ALBERT ELLIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in more than two methods. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Comprising eight 240's by L. G. Morris, eight 240's by A. J. Pitman, and ten ordinary 120's each differently called. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

*JOHN R. FLINT ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 4
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 2	CECIL E. CARR ... 5
†J. ANTHONY FLINT ... 3	WILLIAM R. DRIURY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the anniversary of the augmentation of the bells.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WESTON DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN SCUDAMORE ... Treble	*JOHN TARGET ... 4
MICHAEL POWELL ... 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5
RAYMOND BREWER ... 3	GEORGE BREWER ... Tenor

Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.

\* First peal. A compliment to ringer of the treble on being elected churchwarden.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*NORMAN J. PERRY ... Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
GEORGE DAVIS ... 3	LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

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

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

JAMES L. LAKER ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4
*ERIC H. KNAPP ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKE ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal on six bells.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

T. H. HOLMES ... Treble	A. DURHAM ... 4
MARGARIE JOHNSTONE ... 2	S. RICHARDSON ... 5
A. FORSYTH ... 3	J. E. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BROWN.

First peal by all local ringers. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. W. Glenn, organist at the above church, and Mrs. Glenn.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	JOHN CHARNOCK ... 4
THOMAS BARKER ... 2	*CYRIL CROSTHWAITTE ... 5
*JOHN JACKSON ... 3	ARTHUR HATCH ... Tenor

Arranged by W. TAYLOR.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours,

IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;**

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... 7-8
FRANK W. PERRINS ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9-10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5-6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11-12

Composed by HY. JOHNSON.

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Fri., Apr. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

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

Seven extents in 69 methods: (1) Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh and Pembroke Delight; (2) Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob; (3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Brain-tree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (5) Chapel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight; (6) Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (7) Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. BRAY ... 1-2 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3-4

JACK BRAY ... 5-6

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

176 changes of method. The greatest number of methods yet rung 'in hand.'

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

AT 78, NEW ROAD,

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

Seven different extents.

*JOHN N. JUKES ... 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
VINCENT W. RIGG ... 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Minor.



**AMESBURY, WILTS.**—On April 9th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, half-muffled: L. Tremear 1, H. Abrahams 2, L. Page 3, P. Wenham 4, L. Harris 5, W. Theobald (first in method as conductor) 6, F. Harris 7, W. Abrahams 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. In memoriam of Lord Salisbury, senior vice-president of the Salisbury Guild.

**BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.**—At St. Andrew's Church on April 8th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Abernethy 1, Mrs. M. Poole 2, C. C. Hulse 3, W. Dean 4, A. J. Martin 5, D. W. Singleton 6, J. H. Cooke 7, J. Cooke (first in method as conductor) 8. First quarter for 1 and 6. First quarter of Major for 2, 3 and 7. First quarter in method for 4 and 5. First quarter of Surprise Major to be rung for the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild by a Sunday service band.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On April 6th at St. Mary and All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, D. Lamb 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, R. Buckland 7, S. Hatfield 8. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. C. R. Warner).

**BURFORD, OXFORD.**—On April 13th, 1,512 Grandsire Triples: J. Collett (first quarter, age 14) 1, F. Soden 2, B. J. Forest 3, F. W. Soden (composer and conductor) 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—On March 16th at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. S. Wilson 1, B. Rogers 2, P. Brayshaw 3, A. Permain 4, C. R. Forfitt 5, E. Waters 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, John Coles 8. Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of Winchester.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On April 9th at Bishop Ryder's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Albert Davies 1, Gordon Walford 2, P. C. Frank Bird 3, P. C. Leonard Tuffrey (conductor) 4, John N. Lindon 5.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BICKER, Lincs.**—On April 7th at St. Swithin's Church, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Spliced Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, 240 Norfolk and 360 Cambridge): N. Fovargue 1, A. H. Bennett 2, W. G. Short 3, W. B. Dawson 4, J. D. Morriss 5, C. Wander (conductor) 6. First extent of Spliced Surprise by all except the conductor.

**BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.**—On April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. M. Salter 1, W. Stevens 2, K. V. C. Hawkins 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, B. J. Salter 6.

**CARSHALTON, SURREY.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Begrie 1, D. Johnson 2, A. Clayton 3, R. Begrie 4, D. Parsons (conductor) 5, J. Calver 6, L. Reece 7, E. Cook 8. First quarter rung on the bells since the lifting of the ban.

**FISHLAKE, YORKS.**—On April 5th at the Church of St. Cuthbert, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Thorley 1, F. Kershaw (first quarter) 2, H. Cooper 3, T. D. Leask 4, J. Martin Thorley (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. Thorley 6.

**HORLEY, SURREY.**—At St. Bartholomew's on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Ede (first quarter) 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Beale 3, Miss B. F. Turrell 4, F. Sadler 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (conductor) 7, W. Taylor 8. First quarter in method by all except ringers of 5th and 7th.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Y. Tyler 1, W. Perkin (conductor) 2, A. Bigley 3, J. J. Mawby 4, J. Skerritt 5, B. Lewis 6, C. H. Chambers 7, S. Fokkett 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by 3, 5, 6 and 7.

**NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Cooper 1, F. S. Sutton 2, H. Sutton 3, F. Barnard 4, T. Astbury 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough (first as conductor in method) 7, H. Stubbs 8. First in method by ringers of 1st and 8th.

**PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE.**—At St. James' Church on April 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: I. Peacock 1, A. Scott 2, L. Bounphrey 3, Mrs. W. A. Caldwell 4, H. Sargent 5, R. Clouston 6, N. Sharpe 7, C. Barker (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by 1, 2 and 4.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Belsey 1, G. A. Naylor 2, F. J. Cheal 3, T. A. Cross 4, E. Naylor 5, F. G. Southgate 6, B. A. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. J. Walker 8. In honour of the 59th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Belsey; the former was for many years captain of the local band.

**RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.**—On Saturday, April 5th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Copperwheat 1, S. G. Robinson 2, H. Richardson 3, F. Kirk 4, B. J. Stubbs 5, A. Bellamy 6, W. J. Whitmore 7, E. E. Whitmore (conductor) 8.

**STAVERTON, DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Jackson 1, J. Eyles 2, Miss M. Clarke 3, F. W. Hutt 4, K. R. Holtom (first as conductor) 5, Eric Nobles 6. First quarter for 2 and 4.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Bond 1, E. Barrington 2, K. V. C. Hawkins 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, A. Hawkins 6.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On April 5th at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. C. Case 1, W. Yates 2, F. Green 3, G. Holland 4, A. J. Green (conductor) 5, G. Green 6, J. A. Green 7, T. E. Roberts 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2, 4 and 6.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's on April 8th, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): J. H. Botham 1, G. M. Kilby 2, Miss Vera Look 3, R. G. Spears 4, A. Cutler 5, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 6, H. Kilby tenor covering.

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That noted Lincolnshire trio of handbell ringers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray and Mr. G. E. Feirn, have advanced still further by ringing a peal of Spliced Minor in 69 methods to 176 changes of method. They had the good fortune to ring this peal at the first attempt. Their next hurdle is one of 91 methods.

Next week's issue will be a Princess Elizabeth number. All peals and quarter-peals rung in honour of her coming-of-age received will be published.

This week's golden wedding is from Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, the happy couple being Mr. D. Fenn, a local ringer, and his wife. A quarter-peal of Minor (240 London, Cambridge, Norwich, Kent and 360 Oxford) was rung on April 21st by A. I. Walpole 1, A. E. Long 2, S. Goodswen 3, S. Fenn 4, G. G. Walpole (conductor) 5, D. A. Long 6.

We are informed that the peal of Norfolk Surprise Major rung at Oxford on April 11th and claimed as the first in the method for the Oxford Diocesan Guild was 13 years late. The first peal in this method was rung by members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch on June 16th, 1934, at Hughenden, conducted by George Martin. Another peal in the same method was also rung on October 19th, 1935, at Hughenden, conducted by Harry Wingrove.

Christ Church, Swindon, ringers were called upon recently to perform an unusual task. A lady parishioner had left instructions that for her funeral the bells were to be rung as at a wedding! As there was no traditional procedure to give a guide it was decided to ring before the service and after the interment. Thus the cortege arrived to the music of rounds, queens and firing, and as the mourners left the churchyard the bells were again rung in wedding style.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Two ringers reached their century of peals this week. Miss Jill Poole did hers in flying style by conducting Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral on April 17th. Few ladies have had the privilege of calling Maximus. The other century was scored by Mr. G. Sayer at Aylsham, Norfolk.

The first peal on the new peal of ten at Macclesfield was rung as a tribute to Mr. J. Worth on completing four years as Vicar's warden. All the ringers were Sunday service ringers at the church.

Another Leicester item is the peal of Grandsire Triples at Barwell, which is the first by a Barwell Sunday service band since 1902. It was in memory of Mr. William White, who rang here for over 50 years.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk, has received permission to attempt a peal at Buckfast Abbey on Whit Monday, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Those ringers who would like to participate are asked to write to him at once.

Miss Margarie Johnstone, whose first peal is recorded this week, is believed to be the first lady to ring a peal for the Cumberland Association. This peal was the first by all the company, and the conductor hopes to announce soon a peal of Grandsire Triples. To-day there is only Sunday ringing in three Cumberland towers—the faithful few are on a campaign to get every tower ringing for Sundays.

St. George's Day was appropriately selected for the unveiling of a memorial stone to the late Lord Baden-Powell at Westminster Abbey: 1,280 Stedman Triples was rung by H. R. Newton 1, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 2, W. S. Langdon 3, H. Belcher 4, W. H. Pasmore 5, A. B. Peck 6, H. Langdon 7, J. Rumley 8. How many of the band rang for the relief of Mafeking?

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## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

At the Chester Diocesan Conference held in the autumn of 1887 a topic somewhat new to this august body was introduced by the Archdeacon of Chester. He spoke at some length on the position of ringers in relation to the Church and of the advantages to be gained from the formation of an Association of ringers within the Diocese. A lively discussion followed, and the resolution, 'That it is desirable to form a Diocesan Guild or Association of Church Bellringers,' was carried unanimously. It was to give effect to this resolution that a meeting of clergy and ringers was held in the refectory of the ancient Abbey of St. Werburgh on Saturday, November 12th, when representatives of some 30 parishes attended.

The project was received with great enthusiasm. Archdeacon Barber was elected to the chair and the meeting set to work with energy and determination upon the task before it. The title of 'Guild' was adopted in favour of 'Association'; its objects were clearly defined and rules drawn up. It is a significant fact that these rules, in the main, have stood the test of 60 years. A selected committee began the work of organisation, and by the following March four branches had been formed with some 170 members.

Of this very able committee, two members are especially remembered, though neither ever handled a bell. As founder of the Guild, Archdeacon Barber took an active and unbounded interest in its welfare for over a quarter of a century. His was the guiding hand in those early days and with pride he saw it grow to maturity and prosperity. He was elected the first Master in 1891, and though he repeatedly tried to resign in favour of one who should have practical knowledge, he was never allowed to do so and remained the undoubted leader to the last. His death in 1914 robbed the Guild of its greatest benefactor, and to keep green his memory a tablet was erected in the Cathedral and unveiled on May 27th, 1916.

Mr. H. A. Heywood (cousin of Sir Arthur) served the Guild faithfully throughout a long life, which closed but a short time ago. The first annual meeting elected him secretary and treasurer, an office which he maintained with characteristic vigour until a breakdown in health compelled him to resign in 1894. His interest, however, never wavered. He was Master in 1921-2 and held office in the Chester Branch until shortly before his death. He represented the Guild at the first meeting of the Central Council in 1890.

From a promising beginning the Guild rapidly developed. Seven branches had been formed by the summer of '88, and the secretary's report at the second annual festival recorded a membership of 437. The same year the Duke of Westminster became patron. The annual festival was an increasingly popular event with addresses given by outstanding clergies. The Bishop preached the festival sermon at Birkenhead in 1890 to a gathering of over 200, while the Rev. F. E. Robinson came

up from Drayton to address an equally large congregation at Crewe a year or two later. There were signs of activity everywhere and the Guild grew from strength to strength. The position of the ringer as an officer of the Church was established and his craft recognised as an integral part of worship. The restoration and augmentation of rings in the diocese went on apace and the Guild gave of its increasing funds to help in all directions. It is perhaps a matter for regret that in the zeal for restoration many ancient bells of considerable interest were destroyed.

The Rev. Richard Greenall, Rector of Grappenhall, followed Mr. Heywood as secretary and held the office with distinction for 11 years. He had been a staunch supporter from the beginning and had quickly founded the Grappenhall Branch, which had the honour of ringing the first peal of Surprise Minor for

Exercise generally. He was for many years a member of the Central Council, where he did invaluable work on the Analysis and Records Committees. His peals numbered over 400, among them being the first peals of Yorkshire and Peterborough Surprise, and he was also one of the band which rang the first clerical Surprise peal in 1912. Mr. Beeston was also a pioneer in spliced Minor ringing, in which he saw great opportunities and new interests for six-bell towers. Failing health compelled him to resign office in 1922, but he remained as treasurer for some time before he finally retired. He died at Knutsford in 1933, and a tablet in his church at New Mills commemorates his life and work.

From small beginnings the Crewe Branch maintained steady progress and is to-day one of the most active in the Guild. The energy of its officials and the enthusiasm of its members

makes 14 meetings a year the normal practice, and the belfry at Christ Church is a lively ringing centre. A handy ring of ten hangs in the tower. The name of one church with its five bells is known to the whole Exercise—Brereton. Sir Wm. Brereton, first Master of the College Youths, was squire of this village and witnessed the casting of the bells of his parish church at Congleton in 1635. The branch had also the distinction of having one of its members, Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, elected as Master of the Guild, in which office he very ably carried on the work laid down by Archdeacon Barber. He was a capable ringer and took part in a number of peals, including one of Caters



CHESTER CATHEDRAL, which was visited by the King and Queen last year.

the Guild in 1898. From Grappenhall, too, came that able clerical ringer, the Rev. C. A. Clements, who was Master from 1925 to 1934.

Stockport, in the north-east of the diocese, has been an active ringing centre for well over a century. As long ago as 1819 it is recorded that an accomplished band from this town visited Ashton-under-Lyne on the occasion of the opening of the new bells, while a band from nearby Mottram rang a peal of Caters at the Chesterfield opening in the following year. As might be expected, the Guild has no keener members than those of the Bowdon and Stockport Branch and many 'first in the method by the Guild' peals have been rung by them. It was a great achievement when, in 1906, the then record length of Kent, 16,800 changes, was rung at Mottram, and the peak of Minor ringing was reached when 84 methods were spliced in a peal at Disley in 1938. Handbell ringing, too, has long been among the activities of this branch. Stockport possesses two rings of ten, and the Guild Library, founded by the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, is housed in the ringing chamber of St. George's.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston became secretary of the branch in 1904 and guild secretary three years later. He was a ringer and organiser of exceptional ability, and among the many able men who served the Guild during the present century his name stands out above all others. His counsel was much sought after not only in the Chester diocese, but by the

in 1919 when he was Mayor of Crewe. The Guild was very much the poorer by his death the following year.

The Wirral district of Cheshire, between Dee and Mersey, has many bells, and some 70 of its ringers had enrolled as members when the Guild was but a few months old. With a preponderance of six-bell towers a keen interest has naturally been taken in Minor ringing with St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, as the main-spring. Here, until the church was badly damaged during the war, Surprise Minor was a feature of service ringing, and many multi-method peals were also rung. Mr. J. W. Milner, of Wallasey, became Master in 1935 and although not a ringer, his sound judgment and genial manner made him a popular figure. His resignation last year was accepted with sincere regret.

The Eastern Branch is centred round the silk town of Macclesfield, and the Guild is justly proud of its only ring of twelve in the tower of St. Michael's. These fine bells were installed in 1923, and the first peal, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, was rung a few months later. The diocese gained another ring of ten by the augmentation of the eight at Christ Church. The opening ceremony took place on March 15th, following an ambitious restoration scheme which also provided for the lowering of the frame by some 30ft. This lofty tower, with bells hung high within, had, by its excessive oscillation, presented a very considerable

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## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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able problem to ringers since the late 18th century. The fact that these bells had been kept going and peals rung gives some indication of the enthusiasm of the members of this branch.

The Northwich Branch was inaugurated largely by the efforts of Mr. H. Hatt-Cook, another instance of a non-ringer who interested himself in Guild affairs and who was for a considerable time a member of the committee. In one way or another, Mr. Hatt-Cook was actively associated with the Guild and branch for 35 years. Until recently peal ringing was not a feature of the activities of this branch, although there are a number of first-class rings within the area where service ringing has always been well done. Of late years, however, peals have considerably increased, and it is gratifying to note the large number of 'first pealers' during the last year or two, a certain pointer to future activity. The Rev. W. R. Ingham, Vicar of Middlewich, was Guild secretary 1931-5.

Ringling in the Chester Branch naturally centres round the Cathedral, and in its massive tower the first Guild peal, Grandire Triples, was rung in June, 1889. The note of the tenor is as well known to the citizens as that of Big Ben itself, for the bell has been rung as the curfew every evening beyond living memory. Last summer, on the occasion of the royal visit to the city, the ringers were presented to their Majesties by the Dean, a happy incident which gave pleasure and satisfaction to the whole Exercise. The Central Council met in Chester in 1925 and its members had an opportunity of ringing on some of the fine bells in the neighbourhood. The eight at Eccleston are of outstanding merit, and the name of the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, eminent composer and conductor, was long associated with them. The Chester Branch is proud, too, of Mr. Robert Sperring, who at Over in 1923 conducted the record length of Kent Treble Bob Major, 17,280 changes, in ten hours, and who is the only member to ring over 500 peals for the Guild.

The year 1937 was a memorable one. The Guild celebrated its jubilee in a manner fitting to the occasion when it sponsored a project for the augmentation of the Cathedral bells and to which it gave very substantial help. At the annual festival, ropes attached to the new bells hung down to the crossing below and were handed by the Master to the Dean, who accepted them on behalf of the Cathedral. The Mother Church now possessed a fine ring of ten, and the B.B.C. broadcast a course of Caters, with a running commentary on the ringing, a few days later. A jubilee dinner was also held in the city and was attended by many Church dignitaries and ringers from all parts of the diocese, five of whom had been present at the inaugural meeting 50 years previously.

The Guild was now in its heyday. In 1938 no less than 124 peals were recorded in the annual report with 198 members taking part, a record of activity, progress and prosperity. There was no cloud in the sky save the cloud of war, which was so soon to stamp ringing temporarily out of existence. When the ban was finally lifted and a new start made, the Guild, like every other, found its ranks depleted and the old order changed. Its enthusiasm, however, was undaunted and it set upon the work of rebuilding with vigour. And what of the future? The Chester Diocesan Guild can look back with satisfaction over 60 years of achievement, and remember with pride the many stalwarts, ringers and non-ringers alike, who have given faithful service; signs are not wanting that it can look forward to the future with confidence.

**EALING, LONDON.**—On March 30th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss M. Lidbetter 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. Mark Stacey 3, P. E. Clark 4, J. P. Kent (conductor) 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, A. Harding 7, F. Miller 8.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

### BATH AND WELLS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—It is not my usual practice to reply to anonymous letters, but in plain justice to those loyal and hard-working local secretaries of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, I feel that I must ask you to publish this reply. The strength of an association of ringers lies in the number of its men and women who Sunday by Sunday ring its bells for service, so that the figures I give are those of resident ringing members, and ignore honorary and life members.

In 1920, a year mentioned by your correspondent, there were 845 members; in 1931, 1,350; in 1932, 1,291; in 1933, 1,274; in 1938, 1,417. My figure of over 1,200 given at Easter, 1947, could not be definite, as returns from one branch had not come in, but here is the figure now. In 1946, 1,387. Indeed food for thought, and little sign of decadence. One item escaped, unaccountably, our critic's vigilance. More food for thought. Towers affiliated: In 1922, 106; in 1946, 158.

I regret that so far we have made only one ringer for every 310 of our Somerset population. But since our critic is so fond of figures, let him with Whitaker's Almanac and pencil and paper retire to a corner, and, using 310 as a divisor, work out some little sums. The results may surprise him. They may even teach him something.

I cannot prophesy the 1947 figures. We have raised our subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d., and that may make a reduction in numbers, but there are few signs of it yet. On the other hand there are signs of increasing activity in nearly all our branches.

To my Somerset friends I would say I miss William Cave, and you are going to miss him. For some years he printed your report at a price which left him little or no profit. From the time he got the copy no more than 10 days or so elapsed before he delivered the reports. How different it is to-day. Your report will cost you three times as much per page, and although the printer has had the copy for ten weeks, he wrote this morning regretting that he has not yet been able to send me more than half of the proofs.

Your association managed to live on its shilling subscription, and to give away some not inconsiderable sums. It did this only because of its comparatively large numbers, and if it is to remain solvent on 1s. 6d., either some of its expenses must be cut down, or it must increase its membership. You will no doubt think that the latter is preferable, so will you please lend your best efforts to that end.—Truly yours, J. T. DYKE.

### LOUGHBOROUGH BROADCAST

Sir,—I enjoyed the broadcast from Loughborough last week, but I may I express the opinion that it seemed to me a mistake to broadcast the carillon again just after the Parish Church bells. The difference of the tone between the open and 'fired' bells was too much for the latter! Both are beautiful apart, but was it quite just to the carillon? I thought not.—Yours truly,

Bath. INA D. HUMFREY.

### EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—In the details you give of these bells the 3rd is recorded as W. Evans 1729. But I would point out that this bell was recast by Messrs. Taylor in 1915 after being cracked.

The correct weight of the 6th is 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. The 7th is given as W. Evans 1902, but although the original bell was by Evans in 1729, it was recast at Loughborough in 1902.

The founder of the half-tone 6th is T. Pennington 1630. The tenor 'Grandison' was named as a bell as far back as 1396, but it has been recast several times, by Pennington 1629, Evans 1729 and at Loughborough in 1902.—Yours faithfully, W. SHEPHERD.

22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey.

### LOCAL PREJUDICE

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to note that you gave special prominence to the Easter Day quarter-peal at Standon, Herts, by mentioning it in Belfry Gossip, and I would like to be allowed to endorse your remarks regarding the efforts of Messrs. W. and S. Smith, and also the conductor, Harold Groom.

These people must have had a hard time against local prejudice alone, for when I lived there some years ago the ringing was performed by each ringer having before him a card showing which bells to follow. It must be admitted that, despite the fact that there was no indication of whether one was going up or down, or dodging (the ringers of that time didn't know what those terms meant, anyway) they rang their 120's tolerably well.

Woe betide the ringer, however, who lost his place on his card, for none could put him right and the ringing must inevitably stop. Mr. Groom, at the time of which I am writing, was but a lad and made a creditable effort to break away from tradition and learnt to ring without the cards. If anything went wrong with the ringing he was invariably blamed, but has evidently persevered and outlived the criticism levelled at him.

Mention of the cards reminds me that who ever printed them had no letters by which he could indicate that the ringer was required to lead, so he used the £ sign. Thus the card for the second read ££34513451££, etc., and the other cards corresponded. This was always a source of amusement to visitors.—Yours faithfully,

OLIVER G. BARNARD.

Stowmarket.

### SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN SIXTEEN METHODS

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to congratulate Mr. J. A. Freeman and his band on their peal in 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods, which is a wonderful performance.

Perhaps later I will have time available to tackle further methods. There is no doubt that here is a field for composers.—Yours faithfully, A. J. PITMAN.

### NORWICH ASSOCIATION REPORT, 1946

Sir,—May I, through the courtesy of your columns, draw the attention of all who possess, or are about to possess, a copy of the above report to the following:—

Page 54, Peal No. 5,168: The course S5, 16 (315462) is omitted. This immediately precedes 'C'.

Page 57, Peal No. 5,200: The composition is to be three times repeated.—Yours faithfully, NOLAN GOLDEN, Ringing Master, Norwich Diocesan Association.

### CHILVERS COTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I, through 'The Ringing World,' bring to the notice of the Exercise the efforts of the Chilvers Coton Society of Ringers to provide two trebles to augment the very fine ring of eight to ten.

The church was destroyed on May 17th, 1941, in a blitz on Nuneaton, leaving the tower damaged. This was restored and the bells rebung on ball bearings in 1944.

As the parish is faced with a £20,000 rebuilding appeal fund, no direct appeal has been made for contributions from non-ringing members of the congregation.

We at Coton feel there are many members of the Exercise who, having enjoyed a visit to Coton belfry, would like to be associated with this effort. The target is £350, towards which £222 is already in the bank.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by the treasurer, Chilvers Coton New Bells Fund, Mr. J. E. Moreton, 39, Coventry Road, Nuneaton.—Yours faithfully, DOROTHY E. BEAMISH, Secretary, Chilvers Coton Society.



## Miss Jill Poole's 100 Peals

The Exercise will extend its congratulations to Miss Jill Poole on ringing her 100th peal at the age of 184. The century is unique by her calling Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, and her list is conspicuous by the large number of peals in higher methods. So far she has conducted on tower bells one peal each of Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman Cinques and Yorkshire Surprise Major. The list is as follows:—

Stedman Triples, handbells 4, tower 7: Stedman Caters, 7, 9: Stedman Cinques 11, 4; Grandsire Triples, 0, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1, 0; Plain Bob Major, 2, 0; Plain Bob Royal, 2, 1; Plain Bob Maximus, 1, 0; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1, 0; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1, 0; Cambridge Surprise Major, 0, 8; Cambridge Royal, 1, 4; Cambridge Maximus, 0, 6; New Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 0, 1; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 0, 3; Yorkshire Royal, 0, 3; Yorkshire Maximus, 0, 5; York Surprise Major, 0, 1; York Surprise Royal, 0, 1; York Surprise Maximus, 0, 1; Pudsey Surprise Royal, 0, 1; Pudsey Surprise Maximus, 0, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 0, 3; Superlative Maximus, 0, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 0, 5; London Surprise Major, 0, 3; total, 31, 69.

## STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Quarterly meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Brewod on April 12th, when more than 40 members and friends attended. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave the members a hearty welcome and an interesting address. A capital tea was served in the schoolroom, arranged by the local ringers' wives, which came as a pleasant surprise—as visitors had been asked to bring their own food.

A communication was received from Lichfield stating that the restoration of the Cathedral bells was to begin on the 14th inst., and it was therefore agreed that the annual meeting should be held at Burton on June 21st.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, to the caterers for tea, and to Mr. York for presiding at the organ was received with applause.

## THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The meeting of the Society for April 12th at St. Peter's, Burnham, arranged by Mr. George Gilbert, attracted a company of 63 ringers. Ringing was comprehensive from Bob Minor and Major to Superlative.

Ten new members were elected—Mrs. G. Rolls, Miss M. D. Arnott, Messrs. F. J. Russell, H. W. Russell, A. E. Smith, J. Norsworthy and R. C. Howes, of the Bray band; P. B. Oldam, Hendon; E. F. Connock, Bath; and R. W. Kyte, of Evesham.

The Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, stated that the 200th anniversary dinner had attracted a large number of applications for tickets and advised those who wished to attend to get in touch with the secretary before it was too late.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION FIRST VISIT TO MARKSBURY.

When Bath Branch held their first meeting at Marksbury on April 12th over 100 members and friends attended and the service touch was rung by ladies. The Rev. Creswell conducted the service, the local secretary read the lesson, and the Rev. Beaumont Russell, chairman of the branch, gave the address.

At the meeting there was a discussion on the changing of dates of meetings because of the clashing with the neighbouring Frome Branch. It was finally decided to adhere to the second Saturday in the month for meetings.

New members were elected, and the votes of thanks included one to Mr. W. Prescott for having everything ready and making arrangements for the tea. The ringing ranged from Grandsire Doubles to an attempt of London Minor.

## Lancashire Association

### EXTENSION OF PRESENT YEAR.

A special general meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Rawtenstall on April 19th for an alteration of the rules of the Association to make the present association year stretch to 17 months.

Also on the agenda was the place of the next annual meeting. It was Liverpool's turn, but as there was no guarantee of the Cathedral bells being ready, it was put back. For a similar reason Lancaster was passed over and the Rochdale Branch was asked to find a tower in their area.

A vote of thanks was recorded to the various clergy for the use of the bells and the tower-keepers for meeting the members. A special vote was accorded the Rev. R. J. Coates for arranging the service at short notice, and to Messrs. W. Rideough and Parkinson who made local arrangements.

The four towers—Haslingden, Newchurch, Waterfoot and Rawtenstall—were available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except for time off for service, tea and meeting, and 70 members and friends were present. A welcome visitor was Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who brought greetings from Yorkshire.

Some took advantage of the nice day to sit in the Memorial Gardens under the tower to tick off the course ends when they came up and sort out the methods. A suggestion which was favourably received was that a joint meeting should be arranged with Yorkshire later in the summer.

## LADIES' GUILD

### MEETING AT CHESTER.

The meeting of the Ladies' Guild at St. Mary Handbridge, Chester, on April 19th, a glorious spring day, well repaid some of the 20 members for their long journeys, those attending coming from Shrewsbury, Macclesfield and Manchester, as well as from neighbouring districts.

The Vicar, in an expression of gratitude to the ringers at the service, said probably no other service fulfilled the conditions of our Lord—"That which is done in secret shall be heard upon the housetops"—as does bellringing. He was struck by the fact that, although bellringing was a hobby, a Guild on a visit to a tower for ringing did not confine itself to mere ringing, but set aside a portion of time to prayer and praise to God in a short service.

Tea was partaken of at the Park Cafe, and after tea the business meeting was held, at which seven new members were elected, viz., A. Worth and R. Hough, Macclesfield; H. and J. Close, Chester; R. Lloyd and E. Duppa, Shrewsbury; L. Lawrence, Davenham. The meeting noted with regret the departure of their chairman (Mrs. A. Wolstencroft) for the South and hoped that she had now settled down in her new surroundings.

## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE S. TAYLOR.

With regret we announce the death on April 25th of Mr. George S. Taylor, of St. Ignatius' Bellringers' Guild, Sunderland. He was aged 74 years and had been in ill-health for a considerable time.

A keen churchman and bellringer, Mr. Taylor was, until prevented by failing health, a very active member of the Durham and Newcastle Association, having joined in 1898. He held various offices in the Association, having been a vice-president, secretary for eight years, and treasurer for three years. His peals numbered 58.

In the service of his own church, Mr. Taylor was for 30 years a member of the Parochial Church Council, had held the offices of both Vicar's and people's warden and had been secretary of the Bellringers' Guild since 1901.

Mr. Taylor was a contemporary of the late Joseph W. Parker; they were inseparable companions for more than 50 years. F.A.

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Warehorne, Sat., May 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food.

—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1248

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting

Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1293

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Peter's, Bushey Heath (8), 3 p.m., May 3rd. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 1273

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly, Burghill, Saturday, May 3rd. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer. 1286

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. — By-meeting Cranbrook (8), May 3rd, 3.30. Service 4.30. 1302

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**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Whalley, Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1306

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Mary's, Lambeth. Ringing first Monday in each month (except August), 7-9 p.m., commencing May 5th. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers. 1191

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—Evening practice at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Wednesday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Please make an effort.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1339

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—50th annual meeting, May 10th, Ealing. Ringing St. Stephen's from 2.30, St. Mary's 3 and evening. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Names for tea to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 1246

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea (2s. per head) in the schools 5. Names to H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Leeds, 6, by May 7th. General meeting on same premises immediately after. Bells again available after meeting until 9, also St. Michael's (8) 7 to 8.30.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1255

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—I.W. District.—Freshwater, May 10th. Bells 2.20. Notify by 7th Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 1282

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Taunton Branch.—Meeting Bradford-on-Tone, Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 1285

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Midland District.—The annual meeting will be held at Waddingborough on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, May 6th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 1298

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next meeting Bourne, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify, by May 8th, Mr. F. W. French, 90, West Street, Bourne, Lincs.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec. 1308

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Branch.—Annual meeting Ambrosden (8), May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Bicester (8) available in evening. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 1300

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Ranworth (6), Sat., May 10th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5. Bring own eats; cups of tea provided. South Walsham bells (5) also available.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth 1277

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Annual meeting St. Paul's, Burton, May 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by May 3rd to Mr. B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 1292

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Clanfield, Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea by May 6th to H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon. 1280

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nuneaton District.—Meeting Wolvey, May 10th. Names for tea by Tuesday, 6th.—Trevor, 32, King Edward Road, Nuneaton. 1340

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting South Kilworth, May 10th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only in reading room, 5.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1329

**LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Enderby (8), May 10th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea and meeting at 5. Bring food and sugar.—W. A. Wood. 1328

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—Eastern District.—Houghton, May 10th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Masters, 27, Burns Avenue West, Houghton-le-Spring, by 8th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec. 1326

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival Salisbury, May 10th. Meeting Assembly Rooms, the Canal, 2 p.m. Service Cathedral 3.30; preacher, the Lord Bishop. Tea Assembly Rooms 4.45 p.m., 1s. Towers available: 8 bells, St. Martin's, Amesbury (6-8 p.m.), Downton; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Wilton, South Newton, Middle Woodford, Martin. Notify by May 5th, F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 1323

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, May 6th, to Mr. A. Rigby, Tannersmith Lane, Mawdesley.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec. 1313

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting Cross-Stone, Todmorden, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m.—I. Kay, Branch Sec. 1314

**HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Next meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, May 10th. Important. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1309

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—West Hoathly (6), May 10th, 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names by May 8th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1310

**LANCS. ASSN.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting St. John's, Blackpool, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1332

**WEDNESBURY PARISH CHURCH.**—Ring of 10 bells rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. A thanksgiving service will be held on May 10th at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Shrewsbury. Bells available after service, and tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. A. J. Hubble, 2, Mark Road, Wednesbury, by May 7th. 1305

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Chesterfield District.—Meeting Alfreton, May 10th. Names for tea to W. T. Hopson, 2, Grange Street, Alfreton, by May 7th.—Sam Scattergood, Dis. Sec. 1331

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Dodford, May 10th. Advise Mr. V. Perry, Weedon, for tea by May 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1315

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting Shipton-under-Wychwood, May 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 1316

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting Edwinstowe (6), May 10th. Cafes close by church. All welcome.—H. Denman. 1317

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting Tortworth (6), May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 7th to John W. Adshead, Branch Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos. 1307



**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Joint meeting with Northern District, Braughing, May 10th, at 3 p.m. Bells eight. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by May 7th to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 1330

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.**—Meeting Nunburnholme, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Very important to notify Mr. F. Wilkinson, 1, Dean's Lane, Pocklington, near York, by May 8th. 1297

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting Ampot, Saturday, May 10th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Parish Room. Names to Rev. A. E. Russell, The Rectory, by May 10th. 1228

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting Sefton (8), May 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. It is hoped to provide cups of tea, so please bring a little food.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 1335

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting Hawkshead (6), May 10th. Bells from 2.30.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1334

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Apsley (6), May 10th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, by May 7th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1333

**BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOC.**—Meeting Thryberg, near Rotherham, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided only for those who notify me not later than May 9th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1338

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Meeting Abingdon, May 17th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 14th to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon. 1321

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting Scarborough, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Hornsey Dene Boarding House 5. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by May 10th. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1288

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.**—Provisional date for the dedication of two new trebles to augment present peal of eight to ten is May 17th. Details later.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 1303

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting Sleaford, May 17th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Lion Hotel. Please notify Mr. G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford, by Wednesday previous.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 1337

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark Branch.—Meeting at Winthorpe, May 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Bring own food. Remember the date!—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1319

**HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**—Open day's ringing, May 17th. Names for tea before May 10th to B. Trueman, 6, Queen's Road, Bredbury, Cheshire. 1318

**COVENTRY DIO. GUILD.**—All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton. Dedication of two trebles to augment present octave to ten, May 17th, at 6 p.m. Ringing on eight, 3-4.30. Tea only for those who obtain tickets by May 10th from Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. Ringing on ten following service until 9 or 9.30. 1343

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting Aldbourne, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Names by May 13th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1342

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Dunsfold, Saturday, May 17th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1312

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—May 24th, Egerton (6), Charing (6). Bells 2.15. Service 4.45, Charing.—Names to C. F. Good, Old Swan Flats, Charing. Buses, Egerton, leave Maidstone 12.43 (12A) and 1 (10, change at Charing) only.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 1324

**HEREFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Annual meeting and festival Ross-on-Wye, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 3.30. Tea Valley Hotel 4.15. Business Church Hall 5.15. Bells, Ross (8), Bridstow (8) and Weston-under-Penyard (6) available 11.30 a.m. Meat tea (3s. 6d.) if notification before May 23rd.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 1322

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Northampton, Whit Monday, May 26th. Committee meet St. Giles' Rooms, 2.45. Service St. Giles' Church, 3.30. Tea in St. Giles' Room 4.30 for those who send names to Guild secretary by Saturday, May 17th. Bells: St. Edmund's and All Saints', 11 to 1; St. Peter's and Holy Sepulchre, 1 to 3; St. Giles', 1 to 3.30. After the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 1304

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—An outing through Herts and Bucks is being arranged for Wednesday, June 4th. Leave London Bridge 9 a.m. For further particulars write (enclose stamp, please) to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12. Gentlemen welcome. 1327

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual shield contest, Royston, Saturday, June 14th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 6s. per company. Tower open for practice until June 8th. Each band allowed one practice only. All entries not later than June 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1289

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—Will all members of the Guild and intending visitors please note that the annual festival will be at Oxford on July 12th. Full details announced a month beforehand.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 1276

**UNIVERSITIES ASSN.**—All communications should now be addressed to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec., Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone, Kent. 1325

#### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

**DEVIZES BRANCH AT WARMINSTER.** Warminster was a popular quarterly meeting for the Devizes Branch on April 12th, members being present from North Bradley, Melksham, Trowbridge, Westbury, Hilberton, Steeple Ashton, Southbroom, Holt and the local tower, and visitors from Kingston Magna, Fordingbridge, Breamore, Salisbury, Reading, Christchurch and Hempstead, Gos.

The Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar, was followed by tea at the Minster Schools, which was kindly provided by the local band.

At the business meeting, North Bradley and Keovil were selected for the next two monthly meetings, and Trowbridge for the half-yearly meeting.

Methods rung ranged from rounds for the learners to Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

**BEDFORD.**—At St. Paul's on March 31st, 1.264 Bob Major: D. Thompson 1, J. Davy 2, G. Goodwin 3, A. L. Ford 4, N. J. Inskip 5, E. Sharp 6, J. Norton 7, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 8.



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## A ROYAL COMING-OF-AGE

Collected in this issue of 'The Ringing World' are the peals and quarter-peals rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Princess Elizabeth. Bells perhaps more than any other method express the felicitations of the people, and ringing on April 21st was widespread—far more extensive than indicated by the peals and quarter-peals recorded. Of the 25 peals, these were distributed over 18 counties, extending from Devonshire to Lancashire and from Cardiganshire to Norfolk.

Naturally the civic authorities took an interest in the ringing. At Norwich the Lord Mayor ascended to the ringing chamber of St. Giles-on-the-Hill, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. D. E. Rae), to greet the ringers, and they remained in the ringing chamber during the opening courses of the peal—Superlative Surprise Major.

Another peal of Superlative was rung in the adjoining county, at Spalding, and this was the first peal in the method by all except the conductor. The spirit of venturing on something new was also displayed at Southport, where a peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rung, which was the first peal in the method by all the band.

The finest achievement of the day was in the Cardiganshire village of Llanbadarn Fawr, near Aberystwyth, where four of the band were ringing their first peal. One hour from the end the oil lamp in the ringing chamber went out—not from a lack of oil but from a short wick. Towards the end each ringer saw of the rest of the band as little more than shadows. Many a company would have abandoned the peal under such conditions. Llanbadarn Fawr were worthy representatives of the Principality.

An event of this character is an occasion for veterans. The oldest was Mr. A. H. Snow, who at Littleham, Devon, rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples on his 81st birthday. The stamina of many of our elderly ringers is amazing. To ring for 2 hours and 50 minutes continuously at the age of 81, while in no sense a record, is a feat in which any individual can take a just pride. Of all the bells that were rung, those most familiar to Her Royal Highness were at Windsor Parish Church. Here the peal was on the following Saturday, and was earmarked for a dual purpose—the 24th anniversary of the King and Queen's wedding day and the 21st birthday of Princess Elizabeth.



At Newport, I. of W., at the completion of the quarter-peal, the bells were fired 21 times. Good wishes and every happiness are extended to Her Royal Highness from the many belfries of the land.

## ROYAL PEALS

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Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by H. C. SPENCER.

\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
CHRIS. WALLATER ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 4	HAROLD SMITH ... 9
†GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5	JOHN LUCK ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by H. HOWELL.

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### MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY COAST ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 6
ERNEST SPILLER ... 2	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 7
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Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

\* First peal of Caters.

### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

*SIDNEY D. AINGER ... Treble	*JOSEPH H. BRITAN ... 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 7
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### NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RICHARD BOWLER ... Treble	REGINALD A. ALEY ... 6
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On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. WINCH ... Treble	*HARRY CHEESMAN ... 6
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*GORDON P. T. PETERS ... 5	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN.

Conducted by A. HARMAN.

\* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal.

### NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

GEORGE A. SPARKS ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
*CYRIL J. BURNS ... 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... 6
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Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Surprise.

### BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

RALPH MAYNE ... Treble	HECTOR A. KNIGHT ... 5
GERALD F. BALL ... 2	E. CHARLES TURNER ... 6
WALTER J. CLOUGH ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
EDWARD J. CLOUGH ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by F. K. MEASURES.

### HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 8 cwt.

MISS E. K. FULTON ... Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	†HENRY D. BUTLER ... 6
*PETER D. BEEDIE ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
FRANK BLONDELL ... 4	FREDK. W. HAZELL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

\* First peal, age 14. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

### LITTLEHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*N. F. D. COLERIDGE ... Treble	JOHN QUICK ... 5
BRIAN PIDGEON ... 2	JOHN CARTER ... 6
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 3	REG WOODLEY ... 7
JOHN DEEM ... 4	A. H. SNOW ... Tenor

Conducted by B. PIDGEON.

\* First peal.



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## WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. (6th the observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*Lottie Pimm ... .. Treble	Leslie T. Oliffe ... .. 5
Harry P. Floyd ... .. 2	*Gilbert Wright ... .. 6
Edwin G. Moore ... .. 3	Alan R. Pink ... .. 7
Thomas W. Bond ... .. 4	Cecil Bustin ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## SPALDING, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

John E. Allen ... .. Treble	Chris. W. Woolley ... .. 5
Margaret D. Telford ... 2	Cyril Wander ... .. 6
John G. Ames ... .. 3	Arthur J. Farr ... .. 7
John T. Newington ... 4	Stanley E. Bennett ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. Woolley.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. The tenor-man has now circled the tower.

## SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Mrs. A. D. Barker ... Treble	Ronald C. Noon ... .. 5
William Birmingham ... 2	Tony R. Price ... .. 6
William E. Judd ... .. 3	*F. Donald Boreham ... 7
Gordon W. Limmer ... 4	Arthur D. Barker ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

\* 100th peal.

Conducted by A. D. Barker.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

H. William Barrett ... Treble	Alfred H. Pulling ... .. 5
*Eric T. Lee ... .. 2	Ronald J. C. Hagley ... 6
William J. Robinson ... 3	Harold A. May ... .. 7
Norman V. Harding ... 4	Fredk. A. Munday ... Tenor

Composed by F. Rogers.

\* First peal in the method.

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

Mrs. V. Lathbury ... Treble	*Herbert Colcombe ... 5
Herbert G. Andrews ... 2	†George Curtis ... .. 6
Wm. Shepherd ... .. 3	John Gill ... .. 7
Chas. R. Grimwood ... 4	Wm. Simmonds ... .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

\* First peal of Bob Major away from treble. † First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

Conducted by Wm. Simmonds.

## HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
At Christ Church, Blacklands,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Wm. H. Joiner ... .. Treble	John A. Downing ... .. 5
Sydney C. Driver ... .. 2	Stanley T. A. Russell ... 6
*John E. Pennells ... .. 3	Frank H. Hicks ... .. 7
Wm. Rogers ... .. 4	C. Alfred Levett ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin.

\* First peal of Major.

Conducted by C. A. Levett.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On April 16th at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, Rev. T. P. Heard 3, A. Painter 4, H. L. Cooke 5, F. J. Lewis, jun. 6, A. Law 7, S. Eastbury 8. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgington. Mr. Edgington was vergor for 36 years at Holy Trinity Church.

## SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

Sidney Flint ... .. Treble	Wm. Deacon ... .. 5
John Lunham ... .. 2	Thomas Marshall ... .. 6
Arthur Mawdsley ... .. 3	James J. Jackson ... .. 7
Thomas Horridge ... .. 4	Joseph Ridyard ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. Gobey.

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

A. James Glass ... .. Treble	Harold A. May ... .. 5
Wm. J. Robinson ... .. 2	Leonard Stilwell ... .. 6
Edward S. T. Farr ... .. 3	Norman V. Harding ... .. 7
Wm. Birmingham ... .. 4	Alfred H. Pulling ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

Also on the 24th anniversary of the King's and Queen's wedding day.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*Henry N. Vaughan ... Treble	Arthur F. Lewry ... .. 4
Ernest J. Ladd ... .. 2	Wm. A. Kitchenside ... 5
Miss D. E. Colegate ... 3	Frank H. Hicks ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

\* First peal.

## SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Kenneth W. Spavins ... Treble	Charles W. Denyer ... .. 4
Fredk. H. Allen ... .. 2	Charles Sargent ... .. 5
*Wilfred Surridge ... .. 3	Edward J. Bragg ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. J. Bragg.

\* First peal.

## LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

## THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
At the Collegiate Church of St. Padarn,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of Morris' Arrangement and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Miss Eira Pugh ... .. Treble	*William J. Harris ... .. 4
*Miss Joan H. Williams ... 2	E. Peter Rock ... .. 5
John D. Rock ... .. 3	*Peter M. Roberts ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. P. Rock.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band.

## OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Emanuel,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

James Littlefair ... .. Treble	Fred Read ... .. 4
Charles W. Blakey ... .. 2	Arthur Tomlinson ... .. 5
Victor Woods ... .. 3	Ernest Gower ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.

## WHITSTABLE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*A. Charles Philpott ... Treble	Cecil C. Dilnot ... .. 4
Jabez Walter ... .. 2	*Brenda E. Philpott ... 5
Sidney Walter ... .. 3	Stanley G. White ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Stanley G. White.

\* First peal.



### HASKETON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

LEWIS J. LAST ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... .. 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
†BASIL F. W. OSBORNE... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method.

### SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE. THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 4
*JOHN F. BUTLER ... .. 2	†CLIFFORD BARRON ... 5
WM. A. FARMER ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First peal on a working bell.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

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

Tenor 30 cwt.

*PHILIP WALKER ... .. Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	*WM. C. PORTER ... .. 8
†JAMES HIGGINS ... .. 3	§WILFRID F. MORETON ... 9
‡MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 4	*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT... 10
§BETTY SPICE ... .. 5	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON... 11
*ALAN R. PINK ... .. 6	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Cambridge Maximus. § First peal of Maximus on tower bells. First peal of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Maximus for the Guild by a resident band, all being service ringers at the Cathedral.

## TEN BELL PEALS

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

G. LEONARD HEWITT ... Treble	†F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 6
E. DENNIS POOLE ... .. 2	WALTER LAGO ... .. 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... .. 3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
*HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal in the method. Birthday peal for the coming of age of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY Treble	GEORGE ADES ... .. 6
*MORRIS THOMAS ... .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
ARTHUR GRAVETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 8
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 4	FREDK. PAGE ... .. 9
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5	*ALFRED HOBDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. To Mr. and Mrs. F. Dentry, of Twyford, Berks, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

HEYDOUR, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 5
*ALBERT SCOTT ... .. 2	†BERNARD H. DALTON... 6
CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 7
HORACE BENNETT ... .. 4	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*DONALD FRASER ... .. Treble	JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 5
†ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... 2	DAVID H. ANSTAY ... 6
JACK WEAVER ... .. 3	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 7
ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... .. 4	*KENNETH G. SPICER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ARNOLD HILL ... .. Treble	*HARRY MORGAN ... .. 5
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	*FRANK REED ... .. 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 7
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOSEPH WM. COTTON Treble	GEORGE OLIVER ... .. 5
*HAROLD PAILING ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN... 3	*T. VERNON JENNISON ... 7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4	FREDK. A. SALTER ... .. Tenor

Comp. by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Cond. by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal in the method.

LAMBETH, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... .. Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Cambridge and 1,632 Superlative, with 103 changes of method, and contained all the positions of each method and is the first rung with these qualities.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' One-part.

Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD H. BOWLER Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... .. 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 2	FREDK. A. FINCH ... .. 6
DEREK R. JUDD ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
WM. J. PAICE ... .. 4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

A welcome home to the Rev. E. H. M. Gibbon.



## BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MISS O. MARTIN ... .. Treble	HERBERT GATES ... .. 5
*MRS. E. SAVOURY ... .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3	WM. J. PUDDIFOOT ... .. 7
EDWIN J. UPTON ... .. 4	WM. C. HUGHES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. C. HUGHES.  
\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT ... .. Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 2	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.  
\* First peal of Bristol.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN WHEADON ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung to commemorate Anzac Day.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL ... .. Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... .. 5
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 2	DENIS ROE ... .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

## HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
HENRY R. PARKINSON ... .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... .. 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.  
To commemorate the completion of 40 years' service as Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, by the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., president of the Yorkshire Association.

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... .. Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 5
PATRICIA HOLMES ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 7
WALTER AYRE ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Transposition.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN ... .. Treble	†ALAN W. HARTLEY ... .. 5
HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 2	†ROBERT L. BUTTERFIELD ... .. 6
BERNARD MOODY ... .. 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 7
*GEORGE W. DYSON ... .. 4	HARRY NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. A compliment to Canon C. C. Marshall on his 40 years' incumbency of St. Chad's, Headingley.

## NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 7
REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 4	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.  
Rung on the 24th wedding anniversary of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

## HEENE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation of Haley's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RAYMOND P. WOOD ... .. Treble	*HENRY C. WEAVER ... .. 5
*FREDERICK H. MEETEN ... .. 2	HENRY COLLEY ... .. 6
ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... .. 7
HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 4	STANLEY G. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 6th.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BEECROFT ... .. 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... .. 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER ... .. 7
FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... .. 4	HARRY HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

## CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

ARTHUR H. REED ... .. Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 5
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... .. 6
THOMAS S. HARRIS ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

## AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JAMES MARSH ... .. Treble	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... .. 2	*FRED ALLMOND ... .. 6
JAMES TAYLOR ... .. 3	*WM. PILKINGTON ... .. 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (improved variation of 285).

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Pilkington.

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On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD C. LANKESTER ... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

*MISS DOREEN WILDE ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5
†MISS F. M. LAFLIN ... 2	CHARLES E. TOMLINSON ... 6
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 3	TOM WILDE ... 7
†MISS MARY ELKINS ... 4	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES WILDE. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.  
\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. T. G. Lee, churchwarden at the time the bells were restored in 1920.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES HIGGINS ... 5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
PHILIP WALKER ... 3	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 7
MRS. R. J. COLLETT ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ARTHUR SNAPE ... <i>Treble</i>	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
ALLAN A. POTTS ... 2	C. W. LAWTON ... 5
BASIL JONES ... 3	J. W. WHITTAKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.

\* First peal.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Apr. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4
*BERNARD O. MANN ... 2	PHILIP BARNES ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* First peal of seven methods 'inside.' G. L. A. Lunn has now circled the tower.

HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

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

HERBERT R. WOODS ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

First peal on the bells since being augmented from five to six. A birthday compliment to Canon Stancliffe (Vicar), also to the wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*MISS MARY JAYCOCK ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 4
*MISS PAT HOLMES ... 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	†GEORGE GILBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. A 13th birthday compliment to Mary Jaycock.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

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

R. CRITCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	J. POUNDS ... 4
J. TAYLOR ... 2	C. ACKERS ... 5
W. CARE ... 3	A. MAWDSLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

In memoriam Cuthbert L. B. H. Blundell, patron of the church, who was buried the same day.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILFRED BOOTH ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK H. HICKS ... 4
WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 2	*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* 150th peal. The conductor's 150th tower for a peal.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford, Overton, London Scholars' Pleasure and two 720's each of Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERIC SIMPSON ... <i>Treble</i>	†BASIL JONES ... 4
†MISS YVONNE BOTHAM ... 2	ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 18 extents of Grandsire (10 callings) and 12 extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. R. F. TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER KINDRED ... 4
†ARTHUR W. BIRD ... 2	†KENNETH L. BROWN ... 5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ... 3	*RONALD F. TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.

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

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANCIS R. DEACON ... <i>Treble</i>	T. KELHAM DEACON ... 4
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
*NORMAN STATHAM ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on these bells. In memoriam the Hon. Maud Russell.



## TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Seven different extents.

*G. ARNOLD PATRICK ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4
PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 2	JOSEPH HULSE ... 5
WALTER G. SOAR ... 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal.

## RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents.

A. MITCHELL ... Treble	*G. R. HINER ... 4
F. S. WILSON ... 2	F. PICKERING ... 5
E. PAMMENTER ... 3	H. MORTEMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

\* First peal. A farewell to the Rector, Canon F. G. Scovell, M.A., after 32 years at Rawmarsh.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT BRYHER, LONDON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

DAVID VINCENT ... 1-2	MARGARET L. TUTT ... 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3-4	JOHN WORTH ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

JILL POOLE ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9-10
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Conductor's 100th peal of Stedman on handbells.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 1, MARSTON STREET,

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

Being 4 six-scores of Stedman, 6 of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire.

*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 1-2	*HOWARD HOWELL ... 3-4
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

\* First peal in three methods on handbells. † First peal on handbells. First peal as conductor.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2	†JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	†JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7-8

\*†JOHN WALDEN ... 9-10

Composed by J. H. R. FREEBORN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † 50th peal together. † First ten-bell peal 'in hand.' The first peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' for the Guild by a resident band and by all except the conductor.

## HOVE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor size 13 in E.

*MRS. R. G. CROSS ... 1-2	†FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4
†R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6	

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First handbell peal of Minor.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

OLAVE BROVD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (384).

Conducted by E. W. PYE.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Selected as the method  
for the first peal together  
as man and wife, Mr. and  
Mrs. P. A. Corby rang 'spliced' London,  
Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative.

The peal rung at Ashby Folville on April  
16th was a birthday compliment to R. H.  
Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, who was 81 on  
the 12th.

Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the York-  
shire Association, has completed 40 years as  
Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds. Con-  
gratulatory peals were rung at St. Chad's and  
Pontefract.

Through a rope breaking half-way, Bolton  
(Lancs) ringers lost their peal of Spliced Kent  
and Oxford Treble Bob Major in honour of  
Princess Elizabeth's birthday.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's,  
Brighton, on April 25th, was noteworthy for  
the reappearance of a number of veterans.  
Arthur Gravett's last peal here was in 1923,  
and William C. Hart (brother of Keith Hart)  
rang his last peal 15 years ago. Frank Bennett  
at 78, states our reporter, is still as competent  
as ever.

Mr. Josiah Nichols, now 81, has retired  
from the post of foreman of All Saints', Leigh-  
ton Buzzard, after holding the appointment  
for the greater part of his ringing career of  
54 years. In appreciation of his long service  
he has been elected hon. foreman. Ringing  
friends will wish him a happy retirement.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and  
Mrs. H. Goodger, of Tilehurst, Berks. Mr.  
Goodger has been 60 years a ringer at St.  
Michael's, Tilehurst, and for 40 years as fore-  
man of the tower. Participating in the con-  
gratulatory quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples  
on April 20th were Mrs. W. Lewington (first  
quarter of Grandsire Triples as conductor), W.  
Marsh, H. Goodger, H. Hunt, J. Marsh, E.  
Langley, C. Watts and D. Sellar.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

In honour of his 80th  
birthday, W. T. Elson  
called 1,259 Grandsire  
Caters (his own composition) at All Saints',  
Fulham, on April 26th. The company was  
J. E. Chilcott 1, Mrs. E. Deal 2, W. Langdon  
3, J. F. Smallwood 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. B.  
Sansom 6, W. T. Elson 7, H. Langdon 8, J.  
Phillips 9, W. J. Paice 10.

Mr. Francis R. Deacon has circled the tower  
at Kirkby Mallory, Leicestershire.

Correction.—The ringer of the 5th at Worth,  
Sussex, was Albert E. Laker and not Lake as  
published in our last issue.

Miss Doreen Wilde rang her first peal with  
her father, Mr. Tom Wilde, at Hyde, Cheshire,  
on April 26th. The composition of Kent Treble  
Bob was by her great-grandfather.

Kington Magna, Dorset, was one of the many  
villages which rang the bells in honour of  
Princess Elizabeth's birthday. Quite a classical  
team of ringers was present, representing  
Marlborough, Eton, Winchester, Bath College  
and Gillingham Grammar School.

Is it in order to ring bells for service before  
dedication? is a reader's query. We should  
say emphatically 'No.' Bells are, we believe,  
included in the ornaments of the church, such  
as organs, vestments, lecterns, and these would  
not be used in worship before dedication.

There is a good story behind the peal of  
Pudsey Royal rung at Loughborough and re-  
ported last week. Following a car breakdown  
a taxi was hired for five of the band and the 11  
miles from Leicester to Loughborough covered  
in record time. One of the company, on seeing  
the speedometer at 70, shut his eyes, felt queer  
and looked it! The Railway Company, un-  
aware of the important passengers, cancelled  
the last train. Fortunately a late bus had not  
gone, and with the aid of a taxi at the  
Leicester end, all the party arrived safely  
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# CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## 50th Annual Meeting

The third session of the nineteenth Council (50th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, 1947, in the Guildhall, Exeter (by kind permission of the Mayor), at 11 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15 or as may be decided.

### AGENDA.

- Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.
- Apologies for absence.
- Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 11).
1. Election of honorary members. There are three vacancies.
  2. Loss of members through death.
  3. Minutes of last meeting.
  4. Report of the hon. librarian.
  5. Statement of the General Accounts.
  6. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees—Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes.
  7. To receive, discuss and if thought fit to adopt the reports of the following committees.
- To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
- To alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.
- (a) Standing Committee.
  - (b) Peal Collection.
  - (c) Methods.
  - (d) Peal Analysis.
  - (e) Records.
  - (f) Towers and Belfries.
  - (g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.
  - (h) Peal Boards.
  - (i) Biographies.
  - (k) 'Ringing World.'

### MOTIONS.

8. That the rules of the Central Council be revised especially those governing the ringing of peals.  
Proposed by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.  
Seconded by Mr. George Pullinger.
9. To fix the place of the next meeting.
10. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

The White House, Caister-on-Sea,  
Great Yarmouth.

## MINUTES OF THE NORWICH MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 11th, 1946.

Minutes of the Second Session of the Nineteenth Council (49th Annual Meeting), held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Norwich, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1946.

The members were welcomed to Norwich by the Lord Mayor, Alderman S. A. Bailey, and the Lord Bishop of Norwich. The Council's thanks were expressed by the President, and the meeting opened with prayers offered by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

### PRESENT:—

- Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. A. B. Peck.
- Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.
- Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.
- Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.
- Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. F. C. Smale, Mr. W. C. Wakley.
- Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. H. Barber.
- East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Mr. C. Evans.
- Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN MEETING

Headquarters: Great Western Hotel, Exeter.  
SATURDAY, MAY 24th.

Ladies' Guild meeting, Broadclyst, 2.30 p.m. Council members welcome. Tea (1s. 6d.) for all who notify Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, by May 20th.

### WHIT SUNDAY.

Ringings.—Cathedral (12), 6.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.; St. Thomas' (8), 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.; St. David's (8), 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.; Heavitree (8), 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### WHIT MONDAY.

Tour of Cathedral conducted by Archdeacon Thompson, 10.30 a.m.

Annual meeting, Devon Guild, Torquay.

Woodbury bells will be available during the afternoon, and all visitors are invited to tea with Mr. and Mrs. H. Stokes (son-in-law and daughter of Mr. A. A. Hughes). Names must be sent to Mrs. Fletcher (address above) by May 20th.

Meeting Standing Committee 6.30 p.m. All City bells (except St. Thomas') available from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

### WHIT TUESDAY.

Holy Communion, Cathedral, 7.45 a.m.

Council meeting, 11 a.m., Guildhall. Members are asked to be in their places by 10.50.

Reception of the Council by the Mayor. The Lord Bishop of Exeter will also attend.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers invite all members of the Council to tea at St. David's Institute at 5.30 p.m. All City bells are available from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. T. Waite.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore.

Kent County Association.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stith.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. R. A. Post.

Oxford Society.—Mr. W. F. Judge.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. W. C. West, Mr. G. H. Harding.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. G. W. Steere.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

Suffolk Guild.—Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. U. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. A. Hoare.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Rev. A. S. Roberts.

Universities' Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. G. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. S. T. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—Miss L. K. Bowling, Mr. C. Doan, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. F. Snalwood, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. E. A. Young.

SUMMARY.

	Associations.	Present.	Absent.
Wholly represented	22	52	—
Partially represented	17	38	26
Not represented	13	—	23
		52	90
Hon. Members	16	10	6
		100	55

## REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Council consisted of 52 affiliated Societies entitled to representation of 139 members. Of these Societies 23 were entitled to four members, 4 to three members, 10 to two members, and 15 to one member, an increase of four in the Associations affiliated.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Mr. F. Colclough (Dudley and District), Mr. W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle), the Rev. E. G. Benson and Mr. L. Evans (Hereford), Mr. C. W. Woolley (Hertford), Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (Kent), Miss E. Steel (Ladies), Mr. J. A. Freeman (Lincoln), Mr. T. H. Taffender (London County), Mr. A. Thompson (North Staffordshire), Mr. A. E. Lock (Oxford Diocesan), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University), Mr. H. Baxter and Mr. G. S. Valentine (Peterborough), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (St. Martin's), Mr. J. T. Godwin (Salisbury), Mr. H. Knight and Mr. C. Wallater (Stafford Archdeaconry), Mr. F. W. Rogers (Winchester and Portsmouth), Mr. G. E. Debenham, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. A. Walker (hon. members).

## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In accordance with Rule 11 the following new members were presented: Mr. S. G. Coles and Mr. H. J. Sanger (Bath and Wells), Mr. H. Harding and Mr. A. C. Sinfield (Bedford), Mr. A. L. Bennett (Devon), Mr. C. Evans (East Derby and Notts), Mr. F. B. Lufkin (Essex), Mr. F. G. Waite (Gloucester and Bristol), Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. A. E. Rowley (Leicester), Mr. H. W. Rogers and Mrs. O. L. Rogers (London County), Mr. T. J. Lock (Middlesex), Mr. J. W. Cotton (Midland Counties), Mr. W. C. Duffield (Norwich), Mr. W. F. Judge (Oxford Society), Mr. G. H. Harding (Salisbury), Mr. G. L. Hewitt (Shropshire), Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. (Southwell Diocesan), Mr. C. W. Pipe (Suffolk), Mr. F. E. Collins (Surrey), Mr. A. Hoare (Swansea and Brecon), the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Truro), the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Winchester and Portsmouth), Miss L. K. Bowling (hon. member).



**ELECTION OF HON. AUDITOR.**

It was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. P. Crook, and resolved that Mr. E. C. S. Turner be appointed hon. auditor for the remainder of the triennial session to act jointly with Mr. A. A. Hughes, the vacancy arising through the death of Mr. C. T. Coles.

**ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS.**

The following were elected: Mr. C. H. Kippin, proposed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. G. Pullinger, and Mr. W. M. Rowe, of New South Wales, Australia, proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

**LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.**

The deaths of the following seven past members were reported by the President and a silent tribute to their memory was paid: Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, Mr. E. W. Marsh, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. J. T. Rickman, Mr. F. W. Romaine, Mr. C. L. Routledge.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

On the proposal of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on May 24th, 1946, pages 239-240, were taken as read and approved.

**REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN.**

The Hon. Librarian's report was read by the Hon. Secretary and showed a steady demand for publications and a need for reprinting of the several books, etc., now out of print. The sales amounted to £27 11s. 9d., less expenses £4 17s. The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, and thanks were accorded to Mr. G. P. Elphick for the gift to the library of 'Sussex Bell Frames.'

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

The accounts, showing gross income of £44 16s., and balance from publications account of £22 14s. 9d., less expenses of £22 12s. 2d., with a final balance of £303 9s. 11d., were presented by the Hon. Treasurer, and on his motion, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton, were adopted subject to audit. On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, it was decided to repay to associations the sums advanced to finance the printing of the Surprise Book.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.**

Mr. E. A. Young reported that the machine was still intact in its packing case after return from Wales. The report was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and adopted.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**

A formal report that recommendations would be placed before the Council was adopted on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

**REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.**

The committee reported that it was revising the collection of compositions submitted to the Council at the 1939 meeting, particularly regarding Spliced Surprise, and it was proposed to augment the collection to 100 pages at least, including compositions in Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob and Little Bob Major, Double Norwich and Treble Bob, the four Standard Surprise Major Methods, and Spliced Surprise up to four standard methods.

The committee also reported that it had exercised the power of co-option granted in 1945, by co-opting Mr. C. W. Woolley.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. G. Cashmore, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton.

**REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.**

Mr. E. C. S. Turner presented a verbal report chiefly in respect of the Surprise book. In reply to enquiries as to its contents, the committee stated that the book was primarily one of the best Major Methods, and that if there were a sufficient demand the committee would produce a book devoted to Royal and Maximus.

The report was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and adopted.

**REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.**

Mr. C. Dean presented the report, printing of which had been delayed owing to lack of space in 'The Ringing World.' The committee requested direction as to whether a peal of Grandsire Caters rung without a cover (there being only nine bells in the tower) should be included in the analysis and recognised as a peal. On the proposal of Mr. C. Dean, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, the secretary was instructed to write to the Society drawing attention to the rule governing a nine-bell peal.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. C. Dean, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson.

**REVISION OF DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL.**

Arising out of the discussion regarding this peal, the Standing Committee recommended that the Decisions of the Council be brought up to date, and on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, the officers of the Council were asked to undertake this work.

**REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.**

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher reported that no new methods or progressive lengths had been reported to the committee, and asked for particulars of new methods rung in the present year to be sent direct to the secretary of the Council. The final typing and binding of the records was in hand.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

**REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.**

A verbal report was presented by Mr. E. H. Lewis that the committee had been consulted in 15 to 20 cases and had given advice. Regret was expressed that the work of hanging the bells at Liverpool Cathedral was at a standstill owing to difficulties regarding building licences.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and it was agreed that the following be addressed to the Ministry of Works:—

'The Council heard with great regret a report from Mr. Newton that the hanging of the bells at Liverpool Cathedral was held up indefinitely owing to the refusal by the Ministry of Works to grant a licence for putting the roof on the tower, in spite of the fact that the structural members are already fabricated.'

**REPORT OF LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.**

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the committee's report (see 'Ringing World,' June 21st, page 287), which was seconded by Mr. J. E. Spice and adopted.

Arising out of the report on broadcasting, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow asked for assistance from the committee to enable him to reply to a letter received from the Religious Broadcasting Assistant Midland Region.

**REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.**

The committee report (see 'Ringing World,' June 21st, page 288) was presented by Mr. W. G. Wilson. The committee had decided to appoint district representatives as authorised by the Council in 1939, and appealed for offers of help from any person willing to assist in the task of collecting particulars.

The report was seconded by Mr. W. Ayre and adopted.

**REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.**

Mr. A. C. Hazelden reported that the collection of information was proceeding and appealed for more assistance from members. The committee acknowledged the advice given by Mr. Viggers, of Aldershot. The report was seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and adopted.

**REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE.**

The accounts for the year to 30th September, 1945, were presented, subject to audit, on behalf of the committee by the Hon. Secretary.

The results showed income of £1,743 13s. 8d., less expenses of £1,395 12s. 2d., a net profit of £348 1s. 6d. Assets amounted to £1,611 3s. 9d. and liabilities £564 8s. 10d. The balance on capital account being £1,046 14s. 11d.

On the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, the accounts were adopted; and on the motion of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, it was agreed that a copy be sent to each affiliated association.

**PRESSENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.**

On the motion of the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, seconded by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the sum of £200 was voted to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher for their work.

**ALTERATIONS TO RULES.**

The Hon. Secretary reported that owing to the death of Mr. C. T. Coles, no motion was before the Council, although notice of motion was given last year.

**AS TO COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.**

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, seconded by Mr. F. Nolan Golden, was lost:—

'That in future all publications issued by the Central Council have the compositions in them printed correctly, i.e., with the notation in front of the resulting course-end.'

**AS TO 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

The following motion, proposed by Mr. G. W. Steere, seconded by Mr. G. H. Cross, was, after discussion, not proceeded with, a resolution to pass to the next business being moved by Mr. C. Dean, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake:—

'That for some time past the contents of "The Ringing World" have not been conducive to the fostering of our art, especially among the younger generation of ringers. In their interests it is suggested that more space be made available for current affairs by the exclusion of irrelevant matter, by setting the leader in smaller type; also the notice of officials of the paper could be condensed or only inserted in alternate weeks.'

**PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.**

On the invitation of Mr. F. C. Smale, and on his proposal seconded by Mr. R. Richardson, Exeter was chosen for the next meeting.

**VOTES OF THANKS.**

On the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. G. Pullinger, supported by Mr. J. E. Spice, thanks were accorded to the Lord Mayor for the use of the Council Chamber and his welcome, the Town Clerk for arrangements, the Lord Bishop of Norwich, the Rev. St. J. Heard, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and the Norwich Diocesan Association for hospitality and arrangements, Mr. F. Nolan Golden for peal arrangements, all incumbents and tower-keepers for ringing arrangements.

The President also expressed the Council's thanks to the Rev. J. Waddington for the use of the vestry at St. Peter Mancroft.

A vote of thanks to the president, proposed by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, terminated the meeting.

**A PASSING TRIBUTE**

Dear Sir,—At the service at the Cenotaph held annually in memory of the dead, the silence is broken by the sound of the bugles, which is very impressive, and I should like to suggest that at meetings of bellringers at which announcement of the passing of members is made and the company present stand in silence that it is broken by the sound of bells. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells would be very appropriate and impressive and full of meaning.

I was at Canterbury on Easter Monday when the names of those members who had passed away during the year were announced and 300 ringers and friends stood in silence, and I thought what a splendid finish it would have been to hear the sound of the bells break the silence.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain,  
St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.



## Suffolk Guild

### RESTORATION FUND APPROVED.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held on Easter Monday at Ipswich, attracted ringers from several counties when upwards of 100 ringers rang at the five churches. Divine service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower, conducted by the Rev. H. Drake, and assisted by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, the Rev. W. H. Trickett, and the Rev. F. Tucker-Harvey, who gave a short address.

A company of nearly 70 sat down to luncheon and among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayne and son John, Mr. Ernest W. Pye and Miss Olave Broyd, Mr. L. W. Wiffen, Mr. E. Jennings, Miss H. Snowden, Messrs. J. W. Ward, F. Dench, G. Dadds and F. Clayton.

At the business meeting which followed apologies for the absence of the Master, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, who was still in the Borough General Hospital, and Messrs. F. C. Lambert and Robert Brundle were read by the secretary.

In proposing the creation of a Guild Restoration Fund, Mr. C. W. Pipe said the matter had been before several general meetings and at the committee meeting earlier in the day. When put to the vote the motion was passed unanimously.

While thanking the Guild for their messages of condolence in the loss of his mother, Mr. Ernest W. Pye said he was glad a restoration fund had been agreed upon, and when it was under way he would be pleased to make a donation of £50 towards the object. Mr. Pye was thanked amid cheers and applause.

The officers of the Guild for 1947 were elected as follows: Master, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. Cecil W. Pipe; clerical secretary, the Rev. W. H. Trickett; Central Council representatives, the Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. J. Sedgley and Mr. C. W. Pipe; committee, Messrs. C. W. Pipe, Messrs. W. J. G. Brown, L. C. Wightman, O. G. Barnard, A. Gillings, F. L. Fisher and E. Ellenger.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

### MEETING AT YATTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery, held at Yatton on April 19th, was attended by ringers from Bristol (St. Ambrose's, St. Philip's and St. Stephen's), Abbots Leigh, Clevedon, Kewstoke, Long Ashton, Swainswick, Ubley, Wrington and the local tower.

Ringing was followed by service and tea. The Vicar of Yatton, the Rev. G. A. Beechy, who conducted the service, was invited by the branch chairman (Mr. H. W. Knight) to preside at the business meeting. Chew Magna was chosen as the venue of the next quarterly meeting, with intermediate practices at Clapton-in-Gordano and Kingston Seymour.

The secretary (Mr. P. G. Yeol) recalled that at the annual meeting of the Association held at Minehead in 1946, it was decided to increase the individual subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. All towers affiliated in the branch had paid the new rate without question, with the exception of Nailsea, and the ringers there had remitted a shilling a head, and refused to pay any more. This action was regretted, and it was resolved that the secretary should write the tower correspondent at Nailsea, inviting the members to pay the balance of their subscriptions, failing which the only alternative would be to refund the instalments paid and lapse the members. As Nailsea is the most progressive six-bell tower in the Deanery and a valued member for many years, it was sincerely hoped this course would not be necessary.

The Vicar of Yatton welcomed the branch to his parish, the first visit since his induction, and said they all knew that a fund had been opened to raise £2,000 to recast and rehang the bells, which did not go at all well. The Rev. Beechy recalled that he came from the well-known bell-casting family of Purdue. A collection was taken at the meeting towards the Yatton bell fund.

## WITH THE CLERICAL GUILD

### RINGING WEEK AT BURFORD.

The annual ringing 'week' of the Guild of Clerical Ringers was held with Burford, Oxon, as the centre, from April 21st to 24th. A more delightful spot from the point of view of scenery—and peace and quiet until we got to work—could not have been chosen. The programme started—wisely—with dinner on Monday, followed by ringing on a fine eight, tenor 19 cwt., in the central tower of the magnificent church of Burford.

Next morning we started in earnest, with a tour, including Great Rissington, with a fine six by Rudhall. It is, as all ringers know, the usual thing for each member of the band to know where he is going next; it is not, perhaps, so usual for a party of motorists to show the same unanimity. A procession of three clerical cars was making its way round a blind corner, following a signpost which distinctly said, 'Bourton-on-the-Water,' when the leading driver was not a little astonished to see a fellow cleric at the wheel madly heading back again round the corner in the opposite direction. As often happens, the minority proved to be right, and the three others had to reverse to the hateful signpost.

However, Bourton-on-the-Water—now nearly in the water—was duly reached, and after getting some way with a quarter-peal of Cambridge Major, the model village was inspected. This marvellous creation lacked a church until visitors demanded one so insistently that the model church was added—complete with gramophone, which treated us to the most rollicking version of the 'Hallelujah Chorus' that I have heard!

On to Northleach, with a splendid eight (tenor 18½ cwt.), and many other treasures, in one of England's grandest churches. Then to Sherborne (which heavy bell ringers will be surprised to hear possesses, not England's heaviest eight, but a mere pleasant six by Rudhall, 1716, tenor 11 cwt. in G1), afterwards to Great Barrington, with a nice six rehung by Taylor in 1935, 202 years after Rudhall put them there. At Taynton, the nave of the church seemed higher than it is long—a feature noticeable in some other Cotswold churches. A nice little six here, some young ringers, and a new Vicar coming on the morrow.

On Wednesday we tempted providence by visiting Clanfield, where two clerical peal attempts came to grief some years ago owing to broken ropes. Bob Major came to grief this time owing to a broken train of thought in the conductor's mind. Others rang at Brize Norton and Bampton Aston, then we all met at the fine church of Bampton, where Double Norwich, etc., went well on a grand eight.

Braving the gale, we went on to Lechlade where we found a nice six, then to the glorious church of Fairford, where the ringers stand amongst the pews beneath the central tower. Why couldn't other great churches have been left in peace to keep their glass, choir stalls, brasses as Fairford has done? What a palace of beauty would have existed in parish after parish if this had been the case! The day concluded at Shipton-under-Wychwood, where we could well have spent longer on a fine eight. The journeys to-day were quite adventurous, with trees, branches and telephone wires strutting all over the place.

We started Thursday by making our Communion together in Burford Church, after which a peal attempt for Stedman Triples at Coln St. Aldwyn went quite well until the usual difference of opinion about who should be leading occurred—this kind of thing brings civilisations to an end time after time, as well as peals of Stedman.

Afterwards ringing was indulged in at Bibury (6) in a remarkable church in a very lovely village, Chedworth (6), then to North Cerney (6) with one of the loveliest small churches in the country, in which altars, rood loft, candelabra, screens, combine to make a most satisfying sight. Then to Watermoor, a modern district of Cirencester, with a fine modern ring of eight (tenor 20 cwt.), and finally Cirencester, where the fine ring of 12 (also semitone bell) gave opportunity for a fitting climax, with Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and rounds on the light eight and the 'minor' eight (with the 11th as tenor). Later we sang evensong together in Burford Church.

At the annual meeting that evening the Rev. C. Carew Cox was unanimously re-elected president and the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox hon. secretary. Under their leadership the Guild looks forward to a happy future. A.G.G.T.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

### LONG SERVICE RECOGNISED AT BLACKMOOR.

When the Alton and Petersfield District met at Blackmoor on April 19th two acts of long service to the Guild received special recognition.

The first was the dedication in the tower by Canon E. A. Berrisford (district chairman) and the unveiling by Mr. W. Read of a peal board recording a peal rung in June, 1946, as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. Read and placed there by the Church Council as a token of his 33 years as captain of Blackmoor ringers.

Later after tea a presentation of book tokens was made to the Rev. F. G. Eyres (Vicar of Blackmoor) by Canon Berrisford on behalf of the district and in appreciation of over 20 years' service with the Guild. Mr. Eyres, in his reply, said he had been in Blackmoor just on 50 years and his retirement was officially taking place in June.

Canon Berrisford then spoke of Mr. W. Read's unflinching service and how privileged the meeting was to have been present at the ceremony in the tower. His remarks were endorsed by the hon. secretary.

Arising from the minutes, the hon. secretary reported on the steps taken in the revision of the Guild's Office. Three new members were elected from Blackmoor—Mr. J. Norris and the Misses M. Pay and J. Guy. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 12th at Bentworth.

The bells were rung to standard methods in the afternoon and evening and some good practice was put in by new ringers.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.

Forty members and friends supported the quarterly meeting, held at Bigbury on April 19th. The musical ring of six was rung to rounds, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent.

The business meeting, held in church, was presided over by the Rev. H. E. Bennett (branch chairman), supported by Mr. G. H. Myers (vice-president), Mr. W. G. Hiscott (honorary member), and representatives from Newton Abbott, Plympton St. Maurice and Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), and Mr. Nicholas Coleridge, a former member of the branch now at Oxford University.

Arising out of the minutes, the secretary pointed out that the office of Ringing Master had been overlooked. Mr. H. Howard Thomas proposed, Mr. W. G. Lavers seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Mr. T. G. Myers be re-elected with thanks for his past services. Subject to the necessary permission, the next meeting will be held at Kelly on September 20th. Ten certificates of proficiency were presented; nine to young members from Plympton St. Maurice, who show great promise under the leadership of Mr. W. G. Lavers. It was agreed that the instruction account be transferred to the general funds of the branch. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, the Rev. A. R. W. Law, and to the captain of the tower for having all in readiness for the ringers. A short service then followed.

During the evening ringing in the four standard methods was enjoyed on the fine heavy six at Modbury.



# READERS' VIEWS AND COMMENTS

## John Austin Called

Dear Sir,—It was John Austin who called the peal of Stedman Caters at Exeter in 1903, not William Pye as stated in your leading article this week.

Some year or so later rumours began to be current in London that he called the peal from manuscript. About this time I met Jack Austin for the first time at a meeting at Woodchester, Glos., and told him of the rumour. He told me that after trying the tenor to a few rounds Mr. Pye said, 'You had better call this peal, Jack. I shall have as much as I want here.' Giving a hurried glance at a composition, he started to call the peal.

About a course before the turning course he became uncertain of the calling of that particular course and asked the spare man, who was in the tower, to give Mr. Pye some assistance if it were needed, to get the peal from his pocket so that he could reassure himself, which he did. After glancing at the figures they were put away again. Mr. Austin told me that had he not seen the figures at all it would have been all right, but there was just that little uncertainty in his mind and he wanted to make quite certain.

John Austin died about two to three years ago.—Yours,  
E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

NOTE.—Our informant regrets his error.—Editor.

## WILLIAM PYE'S ACHIEVEMENT

Dear Sir,—You are not quite correct in saying that William Pye called the peal at Exeter to which he rang the tenor; it was the late John Austin.

What has not, however, previously been commented upon, as far as I can recall, is that William Pye had already called a peal of Stedman Caters, at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on the day that his great performance took place. Small wonder if he was exhausted—and yet he had recovered sufficiently by the next day to call a peal of Stedman Caters at Taunton, and to turn in the 27½ cwt. at Bridgwater to a peal of Superlative, while the day after that he rang the 25 cwt. tenor at Martock to New Cambridge, and the 7th to a 27½ cwt. tenor to Stedman Triples.

It is no disrespect to those bands who have subsequently taken part in peals at Exeter to say that this peal at the Cathedral, coming as merely one of twelve rung during a week's tour, was thus perhaps the greatest performance of them all—excepting, of course, the peal of Cambridge Maximus.—Yours faithfully,  
E. A. BARNETT.

26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford.

## RANG 'GRANDISON'

Dear Sir,—Re your article on the first Caters at Exeter Cathedral in 1892. I was present in the belfry when this took place on October 11th that year. Being only nine years of age, I was not permitted to ring, but I remember how glad they were to have a rest after their exertions.

Regarding 'Grandison,' I may say that I had the pleasure of ringing this famous bell on the opening day in 1902 (single-handed).

W. SHEPHERD.

## PEALS AT EXETER

Dear Sir,—Having been appointed to make arrangements for peal attempts at Exeter during the period of the Central Council's visit, I would ask those who have written to me for peals and now desire to participate in the peal at Buckfast Abbey to inform me as soon as possible. They will then not be included in any peals I may arrange for that day. Applications for peals should be received not later than Monday, May 12th, to enable me to make final arrangements.—Yours truly,

E. W. BIFFIN.

17, Sydney Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

## Preservation of MSS.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of April 18th dealing with composers' manuscripts prompts me to question whether the machinery suggested for their preservation should be considered adequate.

The establishment of repositories for manuscripts might prevent their wanton destruction, but would hardly preserve them from oblivion, since they would be geographically inaccessible to most people and not readily available to anyone but the custodian. A wider dissemination of technical literature would seem essential if the present generation of composers is to be relieved from the necessity of repeating for themselves the work done by their predecessors.

In your leader you cite existing restrictions as a bar to publication of such information, though even when rationing ends, it is doubtful whether prospective readers will be sufficiently numerous to support printed editions of advanced text books. There are, however, several methods of reproduction, employing stencils or lithographic plates, which are cheaper than letterpress printing and eminently suitable for runs of a few hundred copies.

I suggest that data at present lying dormant could usefully be duplicated by one of these processes for distribution to subscribers, and I will, if interest is shown in the idea, undertake a detailed investigation into the practical and financial aspects.

To this end I would be obliged if everyone interested would communicate with me, indicating:—

(1) The kind of information they would like to see published.

(2) Whether they would prefer separate booklets on specific subjects, or a periodical containing in each issue elementary and advanced articles of interest to theorists, composers and conductors.

(3) The amount they would be prepared to subscribe annually.

Since authors as well as readers are needed for success, correspondents should also state whether they would be willing to contribute articles and data for publication.—Yours sincerely,  
M. HODGSON.

52, Bayswater Road, London, W.2.

## NEW ZEALAND GREETINGS

Dear Sir,—We have just received a new set of 10 ropes from England so the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers will now be able to attempt longer touches without the thought of a rope breaking. We ordered these ropes two years ago, so you will understand how pleased we were when they arrived; lucky for us that we have an ex-Naval man with us and he has been kept busy in the meantime splicing ropes to make them last out.

Mr. N. Reeve, a returned Service member, is now Master, and he is very keen for progress to be made, so with the help of Mr. George Clavdon, ex-Birmingham ringer (he came to New Zealand in 1911) we regularly ring 120's of Grandsire Doubles, Plain courses of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. We are practising bobs and singles for Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples on the handbells, so I think that we are on the way to peal ringing.

In conclusion, the Christchurch Cathedral bellringers send greetings and best wishes to all bellringers in England.—Yours sincerely,  
G. N. SLOAN, Deputy Master.

9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton,  
Christchurch, W.2, New Zealand.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 13th, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1. E. Ambrose 2. G. S. Smith 3. W. Favers 4. S. H. Symonds 5. F. C. Boreham 6. W. R. J. Poulson 7. L. G. Pryke 8.

## OBITUARY

### MR. ALBERT S. ALLEN.

Whilst rolling the lawn in his garden, Mr. Albert S. Allen, of Bourne, Lincs, died suddenly on April 24th, aged 69. For over 40 years 'Tim' was captain of the Abbey Church ringers.

An enthusiastic and regular ringer at Sunday services despite the handicap of rheumatism and poor sight, he was a good striker and had rung about 50 peals, the majority of the latter being Spliced Surprise Minor. His one regret since the ban was that he was not able to give a hand in the training of the young band being formed. He spent his working life as a postman, and his happy disposition and jovial nature endeared him to his many friends.

The funeral service was on April 28th, and as the cortege left the church 720 Bob Minor was rung on the Abbey bells by W. F. Ayres 1, David Stainsby 2, Derrick Stainsby 3, C. Wade 4, F. W. French (conductor) 5, A. I. Holmes 6. F.W.F.

### MR. THOMAS A. LAYBOURN.

Returning home from a ringing meeting at Gravesend, Thomas Alexander Laybourn, only child of Mr. and Mrs. T. Laybourn, of 35, Second Avenue, Dagenham, was involved while cycling in a collision with a bus and was killed. His death was on the 17th anniversary of his parents' wedding. He was 16 and for the past two years had been a ringer at SS. Peter and Paul's, Dagenham. Previously he was a chorister.

At the funeral service on April 26th a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by four of his fellow ringers: D. Blowes 1-2, J. Fleetwood 3-4, J. Armstrong 5-6, R. Funnell 7-8. On Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by D. Blowes 1, R. Funnell 2, J. Fleetwood 3, A. Chaplin 4, J. Armstrong 5, J. T. Groves 6, F. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

### MR. W. H. POTTER.

For 50 years a member of the Brierley Hill band, Mr. William H. Potter died on April 22nd, aged 75. The completion of his 50 years' service was marked by the presentation of a clock, suitably inscribed, from the congregation. Mr. Potter was leader for 25 years, and although not a prolific peal ringer, he was exceptionally keen and enthusiastic and was always amongst the most regular attendants for ringing at both morning and evening services.

The funeral took place on April 28th and he was buried as near as possible to the tower he had served so well throughout his life. He was borne to his last resting place by two of his oldest ringing friends, R. Matthews and J. Bass, and the four oldest members of his own band. Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside and the tower bells, half-muffled, were rung before and after the service by members of the local band and friends from neighbouring towers. In the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

### MR. GEORGE S. TAYLOR.

The funeral of Mr. George S. Taylor, whose death was announced last week, took place on April 29th, preceded by a service in the Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, Sunderland, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Marples.

In addition to the family mourners, many of Mr. Taylor's ringing friends attended and the bells were rung half-muffled. After the committal service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by F. Ainsley 1-2, Miss M. Fidell 3-4, K. Arthur 5-6, and J. A. Brown 7-8.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Ignatius' with the bells half-muffled on April 28th as a token of respect by J. A. Brown 1, W. Armour 2, W. Oxley 3, R. Bell 4, R. Walker 5, R. L. Patterson 6, F. Ainsley (conductor) 7, L. Dixon 8.



## ROYAL QUARTER PEALS

*Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth on April 21st, 1947.*

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Diamond (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. W. Denyer 2, C. Williamson 3, W. Denyer 4, R. Clist 5, T. E. Denyer 6, W. H. Viggers (conductor) 7, H. Williamson 8.

**BATH.**—At the Abbey, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Medway 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 4, W. H. Hurford 5, J. Owen 6, J. Hallett 7, T. F. King 8, S. S. Woodburn 9, R. O. Fry 10.

**BEVERLEY, EAST YORKS.**—At the Minster Church of St. John, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Straker (first quarter) 1, L. Daggett (conductor) 2, C. Ellerington (first quarter inside) 3, G. Braithwaite 4, C. G. Constable 5, A. E. Sellers 6, G. Dowling 7, F. Osgerby 8, T. Southwick 9, F. Braithwaite 10.

**BOXLEY, KENT.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. T. E. Prichard (first quarter) 1, W. Gosling 2, Jean Burton (first as conductor) 3, F. Boorman 4, H. Gosling 5, J. Bush 6.

**BRAMLEY, HANTS.**—360 each of Wells, London, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: F. Huggins 1, Miss J. Baley 2, C. Osler 3, Mrs. M. Miles 4, W. Clift (conductor) 5, C. Herridge 6.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—At St. Michael's, 1,260 Doubles (120 Stedman, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): F. J. Russell (conductor) 1, M. Upstone 2, G. Mitchell 3, N. Tomalin 4, J. Hine 5, T. Conway 6. First quarter in five methods by all. First quarter for 4 and 6.

**BROCKENHURST, HANTS.**—On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Gilbert 1, Myra Tiller 2, B. Tiller 3, J. Hull 4, J. Purkess (first quarter of Minor) 5, R. E. Tiller (conductor) 6.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—1,260 Minor (Kent, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Miss J. Hearn 1, Miss M. R. Jaycock 3, Miss M. Pemberton 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, C. A. Burgess 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, Miss J. M. Broomfield 8. First quarter of Minor away from treble for ringer of 3. Rung with tenor covering on meeting one short.

**CARIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): R. Nicholls (first quarter) 1, H. Miles 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 3, Miss M. L. Lidgley 4, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 5, G. Peters 6.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—At All Saints' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. E. Moreton 1, Margaret Beamish 2, J. Draycott 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Gibbons 5, A. H. Beamish 6, J. Thompson 7, L. Trevor (conductor) 8.

**CRADLEY, WORCS.**—At St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Bloomer 1, H. J. Chuck (conductor) 2, Miss F. Raybould (first quarter inside) 3, A. Grove 4, H. Wyre 5, R. Dunn 6, A. Wyre 7, F. Hodgetts (first quarter) 8.

**CROSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—1,260 Bob Minor: H. Cummings 1, J. Higgins 2, E. J. Lambert 3, P. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Marjorie Locke (first quarter) 1, E. Nobles (conductor) 2, S. M. Ruddleston 3, J. H. Webb 4, R. Finch 5, W. Ward R.A.F. 6.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Johnson 1, Capt. E. F. M. Samson 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, J. H. Hayne 4, H. J. Steed 5, F. Precey (conductor) 6, J. W. Smith 7, R. H. Dukes 8. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3 and 8.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Allen 1, J. W. Wilson 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, M. Rosier 4, S. F. Tuffley 5, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 6, R. W. Rex 7, W. W. Warwick 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—At the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Read 1, T. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, R. V. Fuller 4, S. Meadows 5, R. Hasted 6, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 7, E. C. S. Payne 8.

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,260 Stedman Triples: O. Claybrook 1, W. Allman 2, Norah M. Bibby 3, G. H. Randles 4, T. Lightfoot 5, C. Valentine 6, J. E. Bibby (conductor) 7, R. Shelbourne 8.

**HORNBY, LANCs.**—At St. Margaret's on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Kirkbride (first quarter in method) 1, W. Taylor 2, J. Woods 3, S. Clifford 4, J. Skeats 5, J. F. Wood 6, P. Crook (conductor) 7, R. Davis (first quarter) 8.

**HURST, BERKS.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering: Miss E. Green 1, C. Eeles 2, B. C. Castle (conductor) 3, E. Allum 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, Mrs. A. Collick 6, F. Hicks 7, E. Bailey 8. Longest length by 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Cathedral, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: L. Snell 1, A. T. Lowman 2, J. Walden 3, J. Freeman (conductor) 4, S. A. Chambers 5, W. Tomlinson 6, G. M. Mayer 7, K. W. Mayer 8, J. L. Millhouse 9, J. A. Freeman 10. Longest length in the method by all the band.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—At All Saints' Church, 1,335 Stedman Caters: W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 1, E. Spiller 2, T. Grice 3, H. Court 4, G. F. Cantrill 5, L. Head 6, B. F. Baker 7, R. Rich 8, T. Collins 9, F. Thwaites 10.

**MARIHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—At St. Marwenne's on April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, A. J. Hicks (conductor) 2, C. E. Taylor 3, R. J. Hicks 4, J. Rich 5, A. E. Ham (first quarter) 6.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Barrington 1, H. Purchase 2, G. Sparkes 3, S. Bristow 4, W. Stevens 5, C. Stevens 6, C. Tarr (first as conductor) 7, D. Bellamy 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by 4, 5 and 8.

**NEWPORT ISLE OF WIGHT.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples at the Parish Church: F. Attrill 1, W. Scott 2, Mrs. A. M. Guy 3, W. Upton 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, A. Drake 6, C. Taylor 7, W. H. G. Scott 8. The bells were afterwards fired 21 times.

**PELSALL, STAFFS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Claridge 1, H. Claridge 2, J. S. Eastwood 3, J. Gregory (conductor) 4, G. Cooper 5, W. Rowley 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. H. Francis 1, Miss P. Holmes 2, A. Cutler 3, M. Hodgson (conductor) 4, A. E. Hoare 5, T. J. Lock 6, W. J. Nudds 7, R. Sanders 8.

**SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.**—On April 23rd at St. Mary's Church, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Rosier 1, Miss Joan Mathews 2, Miss Stella Davis 3, G. Stocker 4, R. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (conductor) 6.

**STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**—1,260 Bob Minor: G. E. Green 1, W. Dillow 2, E. C. Lambert 3, H. E. Tomkins 4, T. Trasler 5, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 6.

**STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.**—At St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Wesley (aged 13) 1, R. Croot 2, A. Armstrong 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Sharp (conductor) 5. First quarter for 1 and 2.

**WEST COKER, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Poole 1, Freda M. Poole 2, Aylmer A. Gould 3, H. W. Pearce (conductor) 4, W. E. Turner 5, R. Guppy 6.

**WOLVERTON, HANTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evelyn Knight 1, Helen Cane 2, A. Soper 3, D. Farthing 4, P. Knight (first quarter as conductor) 5, J. Hiscock 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First inside for 2.

## Chesterfield Bells

The recast ring of ten bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield, have been dedicated by the Right Rev. O'Ferrall, D.D. The ceremony was attended by a large congregation.

Basing his address on the text, 'Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel' (an inscription which he said was to be found on a bell in Madagascar), the Bishop affirmed that the sound of church bells should remind people of their duty towards the Church.

During the singing of the hymn, 'The Church's one foundation,' the choir and clergy, followed by representatives of several belfries, walked in procession to the south transept, where the bells were set on the floor. The Bishop then sprinkled the bells, blessing them by name, beginning with the treble and ending with the tenor, saying 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the glory of God and thus we designate them for all time.' He then censed the bells and the procession continued with another hymn.

The bells are named as follows: Treble, The Holy Spirit; second, St. Chad; third, St. Oswald; fourth, St. Catherine; fifth, St. Peter; sixth, The Holy Cross; seventh, All Souls; eighth, All Saints; ninth, All Angels; tenor, Domina.

The ring was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The quarterly meeting at Llangattock on April 12th, when some 30 members were present, was voted as the best meeting in the district since the lifting of the ban both in the numbers present and the practice put in. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples and Bob Major. One welcome visitor was Miss M. Davies, of Kilburn. Several young ringers were piloted through their first 120 of Doubles and touches of Grandsire Triples.

The Vicar (Canon R. M. Cole-Hamilton), who conducted the service, paid a tribute to the work of Guilds as a means of improving ringing throughout the country and thanked the bellringers for all they were doing for the Church. An excellent tea was provided by the Vicar and local ringers. The next meeting is to be held at Llanelly (Brecon) on Aug. 16th.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On April 13th at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Short 1, A. H. S. Rainey 2, H. J. Yardley (first quarter) 3, A. Pettigrew 4, E. C. Weaver (conductor) 5, F. W. Rishworth 6, A. J. Allen 7, F. Price 8, W. Pettigrew 9, A. Inett 10.

**EGERTON, KENT.**—On April 13th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Pack 1, C. F. Good (Charing) 2, W. J. Henniker (Charing) 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, S. V. Field 5, A. Rickson (first quarter) 6.

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MIDDLESEX ASSN.—50th annual meeting, May 10th, Ealing. Ringing St. Stephen's from 2.30, St. Mary's 3 and evening. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Names for tea to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 1246

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Annual general meeting, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea (2s. per head) in the schools 5. Meeting on same premises immediately after. Bells again available after meeting until 9, also St. Michael's (8) 7 to 8.30.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1255

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Freshwater, May 10th. Bells 2.20. 1282

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting Bourne, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec. 1308

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Meeting Alfreton, May 10th.—Sam Scattergood, Dis. Sec. 1331

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Salisbury, May 10th. Meeting Assembly Rooms, the Canal, 2 p.m. Service Cathedral 3.30; preacher, the Lord Bishop. Tea Assembly Rooms 4.45 p.m., 1s. Towers available: 8 bells, St. Martin's, Amesbury (6-8 p.m.), Downton; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Wilton, South Newton, Middle Woodford, Martin.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 1323

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting St. Paul's, Burton, May 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 1292

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Next meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, May 10th. Important. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1309

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—West Hoathly (6), May 10th, 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall, 5 p.m.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1310

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting Shipton-under-Wychwood, May 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 1316

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Joint meeting with Northern District, Braughing, May 10th, at 3 p.m. Bells eight. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. 1330

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Apsley (6), May 10th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1333

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting Heanor, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. T. Needham, Mundella, Hassock Lane, Shipley, Derbyshire.—F. W. Shaw, Dis. Sec. 1344

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Bourn (8), Sat., May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1348

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Clanfield, Sat., May 10th, is cancelled.—H. Farmer, Branch Hon. Sec., Standlake, Witney. 1354

HEREFORD GUILD.—Kington District.—Quarterly, Staunton-on-Arrow, May 17th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 5. Cups of tea only 5.30. Business follows.—J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 1351

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting Thryberg, near Rotherham, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided only for those who notify me not later than May 9th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1338

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.—Ault Hucknall (5), May 17th. Bells available 3. Tea 5. Names not later than Wed., May 14th, to Mr. J. Cooper, Hardstoft, Pilsley, near Chesterfield. 1362

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Christ Church, Port Sunlight (8 bells), Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin. 1361

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 1360

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ticknall, May 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 1378

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Meeting Abingdon, May 17th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 14th to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon. 1321

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting Scarborough, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Hornsey Dene Boarding House 5. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by May 10th. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1288

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting Sleaford, May 17th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Lion Hotel. Please notify Mr. G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford, by Wednesday previous.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 1337

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Meeting at Winthorpe, May 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Bring own food. Remember the date!—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1319

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, postponed owing to snow and floods, will now be held at St. Neots on Sat., May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged if possible.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots. 1366

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—A district meeting will be held at Woodbridge on May 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head at 5 to only those who notify Mr. C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 1336



**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke Branch.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6), Sat., May 17th, 5.30. All welcome. 1347

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting Clapton-in-Gordano, Sat., May 17th, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1355

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting Sat., May 17th, at Daybrook (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Paling, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham, not later than Tuesday, May 13th. No. 4A bus from Nottingham City Centre or opposite the L.N.E.R. station stops at the church. All ringers cordially invited.—Jill Poole. 1345

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Northern District.—50th anniversary of bells and meeting St. James', Benwell, Newcastle, Sat., May 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to G. Carse, 36, Stocksfield Avenue, Newcastle-on-Tyne 5, by 11th.—W. E. Robinson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1353

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Flitton (6), Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. No arrangements possible for tea, so come prepared.—H. C. Hillyard. 1380

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6), Sat., May 17th, 2.30. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec. 1379

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Sat., May 17th, Ashby Folville (8), from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only, 5 p.m.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 1357

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Tadcaster, May 17th. Tea 3s. Notify T. H. Foster, 3, Richardson's Yard, Church Lane, Selby, by Tuesday, May 13th. 1363

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting Rudgwick (6), May 17th, 3 p.m. Please bring food; cups of tea provided. 1349

**NORWICH ASSN.**—West Norfolk Branch.—North Elmham, Sat., May 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Only a village; catering difficult, so please notify at once.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 1352

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Dunsfold, Saturday, May 17th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1312

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Practice meeting, Hatfield, Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1359

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—South and West District.—Evening meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on Wed., May 21st. Bells from 6.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Perivale 5320. 1356

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—May 24th, Egerton (6), Charing (6). Bells 2.15. Service 4.45, Charing. Names to C. F. Good, Old Swan Flats, Charing. Buses, Egerton, leave Maidstone 12.43 (12A) and 1 (10, change at Charing) only.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 1324

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Chobham, Sat., May 24th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by May 21st. 1358

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting Broadclyst, near Exeter, Sat., May 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea before May 20th to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. 1350

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Northampton, Whit Monday, May 26th. Committee meet St. Giles' Rooms, 2.45. Service St. Giles' Church, 3.30. Tea in St. Giles' Room 4.30 for those who send names to Guild secretary by Saturday, May 17th. Bells: St. Edmund's and All Saints', 11 to 1; St. Peter's and Holy Sepulchre, 1 to 3; St. Giles', 1 to 3.30. After the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 1304

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Whit Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Names for tea before May 19th to Mr. H. Harrison, Mill House, Roman Bank, Long Sutton. 1377

**HEREFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Annual meeting and festival Ross-on-Wye, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 3.30. Tea Valley Hotel 4.15. Business Church Hall 5.15. Bells, Ross (8), Bridstow (8) and Weston-under-Penyard (6) available 11.30 a.m. Meat tea (3s. 6d.) if notification before May 23rd.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 1322

**ESSEX ASSN.**—68th annual general meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Bells (12) from 10. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting in the Chapter House at 12.30. Light refreshments will be served at the County Hotel at 1.30 to those who notify me before May 19th. The following bells will be available for ringing from 3 until 9: The Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 44, Western Road, Brentwood.

**CUMBERLAND ASSN.**—Meeting will be held at Carlisle on Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells available: Cathedral (8), 12 to 4.30 and 5.30 to 9; St. Stephen's (8), 12 noon to 9. Meeting in Fraternity 3.30. Lunch 12.30. Tea 4.30 at City Picture House Cafe. Names to Mr. R. Ling, 99, Denton Street, Carlisle, by May 17th.—S. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1365

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Hadleigh District.—Sproughton (6), Sat., May 31st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea and business meeting after, Church Hall, 5. Please bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Sec. 1364

**UNIVERSITIES ASSN.**—All communications should now be addressed to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec., Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone, Kent. 1325

#### QUARTER PEALS

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): J. Goldsmith 1, W. Stepney 2, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 3, B. Stepney 4, G. Beene 5, A. Ellis 6. First in more than one method by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On April 13th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, G. A. Parsons 2, A. F. Lancaster (first quarter in the method) 3, C. Potthecary 4, A. W. Coles 5, N. Hollingworth 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. Warren (con.) 8.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On April 13th at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, N. Adams 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 3, Miss J. Burlington 4, H. G. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, C. E. Tett 8.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. L. Gibbons 1, A. T. Weeks (first quarter inside) 2, S. R. Cockell 3, A. J. West 4, I. M. Taylor (Gloucester) 5, H. Prout 6, H. Smith (first as conductor) 7, C. G. Gibbons 8.

**TAYNTON, OXFORD.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. J. H. Prince (first quarter) 1, T. W. Timms 2, F. W. Soden 3, B. S. Nichols (conductor) 4, F. Soden 5, W. J. Dixon 6. First quarter of Minor by all the band, first quarter on the bells, which are believed the last ring augmented by the late Mr. T. A. Bond.



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## THE BELLS OF DEVON

In view of the visit of the Central Council to Exeter at Whitsuntide, a few notes on some of the rings of bells in the county may be of interest. Ringers have their favourite towers. The relative qualities of the Heavitree, Tiverton, and Tavistock eights are often debated, while the magnificent tones of Pilton (Barnstaple), South Molton and Crediton are acknowledged. Even so, amongst the 82 octaves in Devon there are many other fine examples of the bellfounders' craftsmanship, and we must not omit the fine ten at St. Andrew's, Plymouth (35 cwt.) and the splendid twelve at Buckfast Abbey (44 cwt.) The Cathedral twelve are famous.

Exeter is the natural centre of the county, and rail and bus routes radiate from it. To the east there are eights at Sowton (tenor 9 cwt.), Honiton Clist (19 cwt.), Broadclyst (21 cwt.), Bradninch (20 cwt.) and Uffculme (24 cwt.), with a ten at Cullompton (19 cwt.). All these, except Bradninch, are good; the Cullompton ten, in a fine tower of the Somerset type, is of the highest repute. The fine old ring at Ottery St. Mary (20 cwt.) is out of action. In the Exmouth area there are eights at Withycombe Raleigh (15 cwt.) and Littleham (8). Both rings go well, though the ringing chamber at Littleham is rather cramped. Withycombe is one of the few Warner peals in the county.

On the bus routes from Exeter to Newton Abbot there are eights at Alphington (18 cwt.), Dawlish (14 cwt.), East Teignmouth (22 cwt.), West Teignmouth (14 cwt.), Kingsteignton (17 cwt.) and Chudleigh (15 cwt.). All these, except West Teignmouth and Dawlish, go well. East Teignmouth are difficult to hear inside the tower. At Newton Abbot are the eights at Highweek (14 cwt.), Wolborough (16 cwt.) and St. Leonard's (8 cwt.), a tower standing by itself in the main street. St. Leonard's bells do not go too well. A few miles west of Newton are the fine octaves of Ashburton (22 cwt.), Totnes (29 cwt.), Plympton St. Maurice (16 cwt.) and Plympton St. Mary (27 cwt.). Other eights on the borders of Dartmoor are Tavistock (24 cwt.), Bovey Tracey (4 cwt.), Moreton Hampstead (15 cwt.), Chagford (18 cwt.) and Okehampton (16½ cwt.), and within the moor the eight at Buckland-in-the-Moor (8 cwt.). All these go well, but to reach Buckland involves a drive through romantic country with precipitous inclines.

North of Exeter, along the Exe Valley, are eights at Silverton (17 cwt.), Thorverton (14 cwt.) and Tiverton



(25 cwt.) The back bells at Thorverton go badly, but Tiverton is of real grandeur. To hear is to be impressed; to ring is to be convinced. A matter of eight miles north of Tiverton is Huntsham (15½ cwt.), made famous by Col. Charles A. W. Troyte, the first president of the Guild. Crediton has a fine eight (tenor 27 cwt.), but the circle is not too good. Further north, along the ridges of the Taw and Torridge valleys, are many octaves of high repute and quality. Of these, perhaps Pilton (25 cwt.), with tenor reputed to be one of the finest bells in the country, and South Molton (24 cwt.) are outstanding. Even so, the eights at Torrington (15 cwt.), Bideford (16 cwt.) and Northam (15 cwt.), are perfect in tone and go, and the dozen other eights will bear comparison with the best. Pilton are to be rehung. There are 224 six bell rings in the county, few of which can be classed as poor. Truly a ringer's paradise.—F.C.S.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 10
ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 11
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 6	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

## TEN BELL PEAL

DERBY.

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

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb

HENRY H. FEARN ... .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 4	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 9
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*NOREEN BRAIN ... .. Treble	TREVOR REYNOLDS ... .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... .. 6
GORDON HARRISON ... .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... .. 4	†W. FRANK TOPLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung in honour of the 24th anniversary of the wedding of their Majesties the King and Queen.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBERG,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.) in E flat.

CECIL RADDON ... .. Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 6
*CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 7
ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire. Rung to welcome Canon W. J. Gravell, Rector-designate of Warburton.

\*SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble	J. LESLIE WILLARS ... .. 5
JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	ARTHUR PATRICK ... .. 7
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... .. 4	*FREDERICK WATSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PATRICK.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor. Birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Treble	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 5
*ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 2	*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
*BASIL JONES ... .. 4	*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. BEST ... .. Treble	HARRY PYE ... .. 5
JOHN HAYES ... .. 2	HENRY O. BAKER ... .. 6
JAMES S. WEBB ... .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4	GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	WALTER E. MASTERS ... .. 6
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 7
BERNARD LAWTON ... .. 4	REGINALD ALLPORT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

In memoriam to William H. Potter, a ringer at this church for over 50 years, interred at Brierley Hill on the above date.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On April 13th at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Thrush (first quarter) 1, Michael V. Chilcott (conductor) 2, Donald Hayward 3, Joan Sansan (first quarter inside) 4, John E. Chilcott 5, Peter J. Woodger 6.



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*On Fri., May 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILFRED NEWMAN ... Treble	*PETER BAKER ... 5
†MICHAEL B. CLIFFORD ... 2	*LESLIE E. ASTON ... 6
*CHARLES ROUSE ... 3	GEORGE W. WALTERS ... 7
†IVOR GOULTER ... 4	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLES (No. 1461).

Conducted by GEORGE W. WALTERS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal.

**OXFORD.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., May 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 4½ cwt.

WM. H. B. WILKINS ... Treble	BETTY SPICE ... 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
ALAN R. PINK ... 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15½ cwt.

MORRIS J. MORRIS ... Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDK. W. RISHWORTH ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	WM. C. DOWDING ... 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 4	JOHN GILSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

A birthday compliment to A. Walker and W. J. Meers.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DENNIS BLOWS ... Treble	ERNEST FURBANK ... 5
†REGINALD F. FUNNELL ... 2	*JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 6
*JAMES R. FLEETWOOD ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... 4	ARTHUR C. CHAPLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. In memoriam Thomas A. Laybourn.

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*SYDNEY C. EASTER ... Treble	*SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 5
FRANK V. GANT ... 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
JOHN E. GROVE ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Surprise. In memoriam Thomas Laybourn, who met with a fatal accident while returning from a meeting at this tower on April 19th, 1947.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER J. LEMON ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
JOHN WHEADON ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 4	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FIELDS ... Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 6
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

BRO. A. R. LAWRENCE ... Treble	BRO. L. A. GOODENOUGH ... 5
BRO. HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	W. BRO. G. W. DEBENHAM ... 6
BRO. H. E. GOODENOUGH ... 3	BRO. G. E. DEBENHAM ... 7
BRO. WILLIAM NASH ... 4	*BRO. REGINALD F. EWER Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by W. BRO. G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal of Major.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

THOS W. TOMLINSON ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 6
THOS. W. DENYER ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
C. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	WM. H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE SPERRING ... Treble	*JOHN W. BEST ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
*HARRY O. BAKER ... 3	HARRY PYE ... 7
*JAMES S. WEBB ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 9½ cwt.

TREVOR PRITCHARD ... Treble	†JOHN R. COTTERILL ... 5
*IVOR WHITING ... 2	*JOHN WHITING ... 6
†WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... 7
†RONALD WATTS ... 4	PATRICK ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

**PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MARGARET D. PILCHER Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES ... 5
†EDWIN S. SMITH ... 2	ERNEST A. JURD ... 6
PHILIP H. SPECK ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
†AUBREY D. MILLS ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

**WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*SYDNEY TUSON ... Treble	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 5
*THOMAS BARKER ... 2	JOHN CHARNOCK ... 6
*JOHN JACKSON ... 3	F. ROGER MARTIN ... 7
*ARTHUR HATCH ... 4	*JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.



## SIX BELL PEALS

CARBROOKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER &amp; PAUL,

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

Being three extents of Double Oxford Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*FREDK. W. WILLIAMS Treble	*ALBERT E. DIXON ... 4
GEOFFREY SMITH ... 2	FREDK. C. JOHNSON ... 5
*EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

\* First peal in more than one method.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE DAWSON ... Treble	ALFRED J. BENNETT ... 4
FRANK WHITE ... 2	ARTHUR FARRAND ... 5
HARRY NUTT ... 3	JOHN E. FIELDING Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE DAWSON.

In memoriam to Canon J. S. Smith, Vicar for 21 years.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST Treble	*WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	*FREDERICK PRICE ... 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the county, for the Association, and by all the band.

STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS HARRIS ... Treble	REGINALD HOOPER ... 4
BRYAN HUDDLESTON ... 2	*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 5
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON ... 3	FREDK. W. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HARRIS.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE ... Treble	*DOUGLAS V. GARE ... 4
*MISS FRED A. M. POOLE 2	†WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 5
HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. H. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

ERIC SMITH ... Treble	STANLEY MURPHY ... 4
CLAUDE GIMBLETT ... 2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 5
WILFRED YOUNG ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First Treble Bob peal on the bells.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 4
*CHARLES THORLEY, JUN. 2	ERNEST THORLEY ... 5
THOMAS D. LEASK ... 3	CHARLES THORLEY, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY, SEN.

\* First peal.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ENID M. WAYMAN ... Treble	JOHN FREEMAN ... 4
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 5
FREDK. W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Minor on tower bells. A compliment to Mr. G. E. Smith, of Eagle, on his completing 50 years as a ringer.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

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

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*N. B. FOVARGUE (13) Treble	WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 4
ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 2	*JOHN P. MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM G. SHORT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal.

SAXILBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Cambridge Surprise and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

P. S. FRED BISHOP ... Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
MISS RHODA BROWN ... 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by J. R. YOUNG.

First peal on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Apr. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH TOWER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 19 in F.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... 1-2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5-6
ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7-8
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9-10	

Composed by CHARLES ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16.

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* 150th peal. Rung as a compliment to Albert Walker on his 71st birthday.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWARD JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by E. W. PYE.



**ACTON, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's on April 20th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. R. Judd 1, E. H. Kilby 2, J. E. L. Cockey 3, F. A. Finch 4, A. Cutler 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, L. H. Bowler 7. Rung half-muffled following a dedication of a children's chapel in memory of the children of Acton killed by enemy action.

**APPLETON, ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On April 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, A. G. Holfield 3, F. A. White 4, F. Messenger 5, C. G. White 6, F. C. White 7, G. Holfield (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. Rung by Sunday service band on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. E. White (youngest son of 9th ringer) and Miss Betty Heredge.

**BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On April 17th at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Single Oxford: Charles Lovett 1, Keith Lovett 2, Donald Walton 3, John W. Lowe 4, Stan Brewin 5, Horace Myatt (conductor) 6. Silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On April 13th at the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, E. Garbett 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, H. Bird 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Bird 8.

**BUCKLEY, CHESTER.**—On April 20th at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Lewis 1, F. Birks 2, Miss N. Birks 3, F. Evans (conductor) 4, S. Birks 5, D. Millward 6, J. C. Jones 7, I. Hayes 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On April 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, E. Gosling 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Edwards 7, W. Lee 8. First in the method for 4 and 5.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—On April 21st at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, M. Sindon 3, L. Harris 4, R. Jarvis (conductor) 5, J. Jarvis 6, J. Keyte 8. For Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.**—On April 20th at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. W. Taffender 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. W. Brighton 3, E. W. Furbanks 4, C. W. Ottley 5, H. W. Rogers 6, J. Bullock 7, E. D. Smith 8.

**DUNSTABLE, BEDS.**—On April 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: Miss J. Newman 1, D. Beard 2, A. W. Beard 4, G. H. Sentance 4, G. W. Heley 5, J. G. Newman 6, H. G. Hillyard 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 2.

**EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.**—At St. Mary's Church on April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marjorie Johnstone (first quarter of Triples) 1, W. Norman 2, G. W. Tembey 3, W. H. Cook (conductor) 4, A. Eilbeck 5, S. Richardson 6, W. Douglas 7, J. H. Rothery 8. Rung muffled in memoriam to Dr. Mitchell.

**GRIMSBY, Lincs.**—On April 6th at St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Gwen Rushy (first quater) 1, C. Kannington 2, J. Parker 3, J. B. Budd 4, S. Bromfield 5, J. E. Kennington (conductor) 6, A. Pashley 7, A. Swain 8.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Clarke 1, R. Cochrane 2, D. Ellingham 3, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 4, A. Cull 5, D. Price 6, A. Lawrence 7, A. White 8. Rung for Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday.

**HURST, BERKS.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Wiggins 1, A. J. N. Rance 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, A. T. Fleet 4, B. C. Castle 5, R. W. Rex 6, W. J. Paice (conductor) 7, E. Humfrey 8.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Margaret's on April 20th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: E. Grimes 1, P. Whittell 2, E. Elenger 3, C. Shemming 4, J. Munnings 5, K. Whittell 6, C. Woodward 7, E. Blomfield (conductor) 8.

**KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On April 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: V. H. Russell (longest length on eight) 1, E. B. Smith 2, E. E. Davey (conductor) 3, F. Orriss 4, W. Rouse 5, V. W. Wildney 6, R. G. Bugg 7, W. A. Southgate 8.

**LEYTON, LONDON.**—On April 13th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. A. Hughes 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. W. Brighton 3, C. W. Ottley 4, L. Bowler 5, E. W. Furbanks 6, A. W. J. Appleton (first of Surprise Major) 7, J. Bullock 8.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Iris P. Ewins 1, E. Armstrong 2, W. Goldstone 3, R. Andrews 4, H. Chaffey 5, D. Sleet (conductor) 6.

**PIRTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.**—On April 16th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire: M. Lockey 1, H. Lawrence 2, R. Sharp 3, E. C. Jeffries (conductor) 4, A. Sinfield 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICS.**—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Briggs 1, G. Ball 2, C. E. Turner 3, J. H. Bayhiss 4, A. Ballard (conductor) 5, W. A. Wood 6, L. E. Towers 7, W. Briggs 8. A farewell to the Rev. H. A. Salter.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NEWARK.**—On April 20th at All Saints', 1,260 Bob Minor, 7 and 8 covering: J. T. Shipley 1, Miss K. Burchnell 2, Miss G. Burchnell (conductor) 3, Mrs. N. Moxon 4, N. Moxon 5, E. A. Midwinter 6, R. Sleep 7, T. S. Chandler 8. In honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Chandler (eldest son of the tenor ringer) and Miss B. A. Pulfrey.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. T. Boomsma (first quarter of Triples) 1, G. Boomsma 2, T. G. Fox 3, L. J. Fox 4, T. Francis 5, J. Phillips 6, R. F. Deal (conductor) 7, J. Boomsma 8.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Page 1, A. D. Steele 2, R. S. Anderson 3, W. F. Gibbons 4, F. Wilshaw 5, N. Holland 6, A. Peake 7, G. W. Biddulph (conductor) 8.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's on April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Collier 1, J. H. Botham 2, G. M. Kilby 3, M. Hodgson 4, R. G. Spears 5, A. Cutler 6, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 7, H. Kilby 8.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Mr. George Williams, who provides a sidelight on the Exeter peal in our correspondence columns, was honoured by the Salisbury Guild with a birthday peal on attaining the age of 90. In his own Guild a peal of Bob Royal was rung at North Stonelham, 720 Plain Bob at Titchfield and 720 Oxford Single at Wickham, Hants, with the ringers' best wishes to their revered Master.

Oswald Delight Major is published this week. It is Kent above the treble and Cambridge below. First performance was at Frodsham, Cheshire. Now for a second.

A memo for tower and guild librarians. Include 'College Youths,' by J. A. Trollope, in your additions for 1947. Price 5s. 6d., 'Ringing World' Office.

Tamworth ringers were unlucky over their quarter-peal in honour of Princess Elizabeth's birthday. After 15 minutes' ringing they were interrupted by a request to stop, as a play was to be given in a nearby hall. Two morals arise: 'Lock the door,' and let the town know why you are ringing.

Five first quarters of Bob Major was the tribute at Whiston, Yorkshire, to Princess Elizabeth's birthday on April 21st. The company was J. Curwin 1, W. Thomas 2, G. Preston 3, A. Stamp 4, P. Coote 5, B. Thomas 6, T. Cutts 7, N. Chaddock (conductor) 8. First quarters of Major by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

Stoke-on-Trent have a young company, all of whom rang their first quarter, except the conductor, at Dilhorn on April 19th. It was Grandfire Doubles and was rung after the peal attempt failed. The ringers were Miss B. M. Brown (16) 1, Miss M. Flackett (16) 2, J. G. Burton (16) 3, G. Mountford (17) 4, F. W. Grocott, jun. (16, conductor) 5, I. Wright (17) 6. The peal cannot be much longer delayed.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Peals of interest this week are a Freemason's at North Mymms, Herts, and a pensioner's at Erdington, Birmingham. In the latter peal the average age was 70½ years. Sunday service ringers of Great Baddow, Essex, have frequently appeared in our quarter peal column. Now they have accomplished their first peal since the bells were recast in 1924.

Visiting Hersham, Surrey, on May 3rd, the London County Association rang a peal of Stedman Triples. Surrey's charms resulted in the conductor's and sender's names being omitted from the peal.

Mr. Frederick Page, by his peal of Bob Minor 'in hand' at Hove (reported last week), has now rung Minor to Maximus on both tower and handbells.

Next week's 'Ringing World' will contain a special article on Exeter for the benefit of visiting ringers by Mr. A. W. Searle, chairman of the Exeter District and a member of the Central Council from 1903-1927.

Two days before he was due to attempt his first peal, Michael Collett (14), of Burford, Oxford, met with a serious accident at school whilst retrieving a missing ball on May 7th. He was taken to the Oxford Eye Hospital, where it was found necessary to have his right eye removed. His many friends extend to him their sincere sympathy and best wishes for his recovery.

When Mr. Patrick Cannon arranged his peal at St. Neots he nearly had an officers' peal for the Ely Diocesan Association. The company included the ringing masters of Hunts and Wisbech districts, the general secretary, auditor and Central Council representative of the Association and the district secretary of Wisbech branch. Non office bearers were Mr. R. F. B. Speed and Mr. Cannon.

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# THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

## Reorganises Finances to Meet New Situation

The Middlesex Association marked its jubilee meeting by an overhaul of its financial position to meet the increased charges of to-day. The meeting was held at Ealing on Saturday with the president (Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane) in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. Greatbatch (Vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing) and Mr. E. C. S. Turner (hon. secretary).

The annual report, presented by the hon. secretary, recorded the losses by death of Mr. C. T. Coles, general secretary and one of the leading men in the Exercise; Messrs. W. Fletcher (Beaconsfield), G. H. Gutteridge (Iver), J. H. B. Hesse (Wrighton), H. Hoskins (Greenwich), G. P. Mitchell (Hillingdon) and W. Watson (Romford).

The year had seen a great revival of activity and a full programme of meetings was held with an average attendance of 32. New members elected totalled 94, consisting of one honorary, 22 non-resident life members and 71 ringing members. Mr. W. C. Parker celebrated his 80th birthday in August by taking part in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Mr. A. Harding completed his 50th year of service as a ringer at St. Mary's, Ealing.

Peals rung during 1946 totalled 76, of which 39 were on handbells; there were 18 conductors. Methods rung for the first time by the Association were Hinton Surprise Major and Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples. Seven members rang their first peals. Quarter-peals totalled 51.

The Association was pleased to welcome the entire Hillingdon band as members and congratulated them on successfully augmenting their ring of six bells to eight.

In December, Mr. J. Thomas moved to Hinton-on-the-Green, near Evesham. During his many years in Middlesex he proved himself without equal in his success at teaching beginners. The handbell performances of the Edmonton and Enfield bands during the war were the admiration of the whole Exercise. They wished him many happy years of retirement. The report concluded with a list of the valuable ringing books left the Association by the late Mr. C. T. Coles. The report was adopted.

In the absence of Mr. W. H. Oram (treasurer), Mr. Turner presented the accounts, which showed a deficit on the year's working of £19 5s. 9d. The accounts were adopted.

Officers elected were as follows: President, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. and A. W. Coles; Master, Mr. Charles Roberts; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; hon. secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; assistant secretary, Mr. Leonard Bowler; auditor, Mr. E. M. Atkins; trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, W. H. Oram and E. C. S. Turner.

### SUBSCRIPTION RAISED.

A series of resolutions to meet the increased costs and keep the Association solvent was submitted by Mr. Turner. These included raising the subscription from January 1st, 1948, from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.; charging life members and honorary members 1s. for the annual report; that the sum of 6d. per ringer of a peal be charged for printing peals in the annual report. He explained that the last quotation he received for printing the report was 18s. a page, on which there were four peals. This worked out at 4s. 6d. a peal. In 1897 a charge of 3d. per ringer was made for printing peals.

These were seconded by Mr. C. Roberts. To the question of how much the extra 1s. subscription would produce, Mr. Turner replied £15, and to another question he stated that the assets of the Association were £192.

Opposition to the increased subscription was voiced by Mr. C. C. Mayne. 'We have accumulated £192 and have been putting money in the bank for a rainy day,' he said. 'Now it had come we should spend it.'

The Secretary: I shall refuse to do so. If the resolution is not passed I shall print the report every other year.

Mr. W. H. Coles commented that the subscription of 2s. 6d. was about what most members paid to go to the pictures, and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey reminded the members that 2s. 6d. was not the price of a 'packet of fags.'

Mr. Jones suggested as an alternative a charge of 3d. be made for attendance at meetings.

The resolution to increase the subscription was carried by a substantial majority, as was that of charging life members and hon. members for the annual report.

Mr. Mayne was in opposition again over the charge of 6d. per ringer for printing peals. 'Peals will not be rung for the Association,' he said.

Mr. Turner replied that he was not frightened by that suggestion. They would find that other associations would adopt the same rule.

The new rule was passed and it was decided to make it operative as from July 1st next.

Mr. Turner: People will not be able to say in 10 years' time that they had a secretary who whittled away what had been saved up by his predecessor.

New members elected were Miss F. H. Friswell and Miss H. V. Hare (Upper Clapton), Mr. David Charnley (Isleworth), Messrs. N. G. Hollingworth, E. Prior and H. W. Barnard (Holloway), and Mr. F. Oakshott (non-resident life member).

### ORIGINAL MEMBERS HONOURED.

Mr. Turner reminded the meeting that that was their 50th anniversary and they had still with them some original members of the Association. He proposed and Mr. A. W. Coles seconded that honorary life membership be conferred on these members. Those to be so honoured are Messrs. W. Baldwin (Barnet), H. Chandler (Heston), W. Honor (Hillingdon), C. H. Martin (Hendon), W. Pickworth (Richmond). The meeting expressed its approval by a hearty round of applause.

Returning thanks, Mr. Chandler said the spade-work for the formation of the Association was done in the Church Room, Heston. Most of them had now passed over—Mr. Pratt was one of them. He hoped the Middlesex would continue to flourish.

Mr. Pickworth also expressed his thanks and said the honour was quite unexpected.

The meeting decided to keep the books bequeathed by Mr. C. T. Coles to the Association at St. Augustine's, Kilburn.

### ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

The hon. secretary reported that the committee formed to deal with the 50th anniversary proposed to hold a dinner at Slaters, The Strand, on October 25th, tickets 12s. Attendance would be limited to 120, and the first 120 who sent a remittance would be allotted tickets.

Another function in connection with the anniversary is the meeting at Acton on June 7th, at the invitation of the Rector, to be held in the Rectory or Rectory grounds.

Regarding the memorial fund to the late Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. Turner said it was proposed to provide one or two bells in one of the blitzed London churches. It was unlikely, however, that they would be able to spend the money for a long time as bell founders were booked up. They had been waiting at Christ Church 18 months for the bells to be rehung. He asked members to contribute towards the fund as generously as possible.

Clerkenwell was selected for the next annual meeting, alternatives voted upon being Fulham, Southgate and Holloway.

The best wishes and Godspeed of the meeting were extended by Mr. Lewis Cockey to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botham, of Willesden, who are shortly proceeding to South Africa.

A message was received from Mr. W. G. Wilson conveying his best wishes and stating he would be pleased to see any visitors in an evening. The meeting sent to him its good wishes for a speed recovery.

The work of Mr. Turner as hon. secretary was recognised by a vote of thanks moved by Mr. C. C. Mayne.

From the chair, Mr. W. H. Coles, who presided at the latter part of the meeting, thanked the Vicar of St. Mary's for permitting the Guild service to be held in his church and also for the use of the bells, the Vicar of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells, Mr. Harding for splicing the ropes, and Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Miller for providing teas.

Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane conducted the Guild service, which was attended by about 120 members and friends.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

### MR. W. F. MORETON THE NEW MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on April 29th at New College, the president, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, being in the chair. The treasurer's report, showing a balance of £12 8s. 8d., was approved.

The Master's report stated that last term had seen steady progress, there now being a resident band capable of Double Norwich. Surprise ringing by this band should be attained in the near future. Week-end outings had also been very successful. No tower-bell peals had been rung, although there had been two attempts, including one made without the aid of the Society's usual conductors. Four peals had, however, been scored 'in hand,' including the first peal of Winchester Bob Major to be rung on handbells.

An encouraging feature of the term had been the appearance of several potential conductors in the ranks of the Society.

During the vacation three peals were scored during a long week-end at Hereford, including the Society's first peal of Surprise, Bristol Surprise Major, at Ross-on-Wye. Two members were to be congratulated on ringing their first peals, and a third on calling her first, during the vacation.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Kemble); vice-presidents, Mr. H. Miles, M.A. (St. Cath's.), Dr. R. E. Harvard (Kemble), Dr. L. E. Sutton (Magd.). The Rev. T. R. Milford (Magd.), Dr. J. E. Spice (New), Miss B. Spice, B.A. (Som.); Master, Mr. W. F. Moreton (St. John's); secretaries, Miss K.

Higgins (L.M.H.), Mr. C. J. Dickinson (Magd.); treasurer, Mr. H. von der Heyde (B.N.C.). A new office, that of steeplekeeper, was created and filled by the election of Mr. M. H. Barrow (Exeter).

A suggestion by Mr. Moreton that Miss Spice should remain in office as Acting Master during her remaining term in residence was rejected by Miss Spice, who felt that she would prefer to enjoy a term free from responsibilities. The President then thanked Miss Spice, on behalf of the Society, for the unfailing energy and enthusiasm with which she had held the office of Master during the past two years.

Mr. Moreton was elected U.A.C.R. representative. A suggestion that this representative should always be the Master, ex-officio, was held over until the Society's constitution is revised in the near future.

The term's programme was then outlined. Three tower-bell peals and five outings, one being a coach trip, are included, as well as the normal practices and service ringing. The Society's ringing week at Shrewsbury and the U.A.C.R. tour at Chester (both in August) were also mentioned, together with a harvest camp at Honeybourne.

Mr. Slade (Kemble) then suggested that some of the Society's large balance should be used as gifts to the churches where the Society rang regularly, to compensate for wear and tear. Miss Spice pointed out that the Society's bank balance was a very variable quantity, and the suggestion was not pressed, although a vote of approval of the general principle was passed.



## Lincoln Diocesan Guild

MR. JOHN A. FREEMAN THE NEW MASTER.

The annual meeting was held at Lincoln on April 26th. Ringing took place at the Cathedral and at St. Peter-at-Gowts in the afternoon, and the ringers attended evening at the Cathedral. Tea at the Wesley Schoolroom, Oasketgate, was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by Canon Marsden, Vicar of Grimsby, in the unavoidable absence of the Dean of Lincoln (president).

Before the commencement of business, the chairman paid a tribute to the late Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson, who died in January last, and who had occupied the office since the death of the Rev. H. Law James in 1932. He said that besides being a great bellringer, Mr. Richardson was a great man in all respects.

Canon Carnegie, president of the Elbow Deaneries Branch, also spoke of the esteem in which the late Master was held, both as a ringer and as a good man and churchman. At the request of the chairman, the meeting stood in silence as a tribute of respect.

The Dean of Lincoln was re-elected president, and Mr. F. W. Stokes hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. John A. Freeman, the well-known Master of the Cathedral company, was unanimously elected Master of the Guild. Mr. Freeman brings knowledge and experience to his office, and it is felt that he will prove a worthy successor to the two previous Guild Masters. Mr. Richardson was also one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, and Mr. Stanley Bennett, of Spalding, was elected to fill his place.

### MEMORIAL TO MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON.

The question of a memorial to the late Master was brought before the meeting by Mr. J. A. Freeman, who said that at the committee meeting it had been suggested that a flat 6th bell should be added to the peal of twelve at the Cathedral, so as to afford a lighter eight for practice. This had been mentioned to the Cathedral authorities, who had signified their approval of the project. An estimate had been obtained for the work, which would cost £296, and in addition there would be the cost of a tablet in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral and also one at Surfleet Olurch. It was unanimously resolved to proceed with the scheme, and the Guild Committee was authorised to deal with the whole matter. It was decided to invite subscriptions from the Exercise generally, as well as from the Guild, so that the many friends of the late Master would have an opportunity of contributing. Fuller details of the scheme will be issued later.

Since the close of the year 1946, two 'record' peals have been rung for the Guild, one at Harnston consisting of 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods, and one on handbells in 29 Minor methods, and the congratulations of the Guild were extended to the members taking part in these two peals.

Further ringing took place after the meeting at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Giles. A notable feature was the large number of young ringers, and altogether the attendance approached the scale of the large pre-war numbers customary at the Lincoln meeting.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Bishop's Waltham on April 26th, with 50 members and friends present.

The eight bells were available at 2.30 p.m., as were also the ring of six at Swanmore. A short service at Bishop's Waltham was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. H. Stubbs), and one of the local ringers, Col. Clutterbuck, was the organist.

The business meeting followed tea, the Vicar presiding. The next meeting will be held at Catherington on July 19th.

## Coventry Diocesan Guild

### ANNUAL MEETING.

Coventry Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Stoke, Coventry, on April 19th. The attendance was small compared with last year, there being only 50 members and friends present.

The Guild service was preceded by ringing in the tower, and in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. E. Armon officiated. A splendid tea was served in the Parish Hall. The Rev. Armon occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed.

The hon. secretary's report revealed a total of 28 peals in a variety of methods with ten conductors. Eleven rang their first peal and 41 their first in the method. Total membership was 334, 20 hon. members, 177 non-resident and 137 ringing members. The loss by death of Arthur Taylor (Bedworth), Harold Argyle (Nuneaton) and Charles Rayson (Chilvers Coton) was recorded with regret. The balance sheet showed a balance of £37 10s. 10d. and the Bell Restoration Fund £16 19s. 5d.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. R. T. Murray (who sent a telegram apologising for absence); vice-presidents, Canon O. M. Jones, the Rev. J. H. Dingley, the Rev. F. S. Herbert, Mr. J. H. W. White and Mr. T. W. Chapman; hon. general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; district secretaries, Coventry and Rugby, Mr. T. Sheppard; Nuneaton, Mr. L. Trevor; Warwick and Stratford, Mr. D. Stanley; hon. auditor, Mr. A. H. Beamish.

A grant of £7 was made to the Chilvers Coton New Bells Fund from the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund.

Stratford-on-Avon was selected as the July meeting place. Mrs. M. Rayson and Dennis George, of Coton, were elected members.

Further ringing on the tower bells concluded an enjoyable meeting.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The annual meeting of the Guild was held in Clare College on April 23rd, when the president and treasurer (the Revs. A. C. Blyth and C. F. D. Moule respectively) were re-elected. The elections of junior officers resulted as follows: Master, R. Leigh (St. Catherine's), secretary, E. J. Lindley (Trinity); auditor, Lord Wrenbury (King's).

The statement of accounts was very satisfactory showing a total balance of £23. A discussion as to the best place to keep the library, bequeathed to the Guild by its founder, the late Rev. W. C. Pearson, was adjourned until the next meeting.

During the past year 12 tower-bell peals, including one each of Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major, were rung. This is a record number for any one year. In addition 11 handbell peals, including one of Double Norwich, were rung.

The annual Guild Week will take place during the first week of September, in Birmingham and neighbourhood. Any members interested who have not received official notification are asked to communicate with the secretary.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Thirty members, with welcome visitors from Wolverhampton, attended the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch, held at Ombersley on April 19th. The association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Gillingham).

Tea in the Church Room was followed by the business meeting, at which nine new ringing members were elected. Crowle was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, with Hanley Castle as an alternative.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies who served the tea, a return was made to the tower and ringing, under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Camm. A large proportion of time was given to members not so conversant with the more advanced methods.

## St. Martin's Guild

### ASTON A SECOND HEADQUARTERS.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Aston Parish Church on April 19th. For many years it has been customary to do so, and judging by the number present and the spirit that permeated the gathering, it is as popular as ever. The bells (12) were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when about 70 attended service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. F. Guy Warman).

An excellent tea, kindly provided by the ringers of Aston and their ladies, was partaken of in the Schoolroom. The Master (Councillor Paddon Smith) took the chair at the business meeting. Immediately after the minutes had been read, the chairman gave a hearty welcome to the Vicar, remarking that Aston was regarded by the St. Martin's Guild as their second headquarters, and he trusted that the happy relations which had existed for so many years would long continue.

The tower election of Mr. T. G. Myers, of Plymouth, as a life member, which took place prior to the peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral was duly ratified. Mr. Myers was also congratulated on ringing his first peal of Cinques on such a fine peal of bells.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Solihull on July 5th, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Shirley on June 7th, this being the occasion of the dedication of the two new trebles, making a peal of eight.

Mr. A. Walker, referring to the peal at Exeter, said he would like to congratulate the band on ringing such an excellent peal; it was a big job to ring a peal on these bells, and it was good to know that there were members now who could emulate those of July 5th, 1924, who rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral. He would also like to congratulate their Ringing Master, Mr. George Fearn, on the variety and quality of the peals rung during the past year, which included Yorkshire Royal and Maximus.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Aston ringers for providing such an excellent tea, and congratulated Mr. Fred Price and his friends on their efforts. This concluded the business, and whilst some returned to the tower others rang several good touches on the handbells, and so ended another good meeting at Aston.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### EARL OF SHAFTESBURY'S INTEREST.

It was a pleasure for the Wimborne Branch to have with them for their quarterly meeting at Wimborne St. Giles on April 12th their president, the Earl of Shaftesbury. He read the lesson at the service, joined the company of over 30 at tea, and, last but not least, joined in the ringing in the tower. His lordship takes part in the service ringing on Sundays, and told the writer that St. Giles' bells always pull off punctually every Sunday morning and evening to ringing time.

At the service a short address was given by the Rector (the Rev. J. C. Meyer), the singing being greatly helped by the young ringers from St. John's, Bournemouth, who are also chorists. The president, in his address at the tea, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young members present.

Some German prisoners who work in the vicinity attended the service and were greatly interested on being invited to see the ringing in progress. A.R.M.

## BANBURY BELLS

Sir,—While travelling from the Midlands in the early evening of Sunday, April 27th, I had occasion to stop at Banbury. To my intense delight the bells of the Parish Church were ringing out merrily, and I spent a most enjoyable half an hour listening to some very good touches of Triples. I would like, through the medium of your columns, to express my appreciation to those taking part.—Yours faithfully, S. R. MEAGER.

6, Cross Oak Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.



# FROM THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG

## The Three Rejects

### REASONS NOT LAMENTATIONS WANTED.

Dear Sir,—At its forthcoming meeting the Central Council will, no doubt, give serious consideration to the three peals which have been rejected by the Peals Analysis Committee in its total for 1946, viz., one each of Minor and Kent Major with the tenor covering and one with a non-ringing conductor.

There are, I know, many ringers who regard as harsh and unjust the somewhat odd rule which debars a keen conductor, who, by reason of infirmity, deformity or advanced years, cannot actually ring, from the pleasure of calling a peal. There are, also, others who, like myself, have at some time or other been confronted with the following three courses: (1) Calling a peal on an odd number of bells (above five) which would have performed a very definite service and amount of good to a struggling country band; (2) leaving out one of the members which would have done an equal amount of harm and created a local dissension; and (3) relinquishing the opportunity of a peal altogether for at least several years.

It is, therefore, highly desirable that the Council should approach these vexed problems with strict impartiality and, if it decides against a revision of the rules, give boldly the reason for its decision and not indulge in idle lamentations regarding Mr. Kippin's alleged 'stunts,' etc., or take refuge in worn-out dogma re not cutting across the well-established principles of the Exercise, etc.

In connection with the three peals under dispute it would be interesting to know whether the committee has actually acted according to precedent or whether any of the few similar peals rung in the past from time to time were recognised by the Council. If any such peal has been conceded previously members of the Exercise are, of course, justified in asking why the Peals Analysis Committee has suddenly gone 'all fussy' and become so particularly stringent in this matter and why 'fish' is made of some and 'fry' of others. Furthermore, is there a rule relating to 14-bell peals or did the famous and meritorious Birmingham handbell peal of Stedman Sextuples go unrecognised?

T. R. BUTLER.

27, Lynwood Gardens, Orrell Park,  
Liverpool, 9.

## EXETER IN 1902 RECALLED

Dear Sir,—I have been most interested in your two last leading articles, as one living in those times to which you refer.

The first on the silent peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) by Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, W. H. L. Buckingham, C. F. Winney and G. T. McLaughlin, brings to my mind my first peal on handbells, in which my late wife took part, in 1892, and the complimentary letter from Mr. J. C. Mitchell in the following week's issue of 'Bell News.' I also received many congratulations from members of the Central Council at the annual meeting held at Birmingham that year.

Re the peals mentioned on Exeter Cathedral bells, the records are not quite accurate, as Mr. J. Austen has passed on. He conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters, not W. Pye, who rang 'Grandison' single-handed. W. Pye, I am afraid, felt its effects ever afterwards; one day when we were out on a ringing tour he remarked, 'I never felt exactly the same after any other peal I had rung.'

In addition to myself and Canon Coleridge, Mr. A. W. Brighton is a survivor of the first peal on the bells in 1902. Mr. Brighton also took part in the Stedman Caters with Mr. J. Thomas, and they are the only survivors of that peal. The late W. W. Gifford, of Salisbury, also rang in both these peals and was very fond of telling the tale why we rang Grandsire instead of Stedman for the first peal and the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's remark.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## Canada Replies

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World,' March 28th, I read, 'Information wanted from Canada,' per E. Barnett. Mr. G. W. Foster arrived in Vancouver about the year 1907 or 1908. He rang with our band of round ringers for six months and then went to San Francisco. Some six months later he returned and rang again as a round ringer. We gradually changed our band with the addition of other change ringers to a very good band of change ringers. For a few weeks his half-brother, Jack Tassell, was with us; he went to California and has not been heard of since.

As to the peal rung and conducted by him, he first had us ring each quarter-peal. When sure of his band the whole 5,040 Grandsire, Holt's Original, was rung on July 1st, 1911. He left Vancouver and resided at Port Haney some 36 miles up the Fraser River from Vancouver and was very regular in driving in for Sunday ringing until about two years ago, when he entered the Royal Columbia Hospital at New Westminster, B.C., and died a few months later. We rang handbells over his grave at Port Haney, probably for the first time in Canada.

It was not Mr. Foster who came several hundred miles to conduct the peal at the dedication at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, but Mr. E. Weatherby, from Los Angeles, California.—Yours truly,

A. C. LIMPUS.

208, Union Street, Vancouver, B.C.

## NEW ZEALAND'S LOYAL GREETINGS

Dear Sir,—The bells of the Christchurch Cathedral were rung in honour of Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday at 7.30 a.m. and were 'fired' 21 times. Dean Warren cabled to Princess Elizabeth the congratulations of the ringers and informed her that the bells had been rung. He received a cable the next day expressing her thanks, so we propose to frame her reply and hang it in the belfry.

We received a lot of publicity in our newspapers, which stated that the time schedule of the Empire makes it likely that the bells of the Christchurch Cathedral (New Zealand) would be the first in the British Empire to be rung in celebration of her birthday.—Yours sincerely,

G. N. SLOAN, Deputy Master,

Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers' Society.

## OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR

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## Bath and Wells Association

Dear Sir,—Before being too critical over this association's declining membership it would be as well to look again into the figures quoted by '1947,' as it so happens that the smaller total membership in 1946 represents 158 affiliated towers as against 151 in 1936. All things being equal this should be a healthy sign.

As '1947' suggests a little food for thought, I would suggest a reference to your issue dated April 4th, in which appears notices of two quarterly meetings on April 12th in neighbouring towers, which happen to be in different deaneries, but only two miles apart. Whilst it was plain to all that one of the meetings was doomed to failure, nothing was done to avert disaster. Surely either or both of these secretaries could have contacted the other and saved the situation. It can only be assumed that the whole thing was left to the survival of the fittest.

It does seem necessary for someone to ask how the meetings in the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery can be expected to survive with none, other than the secretary, attending.

—Yours sincerely,  
W. J. GAIT.

Hallatrow, Bristol.

## CLASHING MEETINGS

Sir,—Some years ago the Saturdays of the month were, by mutual arrangement, divided up between certain Deaneries of the Bath and Wells Diocese, to avoid meetings clashing. It is to be regretted that the Bath branch, by appropriating the Saturday allotted to its nearest neighbour, should be the first to break this gentlemen's agreement.—Yours truly,

S. W.

Bath.

## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Sir,—Some few years ago a peal of Cambridge Minor was rung and a claim put in for seven different callings, with all 5.6's at back-stroke. I cannot remember the tower, but the figures were never published in 'The Ringing World.' We have just rung a similar peal and we would like to know if our figures are the same as those rung previously. Anyone interested can prick the figures from the following calling:—

6 ex 2 adding three bobs on 3.5 behind  
6 ex 3 adding three bobs on 4.5 behind  
6 ex 4 adding three bobs on 2.5 behind  
5 ex 2 adding three bobs on 4.6 behind  
5 ex 3 adding three bobs on 2.6 behind  
6 ex 4 adding three bobs on 3.6 behind  
6 ex 5 or 5 ex 6 as desired.

Thus the first six 720's each contain 12 bobs, and it does not matter which way the secondary observation pair are behind.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

86, Hartington Road, Preston.

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*A book to help the learner  
of Bell Ringing in the  
study of Change Ringing*

S. P. C. K.

Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2

First rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, for the Chester Guild, on Jan. 17th, 1947, conducted by J. E. Bibby.



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### BIRTH

GRAY.—On May 11th, 1947, at 54, Wellington Street, Gainsborough, to Ethel (née Marshall), wife of Eric Gray, the gift of a son (Roger Eric). 1401

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby and Mrs. M. J. Corby, 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23. Phone Forest Hill 3683. 1384

Robert C. Heazel, 8, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex. Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Essex Association of Change Ringers. 1399

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 1360

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting Scarborough, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Hornsey Dene Boarding House 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1288

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, postponed owing to snow and floods, will now be held at St. Neots on Sat., May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged if possible.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots. 1366

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—A district meeting will be held at Woodbridge on May 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head at 5 to only those who notify Mr. C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 1336

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Guildford District.—Dunsfold, Saturday, May 17th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1312

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke Branch.—Combined practice at Wolveaton (6), Sat., May 17th, 5.30. All welcome. 1347

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Tadcaster, May 17th. Tea 3s. 1363

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—North Elmham, Sat., May 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Only a village; catering difficult, so please notify at once.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 1352

BITTON, NEAR BRISTOL.—Eight bells, augmented 1936 by Taylor's. Open practice (by permission) alternate Tuesdays, 7.15. Next date, May 20th. All ringers invited.—A. Corrigan, Le Coteau, Bitton, Bristol. 1395

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Evening meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on Wed., May 21st. Bells from 6.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Perivale 5320. 1356

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—May 24th, Egerton (6), Charing (6). Bells 2.15. Service 4.45, Charing. —Names to C. F. Good, Old Swan Flats, Charing. Buses, Egerton, leave Maidstone 12.43 (12A) and 1 (10, change at Charing) only. —E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 1324

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick & Stratford-on-Avon District Branch.—Meeting on Sat., May 24th, 3 p.m., at Alderminster (6). Cup of tea provided, but bring your own food. Good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1398

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting Broadclyst, near Exeter, Sat., May 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea before May 20th to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. 1350

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mickleton (8), Sat., May 24th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 to those who notify me by Tuesday, May 20th.—W. J. Newman, Sec., 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 1382

WORCS & DISTRICTS ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Meeting Belbroughton, Sat., May 24th, 3. Tea 5.—B. C. Ashford, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1391

LANCS ASSN.—Next meeting will be held at Walkden, Sat., May 24th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1389

ESSEX ASSN.—N.W. Division.—Practice evening Sat., May 24th. Matching (6). Bells 6 to 8.30. All welcome.—G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 1394

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham, Sat., May 24th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by May 21st. 1358

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Northampton, Whit Monday, May 26th. Committee meet St. Giles' Rooms, 2.45. Service St. Giles' Church, 3.30. Tea in St. Giles' Room 4.30 for those who send names to Guild secretary by Saturday, May 17th. Bells: St. Edmund's and All Saints', 11 to 1; St. Peter's and Holy Sepulchre, 1 to 3; St. Giles', 1 to 3.30. After the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 1304

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Whit Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Names for tea before May 19th to Mr. H. Harrison, Mill House, Roman Bank, Long Sutton. 1377

HEREFORD DIO. GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival Ross-on-Wye, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 3.30. Tea Valley Hotel 4.15. Business Church Hall 5.15. Bells, Ross (8), Bridstow (8) and Weston-under-Penyard (6) available 11.30 a.m. Meat tea (3s. 6d.) if notification before May 23rd.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 1322

ESSEX ASSN.—68th annual general meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service in the Cathedral at 11. Bells (12) from 10. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting in the Chapter House at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be served at the County Hotel at 1.30 to those who notify me before May 19th. The following bells will be available for ringing from 3 until 9: The Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 8, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex.

CUMBERLAND ASSN.—Meeting will be held at Carlisle on Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells available: Cathedral (8), 12 to 4.30 and 5.30 to 9; St. Stephen's (8), 12 noon to 9. Meeting in Frater 3.30. Lunch 12.30. Tea 4.30 at City Picture House Cafe. Names to Mr. R. Ling, 99, Denton Street, Carlisle, by May 17th.—S. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1365



**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Ranmore on Whit Monday. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 4.15. Notifications to 'Ringers Teas,' c/o Ranmore Common P.O. Stores, Dorking, as early as possible. 1387

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech District.—Walpole St. Andrew's (6), Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1392

**DEVON GUILD.**—Annual general meeting at Torquay, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service at 12.15 p.m. in Upton Parish Church. Meeting in Abbey Hall, Abbey Road, at 1 p.m. Bring food; coffee provided. Ringing at Upton (8), Babbacombe (8), Cockington (6) (10.30-12) and Tormohun (6). Friends welcomed.—F. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1385

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Meetings Hutton May 24th, Burrington May 31st, 6.30.—E. J. Avery, Sandford. 1388

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Hadleigh District.—Sprooughton (6), Sat., May 31st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea, and business meeting after, Church Hall, 5. Please bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Sec. 1364

**SUSSEX ASSN. (E.) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint practice Salehurst, May 31st, 2.30. Tea 5. Notify by 27th.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings. 1390

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting Earls Colne, May 31st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by May 28th to F. Ridgwell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, Colchester.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1400

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival at Macclesfield on Sat., May 31st. Service St. Michael's 3.30; preacher, the Lord Bishop. Tea M.E.P.S. Beehive Cafe 4.45; tickets (limited) 3s. 6d. each, available from branch secretaries before May 24th. St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (10), Bollington (8) and Sutton (6). Towers open at 1 p.m. Enquiries to Mr. J. Tipper, 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfield. 1397

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Navenby (6), Sat., May 31st, 2 p.m. Service 4. Wellingore (6) available after tea. Tea arrangements notified next week.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec. 1396

## Kent County Association

### 100 MEMBERS WENT TO ELHAM.

Approximately 100 members representing 23 towers attended the meeting of the Canterbury District at Elham on April 19th. The Vicar (the Rev. R. H. J. Williams) conducted the service and Mr. G. H. Spice (general secretary) read the lesson.

Tea in the Vicarage, at the Vicar's suggestion, was held in two sessions, and the business meeting in the church. At this 11 new practising members from Barham were elected; here the ring of five bells have been augmented with the addition of a tenor. Margate was chosen for the next quarterly meeting (July 26th), and Whitstable (May 31st) for the next by-meeting.

After the meeting those seated on the south side of the church went off to tea, generously provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Williams, and the remainder spent the time in a conducted tour of the church.

Further ringing followed, and the bells of Barham and Lyminge were also open.

### MEETING AT MARDEN.

The meeting at Marden on April 5th was not very well attended, only 21 ringers being present. The standard of ringing was, however, generally high. Four new members were elected, Miss J. Waters and Mr. M. Kibblewhite, of the local band, and Miss J. Pankhurst and Mr. G. Hitchcock, of Leigh. The election of Mr. D. Wood, of Northiam, was confirmed.

The attendance was much improved for the meeting at Cranbrook on May 3rd. The bells were somewhat difficult to ring mainly because of the long draught and the newness of the ropes. Those present persevered, however, and a number of touches of methods up to Double Norwich, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples were rung successfully, the striking in some cases being of a very high standard in view of the difficulties of ringing.

At the business meeting four members were elected, Mr. O. G. Butler, the local captain, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wilkes, both members of the Cranbrook band, and Mr. A. Beach, of Shipbourne.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On April 13th, 1,440 of Plain Bob Minor: K. Medhurst 1, R. Godfrey 2, Miss A. Holden 3, Miss B. Frost 4, A. Williams 5, A. Hall (conductor) 6.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Newport Pagnell, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names by June 2nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 1393

**ST. CRANTOCK, NEWQUAY, CORNWALL.**—Rededication of restored ring of six by Rev. Chancellor R. Roberts, 2.30, Sat., June 14th. All ringers welcome. Reply by June 9th to Rev. H. Trehwella, Crantock. 1386

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOC.**—Practices at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, will in future be on Tuesdays at 6.15 p.m. during terms, and not on Mondays as previously.—P. R. Blackman, Hon. Sec. 1383

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—The Guild wishes to purchase, for its records, a copy of the 1929 jubilee photograph, and I should be grateful if anybody willing to sell a copy would notify me.—E. J. Lindley, Hon. Sec., Trinity College. 1381

## Ladies' Guild

### SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The bells of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, were 'manned' by ladies for Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich during the successful meeting of the South-Eastern Division on April 19th. The Vicar gave an interesting address at the service and welcomed the Guild. Thirty-five sat down to tea, the ladies being in the majority by one.

At the business meeting, Miss Belcher presided and 17 new members were elected, which brings the total of new members since the division was started last October to 40. Miss Belcher, for Sussex, and Miss Colgate, for Kent, were elected to the Central Committee. Ashford (Kent) was selected for the annual meeting in April, 1948.

For the time being it was decided to ask Miss Colgate to do all she could to get together the lady ringers in Kent. The dividing of the county for working purposes is to be left until the next annual meeting. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Hairs to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Miss Colgate and Mr. B. Collison for arranging the meeting and having everything in readiness.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Division at Wormingford on April 19th was attended by 24 members.

The Vicar (the Rev. D. E. Gilbert) conducted the service and tea was served in the school by Mrs. Leggett and helpers. At the business meeting three new members were elected, and Colchester was selected for the next meeting. Mr. E. Leggett (the local captain) was unfortunately unable to be present, having met with an accident the previous Thursday. Methods rung ranged from Bob Minor to London Surprise.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some 41 members attended the North Norfolk Branch meeting at Buxton on April 19th and were entertained to tea by Mr. W. C. Duffield and friends. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. E. W. Blyth presided at the business meeting, when Miss Bracey, Messrs. G. Moore, P. R. Banks and E. W. Martin were elected members. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £2 9s. The next meeting will be at Kingham on July 5th.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association at Thorne in conjunction with the Doncaster and the Selby District Societies on April 26th was attended by 25 ringers.

A short service in the church was conducted by the Vicar, and tea followed in the Church Room. Three new members, Miss Margaret Graves (Carlton), Mr. A. Tate (Howden) and Mr. C. Thorley, jun. (Thorne), were elected at the business meeting. Goole was selected for the June meeting, and a collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 12s. 9d.

### SUFFOLK GUILD

The nice light ring of six at Walsham-le-Willows was made good use of by the 28 members attending the meeting of the Bury St. Edmunds and Eye districts on April 19th. Ringing ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the chief item of interest was the appointment of a district secretary for Eye District. After several names had been proposed, Mr. A. Lock, of Yaxley, was invited to stand, and it can now be reported he has accepted office.

The next district meeting for Eye District will be held at Eye, and for Bury St. Edmunds District it is hoped to arrange a meeting at Hopton on June 14th.



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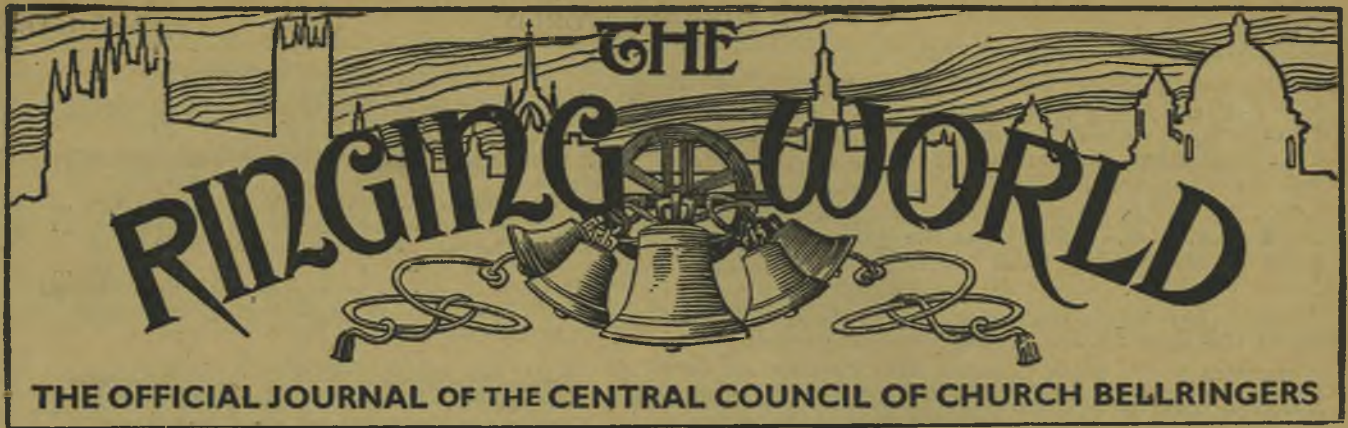
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### ADJUSTMENTS

There are periods when life has to be adjusted to a new set of circumstances. Such a condition confronts us to-day with prevailing inflation and loss of purchasing power of the £ sterling. Many are able to meet the new situation with an adjustment in their pay packets; others whose income is static find themselves at a disadvantage. This loss of purchasing power of the shilling or half-crown has repercussions in every walk of life. The Guild subscription, if it is not adjusted, will mean a lowering of the standard of service to members. Recently four Guilds or Associations—Southwell, Bath and Wells, Middlesex and Salisbury—have increased their subscriptions to enable members to enjoy a range of service on lines similar to those prevailing before the war. Other Guilds will have to adopt the same procedure unless they elect to eat rapidly into their reserves.

We would appeal to Guild committees, in considering their finances, not to limit their service to members in ratio to the decreased purchasing power of the subscription. A cheeseparating policy will not attract members; Guilds must offer as comprehensive a service as possible. In the forefront should be the oft-repeated urge from the Central Council that all who ring church bells shall be united in one body and fellowship. The programme of meetings and visits must be continued if the Exercise is to make progress, and there should be a printed report available for each member. Southwell Guild estimated that the cost of printing their report worked out at 2s. per copy, and at the Middlesex Association the cost of printing a peal was estimated at 4s. 6d. Knowing the charges to-day brought about by the changed circumstances, such figures cause no surprise. Costs in printing can only be effectively reduced by increased numbers, and that is why we welcome, and are anxious to procure, new readers for 'The Ringing World.' Printed Guild reports are of great value; some are really comprehensive documents, giving full particulars of practice nights, touches for conductors, peals rung and membership records. As is right and proper, just pride in continuous membership is frequently recorded in our pages. This long and faithful service to the Church is stimulated by the Guilds or Associations, who in their turn propagate that fellowship which is a remarkable thing about ringing.

No tower should be unable to adjust its finances to meet the new subscription rate. The secret is belfry organisation. Many towers work on the principle of a



weekly subscription of twopence or threepence, which meets all Guild subscriptions and incidental expenditure. Others employ such means as steeppleage for raising funds. One Association at least collects a steeppleage fee from all members and visitors at meetings. Many ringers, we know, do not like imposing a steeppleage charge on visitors, feeling that the injunction in the Epistle for last Sunday, 'Use hospitality one to another without grudging,' should be the guiding principle in their fellowship within the Exercise. On the other hand visitors themselves would willingly pay for their enjoyment, as in other walks of life. For the good of the Exercise it is essential that our Guilds should be in strong positions financially, and if the greater part of the revenue comes from the practising members then is developed that sturdy independence, a characteristic of the present age. Cap-in-hand begging to meet the new costs should be discouraged.

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Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... Treble	†REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	WALTER C. ROSE ... 7
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 8
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 4	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 9
WM. A. THEOBALD ... 5	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Royal. A compliment to the Master of the Guild, Mr. George Williams, on his 90th birthday.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 7
WM. H. HEWITT ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... 9
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 8
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4	*WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... 9
H. JAMES TURNER ... 5	GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* Has now circled this tower.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	*EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	*LESLIE E. ASTON ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 9
EDWARD EVANS ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Stedman and of Caters.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

GEORGE A. SPARKS ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 8
CLIFFORD BIRD ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... 9
†LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5	WM. C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire. In honour of the tenth anniversary of the Coronation and for their Majesty's home-coming.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 17 cwt.

J. WM. HEATH ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	FRANK SADLER ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4	ROBERT GEADEN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

In memoriam Canon Allsebrook, late Vicar of Badsey.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	*FRED MELLOR ... 5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 2	IVAN KAY ... 6
EILEEN BASTOW ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
SELWYN DEARDEN ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

\* First peal in the method. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Dearden.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*NESTA D. SMITH ... Treble	*LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 5
*RICHARD SMITH ... 2	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
*VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 3	ALBERT DISERENS ... 7
*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

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Grove's Transposition.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
PERCY GREEN ... ..	Treble	PERCY FELTON ... ..	5
DR. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ...	2	*HARRY CARTER ... ..	6
IAN HALLS ... ..	3	GEORGE GREEN ... ..	7
*LESLIE AINGER ... ..	4	FRANK PAYNE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate Mr. George Green's 60 years as a service ringer at Great Baddow.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

*JACK MUSSEL ... ..	Treble	PETER ANGER ... ..	5
†LESLIE A. PAGE ... ..	2	*PETER D. WENHAM ...	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	3	LEONARD HARRIS ... ..	7
*JAMES E. FIGGURES ...	4	FRANK L. HARRIS ...	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor. W. A. Theobald's 50th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Williams on his 90th birthday—from the ringers of Salisbury.

LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEOFFREY F. CARTER ...	Treble	*VERNON J. BENNING ...	5
PETER R. BLACKBURN ...	2	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	6
†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ...	3	*DENIS A. BAYLES ...	7
*E. S. JOHN HATCHER ...	4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. The first peal on eight bells for the Society.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... ..	Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... ..	5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... ..	2	WALTER ALLMAN ... ..	6
CYRIL VALENTINE ... ..	3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ...	7
ERIC J. GILBERT ... ..	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... ..	Treble	JAMES HIGGINS ... ..	5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... ..	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	6
MARIE R. CROSS ... ..	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	7
NEIL I. ALLNATT ... ..	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ...	Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	5
WILLIAM LEWIS ... ..	2	RALPH HARRIE ... ..	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... ..	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	7
JOHN THOMAS ... ..	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Rung on the occasion of the baptism of the son of Mr. T. W. Lewis.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Comprising 1,824 Rutland, 1,056 Bristol, 864 London, 672 Superlative and 672 Cambridge with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ...	Treble	*WILFRID F. MORETON ...	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... ..	2	ALAN R. PINK ... ..	6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	3	WM. C. PORTER ... ..	7
*BETTY SPICE ... ..	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* 50th peal together. The first peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH ...	Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEP ...	5
*WILFRED W. RING ... ..	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	6
WM. A. OLDFIELD ... ..	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	7
PERCY PAGE ... ..	4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ...	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

LAWRENCE GREENHOW ...	Treble	J. FREDK. MILNER ... ..	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... ..	2	ALFRED BALLARD ... ..	6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... ..	3	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... ..	7
FRANK K. MEASURES ...	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	Tenor

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

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., May 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEOFFREY WM. HAIR ...	Treble	GEORGE L. RODEN ... ..	5
*JOAN BERESFORD ... ..	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	6
GEORGE OLIVER ... ..	3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... ..	7
WM. H. CURSON ... ..	4	PERCIVAL WM. GRICE ...	Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. J. H. BOTHAM ...	Treble	MAURICE HODGSON ... ..	5
*LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	*ALICK CUTLER ... ..	6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... ..	7
*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method. A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botham, who are shortly leaving by air for South Africa, and as a compliment to Mr. H. Kilby, on his retirement from the position of Master of the tower.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Burford Guild.)

On Fri., May 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Carter's Twelve-part (3rd the observation).

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E flat.

THOS. S. STRATFORD ...	Treble	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ...	5
FRANK SODEN ... ..	2	THOS. W. TIMMS ... ..	6
*JACK KEYTE ... ..	3	WM. J. DIXON ... ..	7
FREDK. W. SODEN ... ..	4	*JOHN J. WESTMACOTT ...	Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

\* First peal. First peal for the local Guild since its re-formation in December, 1945.



## SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (10 callings).

LEONARD E. A. DAVIES <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 4
HUBERT JONES ... .. 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... .. 5
JAMES HUGHES ... .. 3	GEORGE ALLEN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Rung on the occasion of the christening of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nicholas, of Craven Arms, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Plant, of Ludlow.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATTWG,

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

One 1,440 and five 720's.

ARTHUR HOARE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	HARRY BOYCE ... .. 4
*LAURENCE WOOD ... .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON ... .. 3	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Kent Minor. The tenor ringer has now circled the tower.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST CARVELL ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

Arranged for the visit of Mr. R. H. Dove.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

LORD WRENBURY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4
*JOHN B. ROWSELL ... .. 2	ROGER LEIGH ... .. 5
*PETER BORDER ... .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal in six methods by all. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LEWKNOR, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Antelope, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Nicholas', St. Giles', Winchendon Place, St. Miles', Stedman, Oxford Bob, St. Martin's, Old, Norfolk and April Day.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

GILBERT WRIGHT ... .. <i>Treble</i>	CECIL G. CALCUTT ... .. 3
HARRY P. FLOYD ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 4
ALAN R. PINK ... .. ...	... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 19 methods by all the band, and the first peal on the bells. Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., May 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN SCOTT ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*JAMES F. HARVEY ... 4
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 2	*EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ First Surprise peal.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DENNIS BERESFORD ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... 4
*MISS JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	WALTER J. COPE ... .. 5
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 3	*PETER BERESFORD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MISS JOAN BERESFORD.

\* First peal. A compliment to the conductor on her 15th birthday.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 4
CECIL LONGHURST ... .. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 3	CECIL H. WOOD ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by L. STILWELL.

A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Dieterle.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*ERNEST H. BROOKS ... <i>Treble</i>	*RONALD FACEY ... .. 4
*ROBERT SELLARS ... .. 2	*CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
*NORMAN HUTCHESON ... 3	*JOHN W. CARTER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN W. CARTER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The ringer of the treble is in his 73rd year.

SANDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Seven different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qt

*L. POPE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*R. TAPPENDEN ... .. 4
*MISS H. GORRINGE ... 2	F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 5
*M. CLOKE ... .. 3	*G. WATERS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT,

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

### A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Wellington Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Crayford College, and St. Clement's.

Tenor size 14½ in E sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 3-4	FRANK LORD ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

There were 246 changes of method. The greatest number of Major methods rung 'in hand' by all the band and for the Guild. Rung for the third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFERY,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., May 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT 124, CARHOLME ROAD,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7-8
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 9-10	

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

50th peal as conductor.



**ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On April 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. W. White 1, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 2, E. Stone 3, C. H. Webb 4, J. W. Taylor 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, C. S. Aylett 7, G. Gardner 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major upon the bells.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On April 27th, 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise: Margaret Pitstow 1, Jill Brittain 2, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 3, Winifred Adams 4, N. Hobden 5, H. Cheesman 6, A. J. Adams 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. First quarter of Spliced by all except conductor. Rung for the birth of a daughter to 7th ringer.

**BATH.**—At St. Michael's on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Medway (first quarter) 1, T. King 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, W. H. Hurford 4, E. King 5, R. Fry, jun. 6, G. Hawkins (conductor) 7, H. Merrett 8. Rung for Mr. E. King's 42nd wedding anniversary.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Frost 1, Mrs. E. Roscoe 2, Miss A. Holden 3, K. Medhurst 4, A. Williams (conductor) 5, R. Godfrey 6.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—At St. James', 1,264 Bob Major: W. Prockson (first in method) 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, F. A. Barker 3, G. A. Parsons 4, N. Hodgson (conductor) 5, W. J. Ellis 6, C. Potheary 7, A. W. Coles 8.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. E. Hoodless 1, Peter Simpson 2, Mrs. A. H. Eastoe 3, A. H. Eastoe 4, James Hayes 5, A. W. Hoodless 6. For Confirmation service and for the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes.

**CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.**—On April 21st 1,260 Grandsire Triples for the 21st birthday of Princess Elizabeth: William Wheatman 1, William Astle 2, F. Poston 3, E. Fleet 4, A. Newell 5, N. Collins 6, William Griffiths (conductor) 7, S. Carman 8.

**CLANFIELD, OXON.**—On April 23rd at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Revs. A. G. G. Thurlow 1, N. E. Hope 2, I. J. Richards 3, C. Carew Cox 4, B. F. Sheppard 5, Canon R. F. Wilkinson 6, R. D. St. J. Smith (conductor) 7, H. Benson 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Blows 1, R. Funnell 2, J. Fleetwood 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, J. Armstrong 5, J. Groves 6, F. V. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Laybourn.

**EALING.**—At St. Mary's on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Tricker 1, Miss D. E. Lidbetter (conductor) 2, P. E. Clark 3, Miss P. G. Kitchen 4, J. Kent 5, A. Mark Stacey 6, H. Andrews 7, A. Harding 8.

**FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob): M. Mason 1, J. Mason 2, R. Elliott 3, W. Jones (conductor) 4, P. Mason 5, D. Mason 6.

**GLASGOW.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral on April 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. C. Scott 1, R. J. G. Thorn 2, H. F. Sargent 3, L. Boumphy 4, R. M. Preston 5, N. Sharpe 6, E. A. Stafford 7, C. Barker (conductor) 8.

**HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Leicester to St. Mary's Church: H. Hurd 1, J. Bowcock 2, J. Cross 3, R. Sherriff 4, L. H. Hurd (conductor) 5, F. Beck 6. First quarter by 2, 3, 4 and 6.

**HEREFORD.**—At the Church of All Saints on and for St. George's Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. L. Sadler 1, W. H. Symonds 2, M. P. Moreton 3, J. D. Worsley 4, G. Davis 5, W. F. Moreton (conductor) 6.

**HOLLOWAY, N.7.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Lancaster 1, E. Pryor 2, B. Tubb 3, E. Pratchett 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, Miss A. Castle 2, S. Croft 3, N. G. Hollingworth 2, C. W. Otley 5, J. Bullock 6, A. W. J. Appleton (first in method) 1, R. H. Begrie 8.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's on April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, J. G. Nash 3, N. Hollingworth 4, R. Newman 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**KIRKBURTON, YORKS.**—On April 19th, 1,947 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Roberts 1, H. Armitage (conductor) 2, W. E. Dransfield 3, M. Hill 4, A. Rothery 5, A. Hinchliffe 6, A. Bond 7, W. Halliwell 8.

**NEWBURN - ON - TYNE, NORTHUMB. LAND.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of 360 St. Simon's, 240 Stedman, 420 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob: J. Plane 1, Miss M. Addison 2, Miss M. Fidell 3, T. W. Crowe 4, K. Arthur 5, E. Wallace 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

**OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.**—At St. Mary's Church, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Smith 1, Miss Joan Smith 2, Miss P. Kitchener 3, Miss M. Cole 4, Frank Hopgood 5, H. Andrews 6, R. Lathbury (conductor) 7, V. Smith 8.

**ROCHESTER, KENT.**—At the Church of St. Margaret, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Kidd 1, D. T. Hills 2, F. Richardson 3, R. E. Norris 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, J. Rayner 8. A farewell to the Rector.

**SIDMOUTH, DEVON.**—At St. Nicholas' Church on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith 1, R. Pike 2, R. Teed 3, H. Dyer 4, P. Davis (first as conductor) 5, C. Turner 6, R. Woodley 7, T. Fouracre 8. First quarter for 2 and 4.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's on April 27th, 1,248 Double Norwich Major: H. C. Collier 1, Mrs. E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. Lankester 4, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 5, M. Hodgson 6, H. Kilby 7, A. Outler 8.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—On April 23rd at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Robert Ellis 1, J. Cooper 2, H. Howl 3, A. Mills 4, J. Catterhill 5, E. Parish 6, M. Turner (conductor) 7, S. Loach 8. Rung in honour of Princess Elizabeth.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Last Sunday, Mr. J. W. Wilkins, to celebrate his 84th birthday, travelled eight miles to take part in a quarter-peal of Bob Major at Beaconsfield for morning service, and in the evening he went to Hughenden and conducted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which he composed in 1881.

Oxford Guild's Doubles specialists have now rung 19. A new record for the Guild.

It is never too late to start. Mr. Ernest H. Brooks, now in his 73rd year, has rung his first peal at Gosberton, Lincs.

A bequest of £250 has been left by Mr. W. J. Baker, a well-known Devonshire farmer, for increasing the fine six at Exminster by two trebles.

Mr. George Williams thanks his many friends for letters and telegrams on reaching his 90th birthday. He hopes to reply to all in due course.

Life members and non-members of the Middlesex Association will in future be charged 1s. for their reports. There will be no charge for reports to honorary members.

Regarding the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, Brighton, on April 25th, this was the first peal of Stedman by A. Patrick Cannon, but not the first peal of Stedman Caters by Anthony M. Humphreys.

Happy birthday to Mr. W. R. Melville! His 75th was celebrated at Highclere, Hants, by ringing his first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major with five others to the calling of his son-in-law, Mr. Charles H. Kippin.

Another birthday recorded is fifteen-year-old Joan Beresford, who called and rang her first peal on her natal day at Mavesyn Kidware, Staffs. Well done, Joan! Her twin brothers, who rang the treble and tenor, had then not reached their 13th birthday (May 12th). Are they the youngest trio in one family to ring a peal at first attempt?

## BELFRY GOSSIP

At the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association last April at St. Albans, Mr. G. W. Cartmel was presented by the members with a silver watch, in recognition and appreciation of his services as assistant and general secretary for 56 years. The presentation was made by Mr. J. C. Mitchell, a very old friend. The watch was suitably engraved. Mr. Cartmel is one of the few remaining original members of the Association, which was formed on October 29th, 1884.

In the comparatively short compass of eight months, Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway, of Smethwick, has completed peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. They were rung at Evesham (Royal), St. Chad's, Birmingham (Major), Redcliffe (Maximus), Great Barr (Minor).

Hillingdon ringers had a successful tour of Surrey last Saturday, visiting Reigate, Dorking and Guildford. The Editor was able to apologise to them for the slip in the Middlesex Association report. It was the Harlington band that had joined the Guild and whose ring of six bells have been augmented to eight.

Encouraged by the success of their initial effort, the Bournemouth ringers' rally for 1948 has been fixed for April 24th, a time of the year when Bournemouth is usually at its best. An added attraction being planned by Mr. Arthur V. Davis is a coach tour of neighbouring towers.

Before H. W. Milford, of Plymouth, sailed for Simonstown, South Africa, on May 1st, he rang in a farewell quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on April 27th. The band was H. W. Milford (first of Stedman) 1, G. H. Myers 2, S. O'Shaughnessy 3, A. Mitchelmore 4, A. W. Myers 5, H. F. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (conductor) 7, D. F. Wheeler 8.

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# CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EXETER

## A Battered but Busy City

BY A. W. SEARLE

(Chairman of Exeter District, Guild of Devonshire Ringers; Member of Central Council 1903-1927).

THE boldness of the Devonshire Guild Committee in inviting the Central Council to hold its Whitsun conference this year at Exeter and the confidence of the C.C. Executive in accepting it have every prospect of being justified. There were some qualms among the Guild Committee about adequacy of accommodation because bombings by German aircraft had taken heavy toll of halls, hotels and cafes, or because requisitioning for public emergency purposes had absorbed so much of what was left undamaged. However, through co-operation by ecclesiastical and civic authorities, difficulties have been overcome, and local arrangements entrusted to Preb. E. V. Cox (Guild president), Mr. F. C. Smale (Guild secretary), Mr. E. W. Biffen (Ringing Master for the district), Mr. T. Laver (Guild treasurer) and an anonymous coadjutor are now completed.

Exeter itself needs no adulation. It is the gateway to the South-West and for strategic and geographical reasons must have been always of outstanding importance. There is a tradition that it has greater antiquity than London, but Exeter can be content with evidence of Celtic, Roman, Saxon and Norman occupation. It always has been a local capital; it is the capital of Devon to-day, and a separate Parliamentary constituency; it is also a county borough, and has regular Assizes and Sessions. The line of Reeves, Provosts and Mayors can be traced for 1,020 years. History shows that the city has endured many sieges, more, probably, than any other comparable place; it has received several marks of royal approval for its loyalty, and Queen Elizabeth conferred the motto, *Semper Fidelis*, 'Ever Faithful.'

### ANCIENT WALLS.

Exeter must have had earthworks around it in very early times; the Romans are supposed to have erected walls, but there is no doubt that the Saxons and Normans completely encircled the old city. There is to this day Athelstan's tower betwixt Northernhay and Rougemont public grounds in the heart of the city, and the shell of the Norman castle on Rougemont crest. Nothing remains of the Castle itself beyond the gateway; the buildings now within the Castle yard are used for Devon County Council, Assize and Quarter Sessions and other purposes. There are considerable portions of the walls still in position on Northernhay, along Bartholomew Street, Westgate and on Southernhay; some bastions also remain.

### AIR RAID DAMAGE.

The present century brought along a policy of conservation of the city's remaining antiquities, which were considerable, but air raids during the war years 1939-45 caused great havoc. There were 19 of consequence, resulting in 265 fatalities, 788 other casualties, destruction of 1,400 to 1,500 houses, 400 other buildings and nine churches or chapels; damage to between 16,000 and 17,000 houses, 800 other buildings and 22 churches or chapels.

More than half the heart of the shopping centre of the city was wrecked and great gaps were torn in districts composed mainly of working class dwellings. No other place

## A WELCOME

In the name of all the members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, I am writing to bid you welcome to our county. Your official visits to the South-West must necessarily be rare and therefore this one is all the more appreciated. Although you are coming primarily to transact much important business, we hope that you will be able to find time to enjoy yourselves, even without Devonshire cream! Personally, I am looking forward to tea time on Whit Tuesday when I shall hope to meet several old friends and make some new ones.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. COX (President),  
The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

suffered more severely in proportion to size, and delegates may be surprised by the extent of the devastation that will confront them. Tons of high explosive bombs were dropped, but the most terrifying things were incendiary oil bombs. Thousands of these fell in the early hours of May 4th, 1942, and fires, fanned by a strong wind, swept through the city.

So it came about that Exeter lost several fine premises with ornamental timber fronts four centuries old, a Norman house, some notable Elizabethan or earlier buildings in stone, its general post office (one of the best equipped in the provinces), its modern arcade of shops, blocks of Georgian houses that had no rivals in the south-west region, and a



ST. MARY STEPS CHURCH CLOCK  
central figure of which represents Henry VIII.

mediaeval treasure known as the hall of the College of Vicars Choral, which had irreplaceable panelling and furnishings.

But it still has the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Mary, portions of which date from the 12th century with unique towers belonging to the Norman period, though the main portions of the existing building are in the Decorated style, or early 14th century. Special features are the vaulting (the longest unbroken length in England), the choir screen carrying the organ, minstrels' gallery, bishop's throne 50ft. high and beautifully carved, and a 14th century astronomical clock.

The choir aisle on the south side received a direct hit during the war and great damage was done by the explosion and blast. A good deal has been repaired, but much remains to be done. The Bishop's Palace almost adjoining the choir was also damaged; it is almost entirely 19th century; the charming grounds are open to the public; the Bishop lives elsewhere.

### THE GUILDHALL.

Then there is the Guildhall where, by permission of the Mayor (Alderman W. O. Wills), the conference will be held on Whit Tuesday. The Guildhall is in the High Street and cannot be missed, for its portico constructed in 1594 is carried on granite pillars over the footpath. There is nothing else in the city to correspond with it. The hall itself dates from 1330; it was completely restored in 1888. The armorial bearings on the sides are those of mayors, incorporated trades and city benefactors.

The Mayor's Parlour over the portico has a fine collection of portraits of civic worthies and there is a remarkable treasure in civic regalia

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SOUTH TOWER OF EXETER CATHEDRAL



**A BATTERED BUT BUSY CITY (cont.)**

and plate. Other places of interest are the Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery in Queen Street, St. Nicholas' Priory in the Mint (the Priory and an earlier foundation have been traced back to the time of King Ethelred; the Mint is a survival of the period when money was coined in the city), the Tuckers' and Weavers' Hall in Fore Street, St. Mary Steps Church with an antique clock having figures that strike the hours or quarters and are popularly known as Matthew the Miller and his two sons, but the central figure represents Henry VIII.; and Mol's Coffee House in the Cathedral yard, dating from 1596. Parliament Street is facetiously dubbed the narrowest in existence, but it is merely an alley way to afford side entrances to business premises fronting the High Street; there is no roadway. The city had a remarkably fine series of subterranean passages, but only a small portion can now be viewed, usually by special arrangement.

**GREAT LOSS.**

There are rings in the south tower of the Cathedral (12), St. David's, St. Thomas', St. Edmund's and Heavitree (8) and St. Petrock's (6). Neither St. Edmund's nor St. Petrock's can be used at present; the others are in good order. There is a fine set of six awaiting installation at St. Mark's; these bells formerly hung in St. John's tower, Fore Street, and were given to St. Mark's when St. John's was dismantled.

The north tower of the Cathedral contains Great Peter, on which the clock hours are struck. It was reputed to be six tons, but is actually four tons. There was talk of using it as the tenor of the ring in the south tower when the latter was restored, but instead the old tenor ('Grandison') was recast and increased in weight from about 60 to 72 cwt.

A great campanological loss was caused by the destruction of St. Sidwell's Church during the war. A high explosive bomb struck the tower and then fell on the church. Nearly the whole of the latter was destroyed. The tower was badly shaken, but the bells remained in position. Examination revealed very dangerous conditions, and the structure was blown down by explosives. The bells—10 with tenor of 24 cwt.—fell with it; some were retrieved in sound condition; some were broken. Re-hanging will take place in due course by Messrs. Taylor, but several years must elapse before rebuilding of church and tower can be effected. St. Sidwell's was for many years the hub of change ringing in Devon with the brothers Shepherd—Ferris, Edwin, Alfred and Frank—as foremost exponents. All have now passed on; Edwin, the last survivor, died a year or so ago.

**CALL CHANGE RINGERS.**

There are only two other tens in Devon—one at Cullompton and the other at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. Charles, Plymouth, another ten, was lost during enemy blitzes. There are many good eights in various parts of the county. It should be understood that round and call change ringers are very strong in Devon and that the raising and falling of bells in peal and accurate striking are of prime importance. Scientific bands who have toured the county know that methods with the tenor turned in are not appreciated by round and call change men and are a drawback rather than a help towards the progress of the Guild, which comprises about 50 towers. But if there is good ringing, with the tenor beating the big drum, they can be interested and sometimes tempted to embark on Grandsire and Stedman.

**WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.**—On April 24th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire: Miss E. Sharp 1, A. Armstrong 2, V. Adams (first as conductor) 3, O. Sharp 4, T. Watts 5, G. Wills 6. First quarter for ringers of 5 and 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Hon. Peggy Bowyer, only daughter of Lord Denham, churchwarden.

**Midland Counties Guild****FIRST ANNUAL MEETING AT BURTON.**

Burton-on-Trent, famed throughout the country for producing that stimulating and refreshing beverage 'beer,' was also noted by the Exercise during the latter part of the last century for its famous band of ringers at the Church of St. Paul.

The Rev. J. H. Fish, Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Austin, J. Griffen, A. Wakley and W. Wakley, to mention only a few, were indeed the pioneers of Surprise ringing. On November 20th, 1880, the first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung in memoriam to the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's.

Following upon the first world war this tower was again to the fore when Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Ringing Master, organised that equally famous 'Wednesday' band, which rang so many peals of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. M. Swinfield, who in a remarkably long period of successes conducted over 230 different compositions of Stedman Triples.

This church, so enriched in ringing history, was chosen as the tower for the first annual meeting of the above Guild, which took place on May 10th, when upwards of 70 ringers and friends assembled from Melton Mowbray, Somerby, Derby, Stoke-on-Trent, Norton-in-the-Moors, Cheadle, Lullington, Hoar Cross, Ashby, Repton, Ticknall, Netherseale, Overseale, Measham, Winhill and the two Burton towers.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Father Davis, followed by tea in St. Margaret's Schoolroom, which was kindly provided by the local company.

At the business meeting, Mr. B. G. Key, chairman, welcomed the members to St. Paul's in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Willis-Price. One non-resident life, three ringing and ten honorary members were elected members of the Guild.

After the presentation of the balance sheet by the treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan, the secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, presented his review of the first year's activities covering the ten meetings held with an average attendance of 33 and the 16 peals rung.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. W. W. Worthington; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; committee, Mr. E. W. Beads-moore, Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. W. J. Leach and Mr. Syd Jones. The committee were empowered to revise the Guild rules, and the second Saturday in May was chosen as the date for the 1948 annual meeting.

The beautiful ring of ten was rung to standard methods during afternoon and evening, and some good practice was put in by new ringers. J.W.C.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****JUNIORS' FIRST SOCIAL.**

First annual social of the junior section of the Western District of the Hertford Association was a popular event on April 26th at Hemel Hempstead. Ringers numbering over 100 came from a wide area and found Donald Cartwright (Tring) a sprightly M.C. Other members of his committee were Olive M. Martin and Pamela A. Martin (Berkhamsted), Terence G. Morton and Betty Upton (Apsley) and Derek Latchford (Hemel Hempstead).

Ringing naturally found a place in the programme. Apart from touches of Bob Major and Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles was rung amusingly by Messrs. W. Ayre, T. J. Southam, A. V. Good, W. C. Hughes, Miss Rona Minal and Miss Brenda Fells.

The general secretary of the Association entered fully into the festivities, contributing not only a couple of songs, but gave a congratulatory speech commending the keenness and enthusiasm of the juniors.

**Devon Guild of Ringers****PREB. COX RETIRING.**

Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild, has resigned the living of Tedburn St. Mary, where he and Mrs. Cox have had eight strenuous years. He had hoped to have been Rector when the six bells, unring for about 70 years, were rehung, but although the required funds are in hand, the restoration work remains in abeyance.

Preb. Cox has been in the ministry 43 years and decided to relinquish parochial responsibilities, but will continue activities in connection with diocesan organisations. He and Mrs. Cox will take up residence in July at West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, where, unfortunately, the bells are also awaiting restoration before they can be rung.

**BRANCH MEETING AT TOTNES.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Totnes on April 26th. Ringing took place throughout the afternoon, and this was followed by a service in church which was conducted by Preb. J. Heywood Waddington (Vicar), who heartily welcomed the visitors.

After tea at Warwick's Cafe, the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman). It was reported that the order for the Walker Memorial Tablet had been placed, and that delivery would be in 810 weeks' time. One associate member from West Teignmouth was elected. The next quarterly meeting will be at Ipplepen on July 26th, subject to necessary permission, and a joint meeting with the South-West Branch will take place at Buckfast Abbey on June 21st. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to Mr. Cooper (Newton Abbot), the organist. Ringing included Grandsire Doubles for the younger members, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A. L. B.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY****ANNUAL MEETING AT LEEDS.**

The Society's 58th annual meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 26th. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and touches were enjoyed at intervals until 8.45 p.m.

At the business meeting the president, Mr. J. McGlenn, was in the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Drighlington, Guseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Elland, Leeds, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell and Tadcaster.

New members elected were Miss June Mitchell, Messrs. J. Ward, F. Bennett, M. L. Bennett, William Walker, W. Tattersall (all of Ossett), and M. Brown (Drighlington).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar of Leeds, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. Simpson.

A resolution confirming the nominations received at Armley was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. F. Davison, and the following were duly elected: President, Mr. J. McGlenn; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. H. Barron, F. Hutchinson and T. W. Strangeway; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD**

Apart from the fact that some regular attenders were unavoidably absent, quite a good meeting was held at Sedlescombe on April 19th.

Owing to lack of facilities, ringers were asked to make their own tea arrangements. A break of one hour was allowed for this, after which the business meeting was held in the tower. It was decided that the next meeting should be a joint meeting at Rye with the Sussex County Association, to be held on May 24th.

Methods rung included Plain Bob, Kent, Stedman and Grandsire.



## OBITUARY

## MR. CHARLES H. BELTON.

In the passing of Mr. Charles H. Belton at the age of 84, the Hinckley District of the Leicester Guild has lost one of its oldest and most respected members. As captain of the local band, Mr. Belton leaves behind him an example of devout and most regular service in the Barwell belfry for over 56 years. His unflinching cheerful and generous disposition will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He was the eldest member of a family of three generations of ringers—his son, grandson and granddaughter are still members of the local band.

Mr. Belton rang 21 peals for the Midland Counties Association, and his absence from the belfry for service and practice during his service could be counted on the fingers of both hands.

As gardener at the Rectory for 56 years until his retirement a year ago, Mr. Belton served under the late Canon A. J. G. Tittley and his father, the Rev. Richard Tittley.

The funeral took place at Barwell on May 5th, preceded by a service at the Parish Church, when ringers from the Hinckley District paid their last respects to a grand gentleman. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by C. R. Belton 1-2, G. A. Newton 3-4, A. Ballard 5-6, and L. Trevor 7-8.

## MR. THOMAS LAYBOURN.

Fortunately an appreciation of a sixteen-year-old is a rare occurrence, but by the death of Thomas Laybourn the Exercise loses one of its most promising pupils. His death under tragic circumstances was reported in the 'Ringing World' on May 9th.

Tom was a member of a young and enthusiastic band at Dagenham, Essex, and although only 16 already had peals of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Bob Major to his credit. Keenly interested in composition and proof, he would undoubtedly have made his mark and been a credit to the Exercise of which he was so fond.

A regular attendant at the South-West District meetings of the Essex Association, his smiling face, unflinching cheerfulness and his youthful high spirits will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

F.V.G.

## MR. FREDERICK WOOLWAY.

For many years the keen captain of the ringers of St. Peter's, Ightham, Kent, Mr. Frederick Woolway died suddenly in the Sevenoaks and Holmesdale Hospital on April 14th, aged 56. He leaves a widow and daughter. The funeral took place in St. Peter's Churchyard on April 19th, the bells being rung half-muffled before and after the service and also a quarter-peal on the following morning.

R.G.R. writes: His willingness at any time to lend a hand brought him many friends, and the quiet but effective way in which he kept his band going will be long remembered at Ightham and also in the Maidstone district.

He will also be remembered for the pressure he brought to bear upon the Church authorities, soon after he assumed the captaincy, when the tenor bell was going badly. Previously the tenor, having cracked, was welded and again she cracked. The church authorities suggested that the firm who welded the tenor should rectify her, but Mr. Woolway stood firm for a recast. After one ringer had alluded to the 'frying pan tenor' in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' more pressure was added by local ringers and, happy to relate, the tenor was recast. I think Mr. Woolway rang in the first peal on the bells after she was recast.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At Bishop Ryder's Church on April 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Scott 1, J. F. Harvey 2, G. W. Critchley (conductor) 3, J. Walton (first of Surprise) 4, S. G. Chaplin 5, E. T. Lloyd 6, G. E. Fearn 7, J. S. Mason 8.

## LETTERS

## 'FOUR SCORE YEARS AND TEN'

Dear Sir, — Your interesting article on 'Grandison' has revived many memories of those who took part in the peal of Grandsire and Stedman Caters in 1902 and 1903. As a young ringer in those days and one who has been a regular subscriber to 'The Ringing World' over a very long period, I looked upon some of those ringers as 'heroes' in the same way as the younger generation to-day visualise their 'soccer,' cricket and picture favourites.

Memories of the 'Old Reverend,' the gigantic Canon Coleridge, the burly W. W. Gifford, the 'dapper' A. W. Brighton, the exploits of the brothers Pye and particularly the prodigious feats of strength of 'Bill,' the travels of 'Ike' Shade and last, but not least, George Williams, crowd upon the writer, and even after 45 years their names stand out like beacon lights on a dark night. How could it be otherwise when one reflects that at least four of them have created ringing history by having over a thousand peals each to their credit.

I was but a lad in those days. They were grown men and how, alas, I hoped to follow in their footsteps. My profession, however, never gave me the time to devote to the Exercise and those early aspirations never reached fruition. A modest 504 of Grandsire Triples on handbells was the extent of my achievements, but I had the satisfaction of ringing it with the first lady ever to ring a peal.

Of all those who took part in those Exeter peals only three are now with us. Strange to say, within a very short space of time I have had the pleasure of seeing the two senior of them. Canon Coleridge at 89 I 'spotted' getting into a train at Reading Station. He looked well and his great frame stood out conspicuously. A year his senior, I had the opportunity of spending the day with my uncle, George Williams, on the occasion of his 90th birthday. It was a memorable occasion and one I shall always cherish.

It was astonishing to walk with him in the afternoon around the new housing estates at Eastleigh and listen to many of his well-reasoned ideas of things in general of the present day. He was delighted that many of the younger generation should have remembered him on his birthday, and congratulatory telegrams came from as far as Easbourne and Folkestone. Many local towers also sent greetings, and among these were Portsea, Wickham, Winchester, etc. There were many letters conveying greetings from ringers and friends all over the country. There were some wonderful messages of affection for the 'Old Master,' who to-day is so hale and hearty and still plays such an important part in the administration of ringing as Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

VICTOR P. A. G. SCARDFIELD.

East Hagbourne.

## FATHER AND DAUGHTER

Dear Sir,—One often reads in 'The Ringing World' of sons and daughters following in father's footsteps, but the Whitstable peal published in 'The Ringing World' dated May 9th is noteworthy for the fact that Miss Brenda Philpott's enthusiasm for bellringing proved strong enough to capture her father's interest with the result that father and daughter have scored their first peal together. Congratulations to them both.

Dunstable.

J. NEWMAN.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Seventeen members and friends attended the recent meeting of the Cambridge District at Bourn. A short ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Scott), and at the business meeting Mr. J. Mann (Trumpington) was elected a member. Barrington was chosen for the next meeting. Ringing included Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London and Superlative Surprise Major.

## Salisbury Diocesan Guild

## SUBSCRIPTION INCREASED.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild at their annual meeting on May 10th decided to increase the annual membership subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. and the subscription for non-resident life ringing members from 2s. 6d. to 5s.

The meeting was held at the Assembly Rooms, Salisbury, the Earl of Shaftesbury (president) being in the chair. In reviewing the work of the Guild, the President urged the importance of training young ringers and introducing them to the Guild. 'Bellringing as it is practised in this country,' he said, 'must never be allowed to die out, and we must be careful to bring in the young and train them to follow in our footsteps.'

The financial report, which showed a credit balance of £121 8s. 3d., was presented by the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards).

The following officers were elected: Vice-presidents, the Dean of Salisbury (the Very Rev. H. C. Robins) and Canon A. L. Helps, Vicar of Puddletown; Master, the Rev. C. C. Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis; hon. secretary, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham; committee, Canon R. E. P. Gorrington, Messrs. E. Coward, J. I. Davis, E. T. P. Field and P. Harding.

Messrs. C. J. Pretty, of Holt, G. H. Archer, of Melksham, G. Norton, of Salisbury, and J. Sandel, of Amesbury, were elected life members.

The meeting was followed by the Guild service in the Cathedral, at which the Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. Geoffrey Lunt) preached.

In his address, Dr. Lunt thanked the Guild for their services to the Church and said: 'I want you, as you go to your bellringing Sunday by Sunday, and on the weekdays too, to realise that you are going about God's work and that you are acting as His mouthpiece and messengers.'

The offertory for the Sarum St. Thomas' Bells Restoration Fund amounted to £5 2s. 9d. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four members from Lyme Regis.

Thirty members and friends attended the meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Buckland Newton on April 26th. The ringing, under the direction of Mr. F. Precey (branch ringing master), consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and periods of instruction for some keen young members of the local band.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. FitzPatrick), who gave an interesting address, and Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the branch, read the lesson. Cups of tea were provided by a band of ladies, headed by Mrs. FitzPatrick.

Business transacted was a decision to hold the summer meeting of the branch at Martins-town, where a new ring of six bells is expected to be ready for dedication in June, and the election of two new associate members.

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## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. W. Bottrill is now 110, College Road, Deal, Kent.

1405

The address of Mrs. J. Cotterell is now 8, Wilsthorpe Flats, Wilsthorpe, Bridlington.

1416

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—May 24th, Egerton (6), Charing (6). Bells 2.15. Service 4.45, Charing. —Names to C. F. Good, Old Swan Flats, Charing. Buses, Egerton, leave Maidstone 12.43 (12A) and 1 (10, change at Charing) only. —E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon Sec. 1324

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting Broadclyst, near Exeter, Sat., May 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. 1350

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. Division.—Practice evening Sat., May 24th. Matching (6). Bells 6 to 8.30. All welcome.—G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 1394

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Chobham, Sat., May 24th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. 1358

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rossendale Branch.—Waterfoot (6), May 24th, 3 p.m. Tea in Chip Restaurant opposite church; moderate charge.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 1413

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Rammore on Whit Monday. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 4.15. Notifications to 'Ringers Teas,' c/o Rammore Common P.O. Stores, Dorking, as early as possible. 1387

**DEVON GUILD.**—Annual general meeting at Torquay, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service at 12.15 p.m. in Upton Parish Church. Meeting in Abbey Hall, Abbey Road, at 1 p.m. Bring food; coffee provided. Ringing at Upton (8), Babbacombe (8), Cockington (6) (10.30-12) and Tormohun (6). Friends welcomed.—F. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1385

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech District.—Walpole St. Andrew's (6), Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1392

**ESSEX ASSN.**—68th annual general meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service in the Cathedral at 11. Bells (12) from 10. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting in the Chapter House at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be served at the County Hotel at 1.30. The following bells will be available for ringing from 3 until 9: The Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 8, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex.

**LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Quorn (8), May 31st. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting Church Hall 5.15. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, Dis. Sec. 1415

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Half-yearly meeting Darlington May 31st. St. Cuthbert's (8), Holy Trinity (6). Service Holy Trinity 4.45 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th to W. Norman Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 1404

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival at Macclesfield on Sat., May 31st. Service St. Michael's 3.30; preacher, the Lord Bishop. Tea M.E.P.S. Beehive Cafe 4.45; tickets (limited) 3s. 6d. each, available from branch secretaries before May 24th. St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (10), Bollington (8) and Sutton (6). Towers open at 1 p.m. Enquiries to Mr. J. Tipper, 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfield. 1397

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD** (Farnham Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Combined meeting at Bentley (6) on Sat., May 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Women's Institute. Please notify for tea before May 29th. Look up St. Clements.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 1402

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Dyrham (6), May 31st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5; no tea provided.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, Hon. Sec. 1408

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Hadleigh District.—Sproughton (6), Sat., May 31st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea, and business meeting after, Church Hall, 5. Please bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Sec. 1364

**SUSSEX ASSN. (E.) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint practice Salehurst, May 31st, 2.30. Tea 5. Notify by 27th.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings. 1390

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Spring meeting Henley. Sat., May 31st. Bells available 3.45. Service 6. Own arrangements for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. 1417

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Duston, Sat., May 31st. Service 4.15. Bring food.—R. S. Cowley. 1418

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting Etwell, May 31st, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food. Business meeting after.—W. A. Parsons, Dist. Sec. 1421

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting on Sat., May 31st, at Thorley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea not later than 28th to G. Radley, 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 1422

**CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.**—Woodford (8), May 31st, 3 to 9. Interval 5 to 6 for light refreshments. This is a practice meeting. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec. 1425

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Peak District.—Matlock (8), Sat., May 31st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—H. E. Taylor, Darley Dale. 1414

**GRANTHAM.**—The recast peal of 10 bells at St. Wulfram's Church will be opened to visiting ringers on May 31st from 2 to 8 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at the Angel and Royal Hotel, 3s. 6d. per head. Notification for tea by May 28th to S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham, Lincs. 1411

**GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Gloucester Branch.—Great Witcombe, May 31st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify by 27th.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos. 1429

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Barnby Dun 2.30, May 31st; no tea.—W. E. Critchley. 1432



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks.—May 31st (note date), Lane End (6), 3-5; High Wycombe (12), 6.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker. 1430

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Huyton (6) on Sat., May 31st. Tower open 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Please notify, not later than May 28th, Mr. W. R. Birchall, 68, Rupert Road, Huyton.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 1431

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Meeting at Batley, Sat., May 31st. Bells available from 3. Cups of tea provided; members bring own food. Business meeting 7.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 1428

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting Navenby (6), Sat., May 31st, 2 p.m. Service 4. Wellingore (6) available after tea. Tea to those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1436

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Newport Pagnell, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names by June 2nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 1393

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting Whitstable, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names for tea must reach Mrs. C. C. Dilnot, Lingfield, Old Bridge Road, Whitstable, not later than Wed., June 4th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1406

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting Netherton, Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.15, tea and meeting following. Names for tea to T. A. Townsend, Halesowen Road, Netherton, before May 29th.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 1403

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—Fiftieth anniversary meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, June 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Rectory Garden. Names to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5. 1407

**GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Childswickham (6), June 7th, 3. Tea 5.15. Names by June 2nd.—C. Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 1409

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Hythe, Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1427

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Hawkhurst (8), June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify Mr. W. Gorrington, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, not later than June 4th. 1424

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Harthill (8), Sat., June 7th, at 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8. 1412

**ELY DIO. ASSN.**—Ely Branch.—March (6), Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1423

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.**—Cotgrave, meeting June 7th, 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. A. Inglis, Cotgrave, Notts, by June 3rd. 1420

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—Preliminary Notice.—Great ringing day will be held on Sat., June 28th, at 3.—Leonard E. Pitstow. 1419

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Jubilee Festival at Ely, Sat., July 5th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30. Service in the Cathedral 4, with address by the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea 5, ringing afterwards.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 1426

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** have placed the order with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.; for the addition of a 'flat sixth' to the ring of 12 at Lincoln Cathedral as a memorial to the late Mr. Rupert Richardson, and it is hoped that the work will be completed in time for the next annual meeting of the Guild in April, 1948. In addition it is proposed to place a tablet in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral, and also one in Surfleet Church. The total cost will amount to approximately £300. Contributions from any friends of the late Master, who would like to be associated with the memorial, should be sent to Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankley, Lincoln, or to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1433

**BURNHAM, BUCKS, RESTORATION.**—Easter gift distribution scheme. Winning numbers: 600, 392, 2609, 2156, 2063, 1675, 363, 3141, 1068, 130, 2777, 3486, 2031, 2059, 2961, 36.—Geo. Gilbert, for Social Committee. 1410

**WALMER, KENT.**—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wood 1, T. Wickens 2, F. Rye (conductor) 3, F. Hawkins 4, R. Furminger 5, E. Axon 6. First quarter of Doubles for 2, 4 and 5.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—At St. Leonard's on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. E. Bish 1, A. Reeves 2, E. Miles 3, H. Tourle 4, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 5, C. Potheary 6, J. W. Chapman 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

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## SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### ANNUAL DINNER SUGGESTED.

At the monthly meeting of the Selby and District Society at Eastington on April 19th, about 20 members were present. A short service in church with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Wilkinson) was followed by an excellent tea in the Church Hall.

Business included the election of three new ringing members. A suggestion regarding the possibility of holding an annual dinner was referred to the extraordinary general meeting of members to be held shortly. The secretary is to try and arrange combined mid-week practices at closely situated towers. Members were reminded that the next meeting is due to be held at Tadcaster in May and also that the new peal of six bells at Carlton will be dedicated on May 10th at 3 p.m.

During the afternoon the fine ring of six was rung to various methods, including Woodbine, Violet, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clements.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

### ACTIVITY STARTS AGAIN.

The above Association held a committee meeting at Lindley on May 10th. This was the first meeting of the Association since April, 1939. A new secretary was appointed—Mr. S. Manchester, of 16, Green Street, Meltham.

It was decided to hold the next six-bell contest for the Association's cup on July 5th, 1947, at Longwood, or, failing Longwood, Lindley would be approached.

All arrears in subscriptions for the past few years during the period of inactivity of the Association are to be waived, and subscriptions will be due on July 5th for 1947-48. An appeal is issued to all local ringers to join the Association and bring new members with them and make the forthcoming contest a success.

The following towers were represented: Friezland, Liversedge, Longwood, Huddersfield, Meltham and the local company.



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### YORKSHIRE

News from Yorkshire predominates in this issue. Outstanding is the decision of Canon C. C. Marshall to resign the presidency of the Yorkshire Association, an office he has held with distinction since 1910. Next year Canon Marshall will have completed 50 years in the ministry, of which 40 years were spent as Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds. His resignation from both offices has been prematurely advanced by an unfortunate car accident last January. The Exercise re-echoes the sentiments of the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, that a 'restful retirement will restore him to good health in the shortest possible time.' Since its foundation in 1875, the Yorkshire Association has had only three presidents. The first holder of the office was the late Jasper W. Snowden, whose great contributions to the art of ringing were, until the war intervened, commemorated by an annual dinner. So far it has not been possible to revive this function which brought ringers from all over the country to Yorkshire to pay homage to the memory of one of the giants of the Exercise. The next president was his brother William.

Ringling to-day in Yorkshire, as in most parts of the country, is progressive. The Association made last year 156 new members, and has now a record total of 1,357. The annual report indicates that in most towers there is no dearth of ringers, some having sufficient for two companies. Mentioned in the report is the young band at Whiston, near Rotherham, and it is a pleasure to feature in this issue as our illustration a photograph of these boys. We trust that, encouraged by their good start, the company will keep together and advance. Peal ringing in Yorkshire during 1946 was again satisfactory, with 96 on tower bells and one in hand. There were 36 members who rang their first peal and 167 instances of members who rang their first peal in one particular method. That nearly one-fifth of the members have taken part in the peals spread over 65 churches indicates that peal ringing still has a wide appeal, which the report suggests is a healthy sign.

The variety of Surprise methods is a feature of the peal analysis, and Aldenham Surprise Major appears for the first time. In other parts of the country ringers will be surprised to note that the peal of Oxford Bob Triples is recorded as the first by the Association. This, comments the report, is a very old method and one which is widely practised in some parts of the county, but Triples have never been as popular as Major in Yorkshire, which is,



perhaps, the explanation why Oxford Triples has not appeared in the Association's records before. The year has seen first peals having been scored on the bells at Middleham, Bedale and Sprotborough, and on the present bells at Doncaster and Bawtry. Three towers appeared again after long absences—Kildwick after 18 years, Wetherby after 24 years, and Fishlake, where the only other peal on the bells was rung in 1910. Thus from the broad acres of Yorkshire is told the story of vigorous and enthusiastic ringing in many centres. The zenith of Yorkshire ringing has not yet been reached, and if proper attention to attracting young people to the belfry is fully encouraged, the present membership could be substantially enlarged.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM C. DOWDING <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 7
†ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2	*LEONARD TUFFREY ... 8
†RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 9
*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	*BARNABAS J. KEY ... 10
*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 5	*HOWARD HOWELL ... 11
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Bob Maximus. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

*JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN F. THIRST ... 6
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 5	WM. T. FROGGATT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Stedman.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*ALLAN CARVETH ... <i>Treble</i>	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 6
HARRY MILES ... 2	H. FREDK. MYERS ... 7
G. HARRY MYERS ... 3	CYRIL E. LANXON ... 8
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... 9
†GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ... 5	THOMAS G. MYERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

\* First peal on ten. † First peal of Bob Royal. First peal on ten as conductor. First peal of Bob Royal in the county and for the Guild. Rung to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Truro Cathedral.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 6
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 7
GEOFFREY DODDS ... 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 8
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
WM. J. PAICE ... 5	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 9th.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition.

WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORN ... 6
*SQUIRE CROFT ... 3	†A. W. J. APPELTON ... 7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER ... 4	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 5
*FREDK. A. COLEY ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

EDWARD BARKER ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR ROLFE ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

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

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES R. BELTON ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 7
THOMAS K. DEACON ... 4	ERNEST E. PICKERING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Half-muffled, in memoriam to Mr. C. H. Belton (father of the ringer of the 5th), who was a ringer at the church for 56 years, and captain of the band until his death on May 1st.



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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... .. 6
CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. 3	CHARLES S. AYLETT ... .. 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... .. 4	GEORGE GARDNER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. H. W. WHITE.  
First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. All are Sunday service ringers.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PETER R. LAYTON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ... .. 5
†GEOFFREY F. CARTER ... .. 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... .. 6
*JANET MATTINSON ... .. 3	VERNON J. BENNING ... .. 7
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... .. 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.  
\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Major.  
The first peal of Bob Major for the Society.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... .. 5
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	FREDERICK BOREHAM ... .. 6
*MISS OLIVE B. LAMBERT ... 3	LAWRENCE POULSON ... .. 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. 4	FREDK. A. POULSON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.  
\* First peal.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN WILLIS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*HUBERT FURMINGER ... .. 5
WALTER C. CHANDLER ... .. 2	FREDK. A. RYE ... .. 6
TIMOTHY J. ANDERSON ... .. 3	CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7
*CYRIL GEORGE ... .. 4	EDWARD J. WALKER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

LESTER GRAY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 6
MISS F. BEDFORD ... .. 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.  
Rung for the first birthday of the niece and godchild of W. Allman.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 5
*MARY WALLSHAW ... .. 2	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... .. 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. TROLOPE. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.  
\* First peal in the method. A commemoration peal for Mr. J. Myles, late leader of the Eccles tower.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. ADDISON ... <i>Treble</i>	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 5
JOHN E. PLANE ... .. 2	†HENRY A. WARD ... .. 6
THOMAS W. CROWE ... .. 3	†CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 7
*MISS M. ADDISON ... .. 4	†F. RAYMOND ADDISON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by K. ARTHUR.  
\* First peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to H. A. Ward.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

HAROLD A. MAY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 3	*HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. E. BULWER. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
\* First peal in the method. A welcome home to the King, Queen and Princesses on their return from South Africa.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	FRED A. COLEY ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	WALTER LEMON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

A welcome home to the royal family.

HARWELL, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Carter's Twelve-part.

*G. BISHOP ... .. <i>Treble</i>	H. BISHOP ... .. 5
*J. GORDON ... .. 2	†R. BLOND ... .. 6
F. JAMES ... .. 3	A. WEBB ... .. 7
*A. GREENOUGH ... .. 4	*J. NAPPER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. JAMES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*MISS BETTY BROWN ... <i>Treble</i>	†KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 5
†CYRIL WARD ... .. 2	FREDK. W. STOKES ... .. 6
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*MISS STELLA WICKENS <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal of Major, aged 15.



## DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-part.		Tenor 19½ cwt.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	SIDNEY DABINETT ...	5
JOHN T. LOCKE ... 2	GEORGE E. JEANES ...	6
REGINALD BEALE ... 3	PETER CROOK ...	7
EDMUND DABINETT ... 4	*ALBERT BAILEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal.

## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, PRITTLEWELL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RODERICK W. CROUCHER Treble	THOS. E. LOXTON ...	5
†FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 2	SYDNEY C. EASTER ...	6
FRANK V. GANT ... 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE ...	7
FREDK. SOUTER ... 4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	Tenor

Composed by WM. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Kent. † 10th peal for the Association.

## ENDERBY.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 12½ cwt.
HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON ...	6
*LESLIE E. RIVERS ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ...	7
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 4	*WILLIAM SALT ...	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal.

## EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... Treble	A. E. F. TROTMAN ...	5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	H. VON DER HEYDE ...	6
FRANCES M. MARTIN ... 3	†PETER W. B. SEMMENS ...	7
FRANCES E. EDGAR ... 4	*C. JOHN DICKINSON ...	Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS (C.C.C., No. 34).

Conducted by C. JOHN DICKINSON.

\* First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. † First peal on eight tower bells. First peal as conductor.

## DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's 12-part (7th the observation).		Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
FRANK T. WAITE ... Treble	WILLIAM SIDWELL ...	5
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	WILLIAM COX ...	6
GEORGE CASE ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ...	7
HARRY BARNETT ... 4	HARRY NEWMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on completing 50 years as a ringer, and a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Chesterfield Branch.)

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*LEONARD COE ... Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD ...	5
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 2	GORDON C. BIGGS ...	6
STANLEY SLANEY ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ...	7
*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 4	†ARTHUR B. COOPER ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by ARTHUR B. COOPER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major as conductor. First peal scored for the Chesterfield Branch of the Derbyshire Association. Six of the band are members of the local company.

## SIX &amp; FIVE BELL PEALS

## ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, being Nos. 34, 35, 28, 50, 29, 37, 36, in C.C.C., 3rd edition.		Tenor 10½ cwt.
*THOMAS W. HARRIS ... Treble	†J. W. SPRULES ...	4
†MARY P. HILLIAR ... 2	†GILBERT SPRULES ...	5
†JOHN W. OWEN ... 3	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW J. CORRIGAN.

\*First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI.

## CORLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 5 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb.

IAN A. MORRISON ... Treble	ALBERT E. BRISTOW ...	3
HAROLD FOLWELL ... 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	4
	WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

First peal on the bells.

## BEEDON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 6½ cwt.
*GRAHAM R. KERR ... Treble	*DAVID WATSON ...	4
*MICHAEL A. C. FREWER ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	5
ANNA SELLORS ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor and four 720's of Plain Bob.		Tenor 6 cwt.
GEORGE WAUD ... Treble	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON ...	4
HAROLD DRAKE ... 2	*JACK WAUD ...	5
CHARLES HILL ... 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD ...	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. A farewell peal to the Rev. E. H. Lawson-Brewis.

## DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILFRED BOOTH ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ...	4
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ...	5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

## PERLETHORPE, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Notts Branch.)

On Sun., May 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.		Tenor 6 cwt.
*LEONARD FISHER ... Treble	FREDK. JACKSON ...	4
†FREDK. BOAM ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ...	5
ARTHUR SMITHSON ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal on six. Farewell peal for F. Jackson, who is joining the R.A.F.



**BROMHAM, BEDS.** — On May 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss P. L. Gilbert 1, G. White 2, Miss M. Watson 3, K. W. Spavins (first on eight) 4, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 5, F. C. Tysoe 6, C. Branson 7, R. Chapman 8.

**BRUTON, SOMERSET.** — On Sunday, May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles in 10 different callings: A. E. Deverell (first quarter) 1, W. P. White 2, E. H. White 3, W. J. Tiley (conductor) 4, H. G. White 5, F. Pinnions 6. A compliment to W. Tiley on leaving the parish after having been a ringer at the church for 24 years.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.** — On May 11th, as a welcome home for the royal family, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Witts 1, Miss Sparshott 2, J. M. Turner 3, E. Hinton 4, Mrs. Williams 5, G. Preston (conductor) 6, H. Harrison 7, L. Stone 8, G. Scragg 9, H. Gillard 10.

**CHERTSEY, SURREY.** — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Iris Ewings (first quarter of Triples) 1, D. Sleet 2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3, R. J. Andrews 4, E. Armstrong 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, J. Crocker 7, T. Warden (first quarter) 8.

**DINDER, SOMERSET.** — On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (conductor) 1, R. Thorne (first quarter) 2, R. Smith 3, R. Morgan (first quarter inside) 4, F. Griffen 5, F. Harvey 6.

**GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.** — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Rowe (first quarter) 1, A. W. J. Butler (first of Doubles and conductor) 2, E. T. Chapman 3, D. Harman 4, T. Bevan 5, J. O'Dell 6.

**HENLOW, BEDS.** — On May 10th, 1,272 Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, G. Dear 2, Miss D. Hare 3, J. Church 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, L. H. Bywaters (conductor) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

**HUGHENDEN, MIDDLESEX.** — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 1, R. Biggs 2, W. Heyward 3, D. Cox 4, A. C. James 5, R. Blaby 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HAWKHURST, KENT.** — At St. Lawrence's Church on April 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: N. Rummery 1, Miss H. Gorrings 2, M. Cloke 3, F. Rummery 4, W. Gorrings 5, R. Tappenden 6, L. Pope 7, G. Waters (conductor) 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. M. A. Jenner and Miss P. J. Cogger.

**KINGSDOWN, BRISTOL.** — On May 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Leaker 1, Mrs. A. Bennett 2, W. Rawlings 3, G. Pearce 4, J. Stallard 5, L. Pearce 6, A. Bennett 7, C. H. Wood (first quarter as conductor) 8. First quarter in method by 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. W. W. C. L. Orpwood.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.** — At St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Bullock (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft (first in method inside) 3, T. W. Taffender 4, C. W. Ottley 5, L. H. Bowler 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, J. Bullock 8.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.** — On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. T. Symonds 1, W. Andrews 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, W. Jarvis 4, F. Boreham 5, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 6, L. Pryke 7, L. Offord 8. Birthday compliment to the Rector, Preb. M. Fountain Page.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.** — 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 240 April Day): Miss M. Hutchings (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Hutchings (first inside) 2, Miss M. Legg 3, Miss M. Legg 4, G. Prescott (conductor) 5, Martyn Hutchings 6. First quarter since new treble added and first in three methods by all except conductor.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.** — On May 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. P. Deane (conductor) 1, R. H. Tyler 2, F. Price 3, W. J. Chester 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler 7, S. Hughes 8. The first quarter in the method by all the band except the conductor. Farewell to W. H. Tyler, who is joining H.M. Forces.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.** — At St. Matthew's Church on April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of three extents each of Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob and one and a half of Grandsire: P. Marriott 1, A. J. Marriott (aged 15) 2, W. G. Soar (conductor) 3, T. J. Marriott 4, P. W. Grice 5, G. A. Patrick 6. A birthday compliment to the 12-year-old treble ringer.

**ROCHDALE, LANCs.** — On May 8th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Oddie 1, Miss M. S. Greenwood 2, D. Pugh 3, J. Taylor 4, A. Smith 5, A. Hoyle (conductor) 6. For the second anniversary of VE-Day.

**STAGSDEN, BEDS.** — On Thursday, May 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Brightman (first quarter) 1, W. Izzard (first inside) 2, J. Davy 3, A. Waller 4, C. Izzard 5, M. Stephens (conductor) 6.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.** — On May 7th at St. Peter's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss Amy Wren (first quarter) 1, H. V. Frost (conductor) 2, D. A. Bayles 3, C. F. Sayer 4, A. D. Dale 5, R. W. Darvill 6, F. J. Spicer 7, T. J. Southam 8, W. Ayre 9, G. W. Debenham 10.

**SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.** — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Eileen Lings 1, Mrs. H. May 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, Albert Lambkin 4, Fred Lacey 5, Harold Judd 6, Frank Lord (conductor) 7, Williams Lings 8.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.** — On May 6th at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, J. R. Cotterhill 2, J. Cooper 3, E. Parish 4, W. A. Partridge (conductor) 5, M. Turner 6, A. Mills 7, F. Pickering 8.

**WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP, SOMERSET.** — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Green 1, R. J. Webb 2, P. H. Hull (conductor) 3, W. Dunkerton 4, F. Bird 5, G. Lawrence 6.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.** — On May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss A. Brown 1, Mrs. H. W. Knight 2, L. Derrick 3, E. F. Hancock 4, G. Prescott 5, W. H. Kingcott 6, H. W. Knight 7, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 8. First of Bob Major by 2, 5 and 6.

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To the memory of the eight heroic Mumbles life-boatmen who sacrificed their lives in the gallant attempt to save the crew of the ill-fated 'Samtampa,' a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Sketty Church, Swansea, with 1 and 2 leading, by W. Meredith, F. Buttery, F. Thorne, J. T. Williams, L. Knight, A. Edwards, A. Hoare (conductor) and W. Rees.

Mr. Ernest J. Padgett, of Barnby Don, rang the most peals for the Yorkshire Association in 1946 with 24 to his credit. He rang his first peal as recently as May, 1945.

The band at Henfield congratulate Miss Stella Wickens on ringing the treble so faultlessly to the peal of Double Norwich. They would also like to thank Mr. Cruttenden, the local captain, for providing the excellent tea afterwards.

The peal at Cheriton, Kent, on May 10th, was rung by the ringers of 'Ye Olde Cinque Ports' and commemorated the presentation of the Medaille Militaire to Mr. Winston Churchill by the French Government on that day.

Good wishes are extended to Mr. Norman Chaddock, of Broom, Rotherham, who will be entering Peterborough Teachers' Training College in June. We have a number of ringers in Training Colleges; it is surprising that Mr. P. Cannon has not assembled six or eight of them together for a peal.

Our suggestion that Mr. Trollope's book, 'The College Youths,' should be in Guild Libraries has brought forth a letter from Mr. A. C. Hazelden stating that the manuscript of the book is stored in the library of the Guildford Guild. The library has also an unpublished manuscript of his 'London Ringers of the 17th and 18th centuries.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Apart from the footnote published in our peals column, the peal at Truro Cathedral had several points of interest. It was the 60th peal together of the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, the 50th together of Messrs. T. G. and A. W. Myers, and recalled to Mr. G. H. Myers that he rang the 9th to the first peal on the bells on December 26th, 1911. Shortly before the peal commenced the infant daughter of the conductor (Mr. C. E. Lanxon) was baptised in the Cathedral by the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

In this issue we record the dedication of the bells of Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorkshire. The first peal on the bells was rung on May 17th.

The three Beresford children who recently rang their first peal are appearing in the B.B.C. 'Midland Magazine' programme tomorrow (Saturday) at 5 p.m. They have made a record of Mavesyn Ridware bells to be used during the programme. Wavelength 296.2 m.

Latest applicant for the brochure for beginners issued by Mr. A. E. Sellers of the Beverley and District Society comes the Holy Trinity Bellringers' Association, Hobart, Tasmania. An active society has existed at Hobart for many years; their bells came from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1846.

Mr. E. Bishop, sen., now in his 83rd year, rang the 23½ cwt. tenor at Rotherfield, Sussex, to 1,260 Stedman Triples on May 4th, when Bishop Horden dedicated the new side chapel. He has been a regular Sunday service ringer for 65 years and has completed 40 years as treasurer to the Rotherfield Guild of Bellringers. Mr. Bishop informs us that the Rotherfield band has never missed ringing for morning and evening services (except during the ban) for 40 years. Can any other church equal this?

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# THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## Canon Marshall Retires

With very real regret and sorrow, the Yorkshire Association at their annual meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, received the resignation of their president, Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., due to the effects of injuries sustained in a motor-car accident last January. For the same reason he recently resigned the living of St. Chad's.

The decision was first announced to a special meeting of the committee, and Canon Marshall suggested as a possible successor the Rev. C. O. Ellison, who possessed great qualities and was keenly interested in the art.

Mr. L. W. G. Morris (general secretary), after expressing regret at hearing the president's decision, hoped that a restful retirement would restore Canon Marshall to good health. He supported the president's nominee as successor.

Mr. P. J. Johnson recalled that Canon Marshall had held office since 1910 and was regarded by them all as a very old friend. He assured the Canon of their kindest thoughts and said no doubt steps would be taken to place on record their great appreciation of his work.

Mr. W. Barton (peal secretary) spoke of a keen personal loss and said the Canon combined the qualities of friendship with the office of president.

Thanking the speakers for their kind references, Canon Marshall said it was a very sad day for him. Throughout his tenure of office he enjoyed the friendship and loyalty of his fellow officers and the rank and file.

A resolution that a sub-committee should interview the Rev. C. O. Ellison, of Wetherby, to discuss with him the matter of his accepting office as president and to report back to the next meeting was later submitted to the general meeting and carried.

### 'HARD WORK AND LOYALTY.'

A brief service took place at 4 p.m., at which Canon Marshall in a farewell address drew attention to words which would be found in the annual report—'hard work and loyalty.' That, he said, had been the watchword underlying the growth and development of the Association from its earliest days to its present greatness. Without it no association could succeed, and the responsibility for this hard work and loyalty is one which rests with each individual member.

After a splendid tea, Canon Marshall presided at the general meeting, supported by the general secretary, the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer) and the hon. peal secretary.

The annual report recorded another successful year, during which 156 new members, a record, were elected, and the membership now stood at 1,357, also a record. A substantial part of the new members were from the Northern District, which reflected great credit on the district secretary, Mr. E. Hudson, and his fellow officers.

The peal secretary's report showed that 96 peals had been rung on tower bells and one on handbells at 65 churches and one handbell centre. The calling had been shared by 32 conductors and 36 members had rung their first peal.—An increased balance, which stood at £418 10s. 1d., was shown on the balance sheets.

Mr. P. Birkett moved and Mr. W. Critchley seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried with applause.

A vote of thanks to the treasurer and hon. auditors, who gave a brief report, was carried on the motion of Mr. S. Briggs, seconded by Mr. J. W. Moxon.

Acknowledging his re-election as peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton pointed out the importance of conductors seeing that the subscription of members elected in the tower were paid at the time, as much extra work was inevitably caused in tracing such members at the end of the year.

Mr. L. W. G. Morris was re-elected general secretary for a further period of three years. In thanking the members, he said that he had now held office for nine years and was a believer in official posts going round more. He had derived much pleasure in doing what he could and spoke of the team spirit that existed generally throughout the Association—a cardinal factor underlying its success.

The next general meeting was fixed for September 20th at Barnsley.

Considerable discussion took place on a motion of the General Committee 'that the committee shall have power to consider applications and make grants from the Bell Repair Fund up to a maximum of £5 in approved cases, always provided that such grant or grants do not when made reduce the balance of the fund below £20.'

Mr. E. Hudson moved and Mr. J. W. Moxon seconded the recommendation. An amendment, moved by the President and seconded by Mr. W. Barton, that no action be taken and the matter be referred back to the committee for further consideration, was carried. New members elected were R. Towler (St. Chad's) and Mary Shearsmith (Pudsey).

Mr. P. J. Johnson reported that he had made enquiries in the matter of the Snowden Dinner, but regretted that up to the present he had not found anything satisfactory at Leeds.

The usual votes of thanks included a special one to the local company and Mr. H. R. Parkinson in particular for their excellent arrangements. Replying to a vote of thanks to the chairman, Canon Marshall referred to the many kindnesses, happy memories and immutable friendships he had made during his tenure of office.

Ringing was comprehensive in character, extending from Bob Major to Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise.

## OBITUARY

### MR. FRED BARBER.

The Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost their strongest and most hard working supporter by the death of Mr. Fred Barber, of Doddington Ridge. He died rather suddenly at his home on May 16th, aged 74 years.

Born at Wilby, Mr. Barber, who was in the choir of St. Mary's Church for over 50 years, was also attached to Wellingborough band of ringers for many years. He left Wellingborough to live at Mablethorpe in 1934, but had to return to the district owing to the war. From July, 1921, to January 19th, 1935, Mr. Barber was branch secretary of the Guild, where he did most valuable work and was esteemed by all who knew him. His last act for the branch was organising a free tea for the last quarterly meeting of the district.

The funeral took place at Wilby on May 19th. The branch president, the Rev. W. R. Flex, assisted the Rector at the service, and a course of Grandire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by four members of the Irthlingborough band. The bells of the Parish Churches of Wellingborough, Wilby, Great Doddington and Earls Barton were afterwards rung half-muffled. Members present at the service were the Rev. W. R. Flex (branch president), Messrs. A. Bigley (branch secretary), W. G. Callis (branch ringing master), C. W. Partridge (committee), C. H. Chambers, J. J. Mawby, W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), A. W. Lovell and S. Frost (churchwardens, Doddington), C. Sharp (Doddington), H. Plowman, J. Stratford and H. Lilley (Wellingborough), Mrs. W. G. Callis, Messrs. H. J. Smith and J. Mabbutt (Mears Ashby), H. Saddington (Higham Ferrers), G. Basford (Finedon) and T. Towler (Wilby). Amongst the numerous wreaths were one from the Wellingborough Branch members and one from the choir and ringers of Wilby. A.B.

## Leicester Diocesan Guild

### A PROGRESSIVE YEAR.

A progressive year with 174 new members, making a total membership of 743, was reported by the general secretary (Mr. H. W. Perkins) at the annual meeting of Leicester Diocesan Guild, held on May 3rd.

The Lord Bishop of Leicester presided, supported by the president (Mr. H. J. Poole), the vice-president (Mr. E. Morris), the general secretary and the treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley). In a word of welcome to the company—there were 160 sat down to tea arranged by Mrs. H. J. Poole and helpers—the Bishop said how pleased he was to see such a large gathering from all parts of the diocese. He hoped the Guild would continue to progress.

Other points mentioned by the secretary were that 16 new towers had affiliated and the number of towers with members in the Guild was 91.

The peal secretary (Mr. E. Morris) said that 95 peals had been rung, 64 on tower bells and 31 on handbells, ranging from 5 to 12 bells. All the standard methods of Major were rung, and two new methods—Bognor and Syston Delight—were scored. Much progress had been made in all districts.

The general officers were re-elected en bloc, and Market Harborough was chosen for the next meeting on July 19th.

The President reminded the members of the Guild Festival, to be held on October 25th. The De Montfort Hall had been booked for that date and he asked for the fullest support from every member of the Guild. The election of 36 new members was confirmed.

The Bishop, in closing the meeting, congratulated the general and district officers on the excellent work they had done. It was quite clear to all, he said, that the Guild was being conducted in a very businesslike manner. The Guild Festival had his fullest support and it was appropriate that it should begin the week of celebrations on the coming of age of the Leicester Diocese.

A social evening followed, which included handbell ringing with a course of Stedman Cinques and three leads of Spliced Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Some excellent tune ringing was rendered by ten members of the Guild under the leadership of Mr. S. Harrison. The members very much enjoyed a bit of nonsense by five members of the Guild, which was a ringer's version of 'Ignorance is Bliss.'

Much fun was also derived from a quiz on ringing. The evening concluded with a dance.

Earlier in the day there was ringing at the Cathedral, St. Margaret's, St. John's and All Saints'. The Guild service was held at St. George's Church, the address being given by the Bishop of Leicester, and the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Adams). Mr. H. J. Poole read the lesson.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### MEETING AT BUNWELL.

Thirty-nine ringers supported the spring meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Bunwell on May 3rd. Numerous methods were rung, including London and Cambridge and Spliced Minor in eight methods.

The service was conducted in St. Michael's Church by the Rector, the Rev. I. G. Jones, assisted by the Rev. Heard, and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ.

Mr. W. L. Duffield presided at the business meeting, supported by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), the Rev. I. G. Jones, Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. S. G. Bennett and C. E. G. Banham (committee members).

It was decided to hold the next meeting on July 19th at Saxlingham. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, local ringers, and ladies, who provided a bountiful tea.



## A New Yorkshire Six

### CARLTON BELLS DEDICATED.

An interesting and historical event was celebrated on May 10th, when a new ring of six bells was opened at Carlton, near Snaith, Yorkshire.

When the war-time ban on bellringing was lifted it was discovered that three centuries of use had left the three bells, then hanging in the tower, badly worn and damaged and hanging so dangerously that even climbing had to be stopped. The three ancient bells have been recast in facsimile and rehung as an act of thanksgiving, as expressed in the service of rededication.

Three new bells, at the treble end, have been added to complete the ring of six bells. These bells have been given by Dr. J. B. and Mrs. McGranahan, in memory of their two sons and all other men of the parish who gave their lives in the last war.

The tenor bell (weighing 6 cwt.), upon which the hours are struck, bears the date 1623 and the prayer, 'Fili dei miserere mei' (Son of God, have mercy upon me). The fifth bell, also dated 1623, bears the inscription of 'Glory to God: Soli deo Gloria.' The fourth bell is inscribed, 'Jesus be our speed, 1652.'

The new bells are inscribed: Bell No. 3, upon the collar 'Dona eis requiem.' Upon the waist, 'Ad glor, die et in mem. Charles Cromack, Albert Dunn, Henry Brian Hague, Robert Pierson, Roy Richardson.' Bell No. 2, upon the collar 'Quis Separabit.' Upon the waist, 'Ad glor, die et in mem. James Michael McGranahan.' Treble bell, upon the collar, 'In morte non divisi.' Upon the waist, 'Ad glor, die et in mem. Hugh Benson McGranahan.' The regimental crest of the London Irish Rifles is embossed on the second bell and that of the Northants Yeomanry on the treble. Above the soundbow of each bell is inscribed, 'The gift of J. B. and L. O. McG. 1946.'

The work of recasting and providing the bells has been excellently carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Carlton Parish Church was filled to capacity for the service of dedication of the three new bells and rededication of the three old bells, together with a memorial tablet, the Archdeacon of Doncaster officiating.

Following the dedication, ringers from Carlton, H. Longbottom, Margaret Graves, R. Coggan, W. Longbottom, E. Smith, and Joyce Hubb (tenor), rang call changes. At the end of the service two teams from Carlton, consisting of Margaret Graves, Jean Turton, W. Graves, Joyce Hubb, S. Watson and F. Sykes (tenor), and H. Longbottom, Jean Turton, W. Graves, W. Longbottom, G. Graves and E. Smith (tenor), also rang call changes, following which the first 720 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung by G. Waud (Goole), C. Hill (Goole), J. Waud (Goole), W. A. Hudson (Hemingbrough), J. Taylor (Eastrington) and L. M. Woodhead (conductor) (Goole). Ringers were also present from the Abbey Church, Selby, Hull, Thorne, Pishiake, and Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. Fidler (Loughborough), representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The Carlton teams only commenced to learn the handling of a bell in October last, under the tuition of Goole ringers. There is no doubt that an excellent light peal of six bells has been added to the Yorkshire Association (Selby District), and great credit is due to the Rev. E. H. Lawson-Brewis, Vicar, for his painstaking efforts in the organisation of a very successful and enjoyable event. L.M.W.

## Young Yorkshire

### PROGRESS AT WHISTON.

Until last year there had never been an established band of change ringers at Whiston Parish Church, near Rotherham, with its light ring of eight (tenor 14½ cwt.). With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chaddock, all the present band have learnt change ringing since January, 1946. Now the band is ringing simple touches of Plain or Little Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

One of the band, George Preston (aged 13), has called his first 720. Nine have rung a 720 of Minor, six their first quarter-peal of Major and four their first peal during the last 12 months. A few months ago the first peal on the bells by a local band (Bob Minor) was rung and they hope to attempt Major.



Whiston's (Yorks) young ringers (from left to right): Bryan Thomas, Tony Willis, Philip Coote, Jack Curwin, Billie Thomas, Malcolm Head, Robin Rhodes and George Preston.

Of the 12 members all are members of the Sheffield and District Society and 11 are members of the Yorkshire Association. Recruits are still being enrolled, the latest being two young ladies.

The whole eight bells have, with few exceptions, been rung for every service since January, 1946, though in the early months service ringing had to be call changes. Practices are held weekly and it is now customary to raise not less than six and lower eight in peal, moderately well, whenever they ring.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### DEVIZES BRANCH AT NORTH BRADLEY.

Good weather, a good attendance, excellent going bells and a great welcome by the Vicar and local band all made for a successful monthly meeting at North Bradley on May 3rd. An excellent tea was made possible by the collective efforts of the local band under the leadership of Mr. Percy Harding with the assistance of the ladies.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor and rounds for the learners.

Over thirty members, including the local band, attended. Ringing was kept going by the energies of the two Branch Ringing Masters.

Members of the Young Wives Club, after being conducted around the belfry, clock chamber and bell chamber of St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, moved a warm vote of thanks to Mrs. Kelly for acting as their guide. One thing they had learnt, said the mover of the vote of thanks, was that all the ringers were not called Bob!

## Kent County Association

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Fortunate representatives from Beckenham, Bexley, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Lee, Lewisham, Penge, Sidcup and the local band, a total of 44, attended the quarterly meeting at West Wickham on April 26th, enjoying an ideal spring day in an apt rural setting.

Ringling during the afternoon preceded the Association service in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. F. Hough), who gave an interesting address. Tea was served in the Assembly Hall, members being the guests of the local ringers and friends.

At the business meeting seven ringers from Erith and Penge were elected members, and the election of one non-resident member was ratified. Shoreham was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on July 19th or 26th. The choice of Saturday, July 5th, for a combined meeting with N.W. District, Surrey Association, has since proved unsuitable, and the meeting has now been deferred to a later date.

A brief review of formal proceedings in committee at Canterbury on Easter Monday was given by Mr. P. A. Corby and Mr. J. E. Bailey, and members recorded their thanks and congratulations to Mr. G. H. Spice (general secretary) and his helpers for the excellent arrangements made for the annual general meeting. It was suggested that Dartford, having all the desired amenities, would be a suitable place for the next annual general meeting due to be held in the Lewisham District.

The meeting decided to ask the committee to prepare and publish a handbook for the instruction of beginners in the art of ringing, and to recommend the appointment of a peal secretary, to be elected annually.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. C. H. Walker on his fine recovery from a serious accident, and to Mr. H. Warnett, sen., on conducting a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on his 84th birthday! Both of these stalwarts have been connected with St. Mary's, Lewisham, for 57 years, both have held office for 53 years, Mr. Warnett as towerkeeper, Mr. Walker as secretary. Mr. Warnett has rung 114 peals on the bells in his charge!

By a resolution of the meeting, the sum of 17s. 6d. collected at the service was paid into the West Wickham church funds.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On May 3rd some 30 members of the Association visited the six-bell towers of Montford and Bicton for the first time since pre-war days. The afternoon ringing was at Montford and the evening at Bicton, the bells being kept going in each case and the following methods rung at each tower: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court and Cambridge.

The splendid tea provided by mine host of the Wingfield Arms was greatly enjoyed and much appreciated by all present. The pre-peal election of Mr. Arthur V. Pearson as a life member was confirmed.

The next meeting will be a joint one with Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Market Drayton on June 7th.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE. — On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss June Griffiths (first quarter) 1, H. Folwell 2, L. M. Callow 3, F. W. A. Smith (first quarter inside) 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5.



## Beverley and District Society

### MEETING AT NUNBURNHOLME.

Spring time at Nunburnholme with bluebells and primroses at their best added to the enjoyment of this meeting on May 10th at the ancient church with well-preserved examples of Saxon and Early Norman architecture. In the tower are one of the best rings of six in the North of England, and these were installed by John Taylor and Co. about 40 years ago.

A warm welcome was extended by the Rector (the Ven. T. M. Laing), who conducted the service, attended by over 40 members. This was followed by a substantial tea, provided by Mrs. Wilkinson and the local ladies.

The president (Mr. G. F. Williams) took the chair at the business meeting, supported by the Rector, Mr. Clem Glen (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary). An application requesting membership to the Beverley Society was received from five ringers from Barton-on-Humber, Barrow-on-Humber and Goxhill and was granted. Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw and Mr. W. Middleton were elected to honorary membership. Mr. Middleton is the late captain of Beverley Minster ringers and he retired owing to infirmity. He was present and thanked the members for their ovation.

Meetings arranged were Market Weighton, June 14th (with Selby and District), Beverley Minster, July 12th (annual).

After votes of thanks, including a special one to Mr. F. Wilkinson and the ladies, there was more ringing in the church, which included Kent, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and rounds. The Ringing Master announced that the striking by the society had recently improved and some of the touches that day were the best he had heard since coming to the district.

## MILDENHALL'S TWO NEW TREBLES

'O'er moor and fen,  
'O'er crag and torrent.'

Travelling from the south-east to the north-west of Suffolk by way of the East Anglian Heights, the words of the famous hymn came to mind as it probably did to the hundred or so ringers who assembled at Mildenhall on May 3rd for the dedication of two new treble bells. On the edge of the flat fen country this tower is visible from several miles.

As a memorial to those who lost their lives in the war, Mildenhall has increased its ring of eight bells to one of ten. The ceremony of dedication by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was largely attended, and Dr. Brook, in his sermon, congratulated Mildenhall on their choice of memorial and intimated his fondness for bells, and what they stood for.

Immediately following the Blessing, the voices of the ten bells rang out from the high tower sounding over the four counties of Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge and Essex.

The bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are to be congratulated on a splendid splice. To a peal of eight bells with a tenor of 17 cwt. in E flat they have added two of the sweetest toned trebles one could wish to hear, weighing 4½ cwt. and 4½ cwt. respectively.

A word of congratulation is due to the Rev. J. B. Sawbridge (Vicar), who has been largely instrumental in completing the project. A lover of bells and a great friend of all who ring them, ringers will find a welcome from him when visiting Mildenhall. Congratulations are due also to Mr. Percy Fordham, the popular captain, who says he has attained his life's ambition in seeing the day his beloved church possesses 10 bells. C.P.

**STAFFORD.**—On April 30th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Eley 1, E. J. Warlow (conductor) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, W. G. Curtis 4, A. E. Garbett 5, J. J. Taylor 6, E. Vaughan 7, H. Bayley 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Elkington, a regular ringer at St. Mary's Church.

## Sussex County Association

### A RECORD ATTENDANCE.

The annual meeting was held in Brighton on May 3rd, when a record number attended from the Sussex towers and the neighbouring counties. Among the visitors was the Master of the Winchester Guild, Mr. G. Williams, the Rev. K. Felstead, of St. Michael's, Southampton, and Mr. C. Parkes, of the Surrey Association.

The two peals of ten at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' were available during the afternoon and evening, and the eight at the Good Shepherd for a short period in the evening.

Service was conducted by the Vicar of Brighton, who also gave the address. The tea, under the able organisation of Mrs. Hairs, took place in St. Peter's Hall, about 150 being present.

New members elected included Miss Barbara Secome, of St. Peter's Brighton; D. E. Durrant, Varndean School; E. Farmer, W. Akehurst, Mrs. T. A. Russell, Mrs. J. Hill, Rotherfield; the Rev. David McGregor, J. H. Houghton, Chiddingfold; and Miss D. E. Colegate, of Sevenoaks, non-resident member.

After the balance sheet had been adopted, a discussion took place on the question of affiliation fees, the case for individual subscriptions being put forward by Mr. G. P. Elphick, supported by Mr. R. G. Cross and others. Members were urged to pay individual subscriptions in addition to the tower affiliation fees.

The Treasurer announced the levies to be drawn from the divisions as 65 per cent. of income, being Northern £12 8s., Southern £12 15s. 5d., Eastern £13 3s. 11d., and Western £12 7s. 8d.

At the election of officers, the president and vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Bishop Hordem and the Vicar of Brighton.

Other officers were as follows: Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; hon. auditors, Messrs. R. Overy and G. Cecil; hon. trustees of funds, Messrs. H. R. Butcher, F. B. Tompkins and F. Dallaway. A vote of thanks for past services was made by Mr. White to the retiring auditor, Mr. W. C. Hart.

After some discussion the three proposed alterations to rules were carried in a slightly amended form in order to clarify the wording.

Under 'Any other business' a long discussion took place regarding the rights of the Executive Committee to refuse rail fares and tea allowance to the meeting. Finally, on the proposal of Mr. H. Stalham, it was resolved to allow these sums to be paid to those who desired them. The motion was carried by 43 to 16, a large number abstaining.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

A very successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Daybrook on May 17th, attended by 36 ringers. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, after which there was a delightful tea arranged in the Church Hall by the wives of the local ringers. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung immediately after tea.

Before the meeting a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the hall, to which the churchwarden replied; also to the ladies who provided such an appetising tea.

Owing to the annual meeting being held in July, it was proposed that the next meeting be arranged on September 27th at Oxford. If these bells were unobtainable the alternative proposition was to go to Aston on the same date.

## LETTERS

### CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Martin's figures merely give us two different 720's. His first six extents are the same composition begun at different leads, Nos. 4–6 being reverse variations of the first three.

These figures were published in 'The Ringing World' some years back following correspondence by 'The Mad Hatter' and 'Major Ringer.' I have called them myself on five occasions at least, the first being at Wroxham on February 3rd, 1934, when I, too, was bold enough to call them 'different'! — Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

### BATH AND WELLS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to correct any wrong impression which my letter in your issue of the 16th inst. may have given by withdrawing the word 'declining' in relation to the above? My attention has been drawn to the fact that whereas in 1936 the membership was 1,323, the final figure for 1946 was 1,387.

I can only say my letter was written before Mr. Dyke's appeared in your issue of the 2nd inst.—Sincerely yours,

W. J. GAIT.

Hallatrow, Bristol.

### EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—The bells of St. Peter's, Evercreech, are to be recast and rehung in ball bearings, and the local ringers have undertaken to bear the cost of one bell, by their own subscriptions, those of ringing friends of Evercreech, and any others of the ringing fraternity who may be interested.

There are many ringers up and down the country who have rung peals, practised or in one way or another enjoyed the hospitality of Evercreech, and we feel sure there are many who would like to be associated with our scheme.

The bells are composed of an old six of varying ages, and by a number of founders, and two inferior trebles which were added about 40 years ago. They hang in one of the finest towers in the county and we hope to have a peal in keeping with their home.

All contributions will be most gratefully received towards our target of £100, and should be sent to me or to our treasurer, Mr. R. Whitehead, Southville, Evercreech.—Yours,

H. J. SANGER

(Captain, St. Peter's Ringers).

Rockyville, Evercreech, Somerset.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On May 11th, 1,280 Bob Major: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, J. W. Wilkins 2, D. R. Fletcher 3, A. Bridges 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Edwards 7, R. Buckland 8.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN. — Half-yearly meeting Darlington May 31st. St. Cuthbert's (8), Holy Trinity (6). Service Holy Trinity 4.45 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) 5.30 p.m. 1404

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD (Farnham Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Combined meeting at Bentley (6) on Sat., May 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Women's Institute. Look up St. Clements.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 1402

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Spring meeting Henley Sat., May 31st. Bells available 3.45. Service 6. Own arrangements for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. 1417

DERBYSHIRE ASSN. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting Etwell, May 31st, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food. Business meeting after.—W. A. Parsons, Dist. Sec. 1421

GRANTHAM.—The recast peal of 10 bells at St. Wulfram's Church will be opened to visiting ringers on May 31st from 2 to 8 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at the Angel and Royal Hotel, 3s. 6d. per head. 1411

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting on Sat., May 31st, at Thorley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. 1422

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Woodford (8), May 31st, 3 to 9. Interval 5 to 6 for light refreshments. This is a practice meeting. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec. 1425

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks.—May 31st (note date), Lane End (6), 3-5; High Wycombe (12), 6.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker. 1430

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—St. Mary's, Lambeth. Practice ringing Monday, June 2nd, 7.15 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers. 1437

BITTON, NEAR BRISTOL.—Eight bells, augmented 1936 by Taylor's. Open practice (by permission) alternate Tuesdays, 7.15. Next date, June 3rd. All ringers invited.—A. Corrigan, Le Coteau, Bitton, Bristol. 1395

KENT COUNTY ASSN. — Canterbury District.—By-meeting Whitstable, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names for tea must reach Mrs. C. C. Dilnot, Lingfield, Old Bridge Road, Whitstable, not later than Wed., June 4th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1406

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Nether-ton, Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.15, tea and meeting following.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 1403

MIDDLESEX ASSN. — Fiftieth anniversary meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, June 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Rectory Garden. Names to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5. 1407

GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Childswickham (6), June 7th, 3. Tea 5.15. Names by June 2nd.—C. Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 1409

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.—Harthill (8), Sat., June 7th, at 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8. 1412

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—Leicester District.—Newtown Linford (5), Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Plenty of tea rooms, also cups of tea provided if required.—W. J. Root, Dis. Sec. 1445

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Hawk-hurst (8), June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify Mr. W. Gorrington, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, not later than June 4th. 1424

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting Yate (6), June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than June 4th to John W. Adshead, Branch Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos. 1444

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Hythe, Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1427

ELY DIO. ASSN.—Ely Branch.—March (6), Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5.—C. Gilbert, Sutton, Ely. 1423

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Cotgrave, meeting June 7th, 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. A. Inglis, Cotgrave, Notts, by June 3rd. 1420

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, West Hoathly, Sat., June 7th, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1441

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Parbold on June 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must let Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, know not later than June 3rd. Tea 3s. per head. All welcome; make it a good meeting.—N. Heaps, Branch Sec., 24, The Crescent, Crossens. 1442

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting at Kingsley, Sat., June 7th. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunny Side, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1440

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Joint meeting with Market Harborough Branch at Welford (8), 3 p.m., on June 7th.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 1458

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Meeting New Mill, Huddersfield, Sat., June 7th. Bells 3 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1459

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Padiham, June 7th, 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1453

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly, June 7th, Paulerspury (6). Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names to P. Foster, Paulerspury, Towcester, by 4th.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, 1455



**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Hythe, Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at Little Railway Cafe.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1451

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Waltham St. Lawrence (6), Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4, tea following. Names for tea by June 3rd.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfields Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 1450

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting June 7th, St. Stephen's. Tea and business St. Michael's Parish Hall, 5.—C. H. Wood. 1457

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Pavenham (5) and Felmersham (5) on Sat., June 7th, 3. Tea (if possible) 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1452

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Crewe Branch) and **SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8), Sat., June 7th, 2.30. Own tea arrangements. 1448

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Bampton, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by June 2nd to H. Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 1460

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting June 7th, St. Peter's Church, Scorton. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Metcalf, Station Road, Scorton, near Garstang. 1463

**HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSNS.**—Joint meeting at Stanmore, Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea; names to be received by previous Wednesday.—S. H. Hoare and T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1443

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 14th, at Marsden, near Huddersfield. Bells (8) 3. Tea 2s. 3d. Apply H. V. Shaw, 5, Bankfield, Marsden, before June 6th. Reports for 1946 now ready.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1446

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Contest at Royston, June 14th. All entries must reach me not later than June 7th. Draw 2.45. Ringing commences 3. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. Halling, 32, Church Hill, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than June 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1447

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Hopton, near Diss, on Sat., June 14th. Bells (6) available 3. Names for tea to A. Gillings, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, not later than June 9th. 1454

**ST. CRANTOCK, NEWQUAY, CORNWALL.**—Rededication of restored ring of sx by Rev. Chancellor R. Roberts, 2.30, Sat., June 14th. All ringers welcome. Reply by June 9th to Rev. H. Trehwella, Crantock. 1386

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Sat., June 14th, Merton (Colliers Wood Station), 1.15. St. Leonard's, Streatham, 2.30. Tea and business 4.20. St. Immanuel's, Streatham, 6.15. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1438

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Prittlewell, Sat., June 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell, Essex, by June 10th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1449

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury on Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 if it can be arranged.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton. 1465

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Tring (8), June 14th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names to W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, by Wed., June 11th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1466

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), Sat., June 14th, 2.15. St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's and St. Clement's (6) also available. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Tudor Cafe, St. Margaret's Plain. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea must be sent to me by Wednesday, June 11th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1435

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 14th, 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. New members and visitors welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. 1434

**SOC. FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting Burton-on-Trent, June 21st. Bells (St. Paul's) 3. Tea 1s. 3d. to paid-up

## Oxford Diocesan Guild

**EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.** The sturdy grey tower at Cookham with its fine ring of eight bells, set in a picturesque daffodil churchyard, seemed to breathe the spirit of joyous happiness to the ringers from some 20 different towers who attended the annual meeting of the branch. The Vicar of Bray (the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman) officiated at the service.

Tea was a happy informal affair, taking place on the Vicarage lawn in glorious sunshine. For the business meeting the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz) was voted to the chair. The sum of 10 gns. was voted for Slough augmentation and rehanging, plus £2 5s. collected at the meeting.

Officers elected were as follows: Branch chairman, the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; branch representatives on General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. W. Welling, Mr. W. Birmingham, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. R. Reid, Miss J. Broomfield.

Capt. A. R. Poyntz and Mr. W. Hibbert, general secretary, wished the branch every success, the latter causing some laughter over his experiences in office. Good wishes were also sent by the president, the Bishop of Buckingham, and Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

## PRESENTATION TO THATCHAM FOREMAN.

In the presence of the 40 members of the Newbury Branch who attended the spring meeting at Thatcham on April 26th, the Vicar (the Rev. B. Thackeray) presented Mr. Smith, the late foreman of Thatcham, with a note-case containing £21 as a token of appreciation from ringers and friends of his 20 years' service as foreman of Thatcham tower. A short business meeting followed, at which Kintbury was chosen for the next meeting place.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and good use was made of the bells.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bigley 1, A. Y. Tyler 2, G. La Marquand 3, J. J. Mawby 4, J. Skeritt 5, B. Lewis 6, C. H. Chambers (conductor) 7, S. Foksett 8.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On May 4th, 1,344 Grandire Triples: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, E. A. Jurd 2, Miss E. Landon 3, H. A. Nobes 4, W. Tate 5, F. W. Burnett 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

members, to others 1s. 9d. Names for tea to B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton, by Monday, June 16th. Special coach (7s. 6d.) from Technical College, Wolverhampton, 1.30; John Harper and Co.'s Works, Walsall Street, Willenhall, 1.45; St. Paul's Church, near bus station, Walsall, 2.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1464

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting Melksham, Sat., June 21st. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by May 16th if possible.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 1461

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—Preliminary Notice.—Great ringing day will be held on Sat., June 28th, at 3.—Leonard E. Pitstow. 1419



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## EXETER, 1947

The 1947 meeting of the Central Council yields such a riot of happy reflections that it will probably go down as the most successful gathering so far in the Council's history. Some of those who were able to make a long week-end visit were able to take part in a peal on the very fine ring of ten at Culmpton, and they will long remember the solid enjoyment they obtained there. Others were fortunate in having an opportunity to try their skill on the new ring of twelve installed at Buckfast Abbey, where a representative 'all England' company succeeded in ringing a good peal of Stedman Cinques on Whit Monday. The complimentary remarks of the Lord Abbot on the ringing were very gratifying, and his invitation to pay another visit will most certainly be accepted.

Many of the visitors were able to hear or ring on the heavy peal at Exeter Cathedral, and no doubt found it to be one of their most thrilling experiences. At the eight-bell towers, Miss Hilda Snowden impressed everyone by her skilful and workmanlike handling of the tenors.

A happy and friendly spirit was very noticeable at the headquarters, and many old friends renewed acquaintance and many new friendships were formed. The painstaking efforts of Mr. F. C. Smale and his untiring committee to ensure the pleasure and comfort of the visitors played no small part in making the gathering such a great success.

At the Council meeting in the ancient Guildhall (the oldest in the country) the genial welcome by the Mayor and the Lord Bishop of Exeter sent off the proceedings on a happy note. Looking round the room, one could not fail to notice the smiling and alert face of that genial youngster of 90, George Williams, and that other fresh and dapper youngster, G. R. Newton, who never seems to alter and simply refuses to grow old.

Other things that will stick in the memory are the quiet and efficient dignity with which the president got through the long agenda (he was no doubt pleased that it was not necessary to consign any refractory members to the adjoining cells!); the determined and doughty manner of Mr. Percy J. Johnson and his championship of the 'Rules and Decisions'; the crisp 'I have nothing to add' of Mr. A. A. Hughes; the dulcet and persuasive tones of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and his reference to the 'sombre but dignified personages on the rostrum'; the surprise of the Editor when he learned he



was the only one on the rostrum who had not been cajoled into buying Mr. Thurlow's book; the business-like appearance of Kathleen Bowling as she deputised a short time for Mrs. Fletcher; the lovely Irish accent of Mr. Dukes; and, last but not least, the earnest expression of the secretary which registered a determination to have things done properly. Altogether, a very delightful gathering and an experience which made the journey well worth while.—J. F. S.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BUCKFAST, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

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

WM. H. BARBER ... .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
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J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 11
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 6	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

## TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CECIL RADDON ... .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 6
*MARGARET TUTT ... .. 2	*GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 3	CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 9
*JOHN W. BEST ... .. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 7
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The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

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On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*KENNETH G. SPAVINS... Treble	VICTOR W. CONQUEST... 6
FREDK. J. PLUMMER ... 2	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD ... 7
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ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JACK G. BROTHWELL ... Treble	*GEORGE F. TUKE ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
CHARLES R. WRIGHT ... 3	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 8
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PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 6
*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
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\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN E. COOK ... .. Treble	*SIDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6
†HAROLD MARCON ... .. 2	FRANK DENEVEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 3	H. LESLIE PASK ... .. 8
*JOHN F. PEARSON ... .. 4	*ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 9
†JACK F. HODSON ... .. 5	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by WM. H. BARBER.

Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Treble	*JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 6
*PETER N. BOND ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 4	FRED. PAGE ... .. 9
†ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 5	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 80th birthday.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 5
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 6
*GEORGE L. GROVER ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.



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## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDK. A. COLEY ... Treble	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
FRANK V. GANT ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN ORME ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	*CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of London.

## BEAMINSTER, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

The 'Barrabool' peal.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS ... Treble	CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 6
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 7
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## NORTHWRAM, HALIFAX.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

FREDK. SEAGER ... Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 5
WM. H. SENIOR ... 2	ERNEST B. BETTS ... 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 3	*WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
WILLIAM BARTON ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## CHEADLE, STAFFS.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE DARBYSHIRE ... Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 5
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 2	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 6
FREDK. WILSHAW ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*MISS FRANCES LAFLIN ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
†ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
TOM WILDE ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Yorkshire. Rung to commemorate the first date touch on the bells 50 years ago, on the original six.

ST. ALBANS. — At the Cathedral, on May 4th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. Blake 1, L. Hansell 2, T. J. Southam 3, D. Bayles 4, W. J. Arnold 5, A. Day 6, R. F. Ewer 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all except ringers of 4 and 8.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES W. EDEN ... Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
JAMES E. BAILEY ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
WALTER J. LEMON ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 4	FREDK. A. COLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal.

## WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

## UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*PEGGY PRUEN ... Treble	*E. GEOFFREY BEYNON ... 5
JENNY PYM ... 2	IAN W. G. FULFORD ... 6
ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 3	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 7
*BARBARA M. PODGER ... 4	†ROBERT S. M. DADD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

\* First peal in the method and of Triples. † First peal. First peal by the University of Bristol Society. First peal on the bells after recasting and augmenting to a ring of eight.

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WM. E. ALLMAN ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5
†CHARLES H. WARD ... 2	CECIL RADDON ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 7
THOMAS H. MATHER ... 4	†HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ 75th peal.

## BRADPOLE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

*CHARLES H. R. POOLE ... Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
†J. LEONARD GLYDE ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 7
†JOSEPH L. BARRETT ... 4	CHARLES H. LATHEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. In memoriam to Mr. Lathey, sen., father of the tenor ringer and for 50 years a ringer at the above church.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

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

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ALBERT WALKER ... Treble	†EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 5
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal in a Surprise method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

## MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

John Carter's Odd Bob (original composition).

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	FRED MELLOR ... 5
MARY DARE ... 2	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... 6
IVAN KAY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 4	*FRED BUCKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

\* First peal. Rung for the 75th anniversary of the church by service ringers.



## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*CECIL H. WOOD ... 6
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 23, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY ... Treble	HARRY WILDE ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT ... 2	*SAM BLUNDELL ... 6
WILLIAM AMBLER ... 3	ROLAND KENDALL ... 7
ALBERT PICKLES ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

## HYDE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Treble	JAMES FERNLEY ... 5
*ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of London, aged 15.

## AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	WILLIAM DEAKIN ... 5
*JOHN LUNHAM ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
JOHN BOOTH ... 3	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 7
JOHN GARTSIDE ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method.

## SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

CECIL F. HAINES ... Treble	HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 5
LESLIE A. PAGE ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	*JAMES LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal of Triples.

## STREATHAM, LONDON.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WM. D. PROCKSON ... Treble	REUBEN CHARGE ... 5
*SIDNEY HOWARD ... 2	WM. J. ELLIS ... 6
JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... 3	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 7
EDWIN L. MILES ... 4	THOS. W. WELBOURNE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ELLIS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church on May 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, Miss B. Bicknell (first quarter-peal) 2, E. J. Runtner 3, Miss A. White 4, H. W. Shadrack 5, H. Devenish (conductor) 6. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

## LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED ALMOND ... Treble	WILLIAM DEAKIN ... 5
JOHN GARTSIDE ... 2	THOMAS HESKETH ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of H.R.H. Queen Mary.

## SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN A. PRINT ... Treble	CLARENCE R. STEED ... 5
ERNEST HOLDER ... 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN ... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... 7
VIVIAN B. HUNT ... 4	DEREK STANLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. J. CAMM.

Rung in honour of Queen Mary's 80th birthday.

## FRINDSBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Treble	THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... 5
FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 2	*FREDK. A. CLEUETT ... 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
TREVOR A. CROSS ... 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Queen Mary.

## EXETER, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS J. LOCK ... Treble	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 2	*FREDK. E. DUKES ... 6
JACK BRAY ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

## TIVERTON, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* 100th peal. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

## SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT ... Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER ... 5
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 2	PETER N. BOND ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 4	FREDK. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—At the Norman Tower on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. E. Moor (conductor) 1. W. Stannard 2. S. Sturgeon 3. R. Simmons 4. P. Everett 5. J. W. Banks 6. A. Gillings 7. A. J. Ford 8. W. Goodship 9. F. Buckle 10.



## SIX &amp; FIVE BELL PEALS

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. P. SPARKES ... .. Treble	G. W. RENDELL ... .. 4
W. LAMBERT ... .. 2	B. WISCOMBE ... .. 5
S. A. GUPPY ... .. 3	L. P. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Percy Rainey, killed in action in the late war.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, London Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES T. LAKER ... .. Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4
NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 4
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... .. 4
*JEAN TAYLOR ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
*GERALD F. BALL ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung for the 18th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, 10th anniversary of the Coronation, and the birthday of Mrs. Simms-Reeve, wife of the Rector, who kindly entertained the band afterwards.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob each called differently.

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... Treble	WILLIAM CUTMORE ... .. 4
ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 2	*STANLEY HONEYBALL ... 5
SAM TWITCHETT ... .. 3	THOMAS BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. BIRD.

\* First peal of Minor.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being an extent each of (1) New Bob and (2) Union, and two extents each of (3) Stedman, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Grandsire, (6) Fortune, (7) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (8) Northrepps Pleasure, (9) Antelope, (10) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (11) Clifford Pleasure, (12) Southrepps Pleasure, (13) St. Nicholas', (14) St. Giles', (15) Winchendon Place, (16) St. Miles', (17) St. Simon's, (18) St. Martin's, (19) Plain Bob, (20) Old, (21) Norfolk, and (22) April Day.

Tenor 6 cwt.

GILBERT WRIGHT ... .. Treble	CECIL G. CALLCUTT ... .. 3
HARRY P. FLOYD ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 4

ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 22 methods by all the band. The greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

CLOPTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., May 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... .. Treble	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL ... .. 4
MRS. CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

First peal on the bells for over 50 years.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Consisting of extents of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

REV. G. W. WILSON ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... .. 5
HERBERT C. READ ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. F. Newton Kent, for 39 years Vicar of Scottow.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. F. BEER ... .. Treble	HARRY PURCHASE ... .. 4
SYDNEY SMITH ... .. 2	GEORGE SPARKES ... .. 5
CLAUDE TARR ... .. 3	EDGAR QUICKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. QUICKE.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

POWDERHAM, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

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

Consisting of four 720's Oxford and three 720's Kent.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*SIDNEY SKINNER ... Treble	BRIAN PIDGEON ... .. 4
JOHN BROWN ... .. 2	*JAMES SMITH ... .. 5
*JOHN CARTER ... .. 3	JOHN QUICK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).

*MISS B. M. BROWN (16) Treble	+G. MOUNTFORD (17) ... 4
*MISS M. FLACKETT (16) 2	+F. W. GROCOTT, JUN. (16) 5
*J. G. BURTON (16) ... 3	*G. E. BEECH (13) ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT, JUN.

\* First peal. + First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALFRED C. GAMBRILL ... Treble	CYRIL E. BUESDEN ... .. 4
+MISS D. M. JENNER ... 2	DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE ... 5
E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... 3	+EDWARD J. WELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by DR. J. D. OGILVIE.

\* First peal of Minor. + First peal. First peal as conductor.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES BROWN ... Treble	JOHN E. COOK ... .. 4
*MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2	JOHN F. PEARSON ... .. 5
JACK F. HODSON ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.



# KISLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2 six-scores Stedman, 10 six-scores St. Simon's (four callings), 10 six-scores Plain Bob (four callings), 8 six-scores Apple Day (three callings), one 240 Morris' Arrangement Grandsire, 10 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

\*ERNEST G. ORLAND ... Treble | †SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 3  
GEORGE CARE ... 2 | WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 4

ERIC NOBLES ... ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles in five methods. First as conductor in five Doubles methods. A wedding peal for Mr. D. Robinson to Miss F. Roycroft.

# HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Eastern Division.)

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE BEENEY ... Treble | WILFRED BOOTH ... 4  
\*ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 2 | \*BENJAMIN STEPNEY ... 5  
\*MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 3 | †FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal of Minor. † 175th peal. First peal 'inside' by ringer of second. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

# MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

30 extents of Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*HERBERT PARKIN ... Treble | †RONALD TRAVIS ... 3  
G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 2 | \*GEORGE W. MOODY ... 4

\*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. D. F. Tollitt, who was inducted on the previous day.

# HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

WILLIAM H. TYLER ... Treble | WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4  
THOMAS PRICE ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5  
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

# LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

\*BARBARA L. LONG ... Treble | JOHN WARD ... 4  
ALAN CATTELL ... 2 | JOHN B. BENNETT ... 5  
SYDNEY HARRISON ... 3 | \*JAMES C. DEACON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CATTELL.

\* First peal.

# NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newark Branch.)

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL ... Treble | \*MRS. N. MOXON ... 4  
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 2 | FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 5  
NATHANIEL MOXON ... 3 | HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day and also for Queen Mary's 80th birthday.

BARNET, HERTS.—On May 4th, at St. John the Baptist's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Lewis (first quarter-peal) 1, F. A. Barker 2, A. E. Hoare 3, E. Marshall 4, S. J. Casley 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8.

# BRABOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... Treble | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 4  
WILFRED W. RING ... 2 | THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... 5  
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Canon E. Southam.

# STOWTING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILFRED W. RING ... Treble | WM. A. OLDFIELD ... 4  
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2 | THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... 5  
\*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* 25th peal.

# CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

\*ROBERT H. TYLER ... Treble | WM. J. CHESTER ... 4  
THOMAS PRICE ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5  
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

# OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

\*MICHAEL A. C. FREW Treble | \*PETER C. WRIGHT ... 4  
BETTY SPICE ... 2 | \*JOHN V. LONSBROUGH ... 5  
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3 | \*C. JOHN DICKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal in more than one method. The first peal in more than one method as conductor. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

# HANDBELL PEALS

## CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

## AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

## A PEAL OF SPICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 91 methods: (1) Beeston, Melandra, Leesowe, Peyeril, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford, Berwyn and Mendip Treble Bob; (2) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes and Sharnbrook Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob; (3) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (4) Skipton, Chestow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (5) Charwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight; (7) Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4  
JACK BRAY ... 5-6

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

212 changes of method, 50 bobs and 36 singles. The greatest number of methods yet rung 'in hand.'

WINScombe, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Miles 1, L. W. Pullin 2, R. H. Brice 3, G. K. Westlake 4, E. E. Fisher 5, G. Prescott 6, H. A. Price (conductor) 7, H. Parsons 8.



## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., May 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
JILL POOLE ... 3-4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
First peal of Surprise Major on handbells by all.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., May 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT SWAN STREET,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

RONALD SUCKLING ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD ... 5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,*

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2	†ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8
ERNEST MORRIS ... 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal away from treble.  
First of Bob Royal as conductor 'in hand.'

## HALE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT 6, STANWAY DRIVE,*

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

Tenor size 15 in B.

DAVID VINCENT ... 1-2	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3-4	JOHN WORTH ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by J. WORTH.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT 124, CARHOLME ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5029 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	*JACK BRAY ... 7-8
JOHN WALDEN ... 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,  
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,*

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

EDWIN JENNINGS ... 1-2	*ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4
OLAVE BROYD ... 5-6	

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by O. BROYD.

\* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

All the peals rung during the Exeter Conference were for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and in consequence a number of new members were made. The representative character of the bands is indicated by the peal rung at Buckfast Abbey, which consisted of members from Newcastle-on-Tyne, Lincoln, Coventry, London, Birmingham (3), Oxford, Bradford, Hemel Hempstead, Cheltenham and Ipswich.

Many of the visitors have now a higher opinion of those who rang the peals on Exeter Cathedral's magnificent 12. One well-known ringer admitted that the eleventh was too good a bell for him. Those who had never rung Cinques or Maximus were advised by the president to confine their ringing to rounds.

Standing in the peal of Treble Bob at St. Thomas', Exeter, was Mr. F. E. Dukes, of the Irish Association, who through lack of opportunities had never previously struck a blow in Treble Bob. 'He put up an excellent show,' reports our correspondent.

Not being a member of the Council, it was impossible for the Editor to express publicly at Exeter his thanks for the kind expressions of appreciation of his services. To old and new friends, thank you all very much.

Woodbury will be a name long cherished in the minds of the members of the Council who accepted the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes on Whit Monday. Their bountiful hospitality amid such pleasant surroundings made the occasion memorable. It was indeed a pleasant relaxation before the difficulties of the Standing Committee.

Back to the office from the Land Army, Miss Margaret Rigby is the first lady to join St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent. In less than five months she has become a regular Sunday service ringer and has removed the blisters by her first 720.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Two records are announced in our peal columns. The first comes from the Lincolnshire handbell team, who have reached 91 methods of Spliced Minor 'in hand.' Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. G. E. Feim were at Exeter and received many congratulations and good wishes for their next hurdle of 105 methods. How is it done? Two hard practices a week, states Mr. Bray.

The other relates to 22 Doubles methods by Mr. Alan Pink and his band. They desire to acknowledge the help and suggestions of Mr. F. Nolan Golden, as the methods are largely taken from his collection. In tracing the 'working up' of this peal it will be recalled that peals have been rung in 7, 13, 15 and 19 methods, in each case the first peal on the bells.

Wherever this band went they were received with enthusiasm and hospitality. In some of the towers a certain amount of 'bell hanging' had to be carried out before the peal could be started. The ringing of 22 methods should help to popularise five-bell ringing.

Who were the previous holders of the five-bell record (21 methods)? It is believed that it was set up at Cretingham, Suffolk, on April 30th, 1883, and equalled by Mr. H. D. W. Bishop's band a few months before the war.

In connection with the diamond jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Macclesfield last Saturday, the B.B.C. decided at very short notice to make a recording. Mr. Worth, the chairman of the Macclesfield Branch, and one of the young members spoke into the microphone. Two records of the 12 at St. Michael's were made—one of rounds and the other of Queen's, and the records were broadcast on Monday. The Chester Guild informed the B.B.C. a month previous about the festival, and, having heard nothing until 12 hours before, naturally concluded that they were unable to record.

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GHOST IN BELFRY

EXETER Guildhall, which is one of the oldest civic halls in the country, made a fitting setting for the 50th annual meeting of the Central Council on Whit Tuesday. The welcome accorded the record number of members came from Church and State, greetings being delivered by the Mayor and the Lord Bishop of Exeter.

Formal introductions to the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) were made by Preb. C. C. Cox (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers). On the aldermanic dais with Mr. Lewis were Mr. George W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council), Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian).

The Mayor, in his welcome to the Council, said they were all, no doubt, aware that the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, which was formed in 1874, was a very strong branch of the ringing world. He had been interested in reading of the development of ringing during the past 75 years and few people outside the ringers realised that it was really a great art.

'We were blessed in Exeter that during the enemy raids that three of their best peals of bells were saved, but one very fine peal, that of St. Sidwell's, was lost. . . . I feel the Church has done a great work by calling people to God by the ringing of bells as the Salvation Army has also done a great work by calling people to God by their bands.'

## EXETER DIOCESE'S CLAIM.

The Bishop of Exeter, in his welcome, said the conference came to a city which bore the marks of great sacrifice and to a city which contained in its Cathedral what he believed was claimed to be the largest ringing combination in the world. They also came to a diocese which had the largest number of bells and therefore the largest number of bell-ringers, and, added the Bishop, amid the laughter of the conference—'the best bells and the best bellringers.'

It was an old custom that whenever the Bishop visited a parish the bells rung him in with a welcome, and he had no doubt that with equal joy they rang him out (laughter). He remembered in the anxious days of 1939 suggesting that a bell should be rung daily in each parish and that everybody who heard that bell should offer up a short prayer: 'Open, O Lord, the minds of all men forthwith to the Spirit of Jesus Christ that we may again find the way of peace.' That prayer would not have reached so many people if it had not been for the ringing of the bells.

'I would like to express gratitude to the bellringers—those loyal servants of the Church—and I am glad to think that the bad old customs (which he believed were exaggerated) of men coming to ring at the church and then adjourning to the public-house and not answering the call to worship—that those days were gone.

## 'GOOD FOR THE FIGURE'

'I notice in regard to bellringers that once a bellringer always a bellringer and that you can produce records of men who have rung for 60 or 70 years—old veterans of the belfry. It does suggest to me something that will need care—that if you have six or eight veterans how are we to train the younger generation?

'I have also noticed that women have invaded the belfry. It is a grand exercise and I think it is good for the figure (laughter). We have one ring of bells rung by the girls from an adjoining school. I ask you to be careful to see that the younger generation get a chance to become skilled craftsmen in their art, which, I am informed, is mathematical.

The Bishop added that his education had been on the arts side and he always understood mathematics required low cunning (laughter and applause).

The President, in thanking the Mayor and Bishop for their welcome, said he must say he felt a little shy in their Council Chamber because of the fact that Devon and Cornwall until comparatively recent times knew nothing about their peculiar art of change ringing, but the local style of ringing led to the most splendid striking, and if only throughout the country they could marry that excellent Devonshire and Cornish striking with their own more beautiful method of ringing, the result would be very gratifying indeed. He felt rather shy in coming into Devonshire that in their efforts to ring changes they had paid too much attention to the method and not quite enough attention to the accuracy of striking which was so much valued by the Devonshire ringers.

In a word of thanks to the Bishop and the Church authorities, Mr. Lewis said they had a great wealth of bells and Exeter and district was a perfect ringers' paradise. He felt that one of the strokes of genius of Mr. Churchill was that after the battle of Alamein he gave them permission to ring the bells. That act took a great hold on the country and since then there had been a general interest in ringing, and it had resulted in a very great increase in the number of young people anxious to ring. One of their oldest ringers, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, did as much as anybody to teach the younger generation.

The President then presented copies of 'College Youths' to the Mayor and the Bishop, in which the early development of change ringing was told in detail.

## REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

The Secretary reported that there was very little change in the constitution of the Council except that the North Notts had merged with the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the St. David's Diocesan Guild had affiliated and was entitled to one member. There were 23 associations entitled to four members, 4 to three members, 10 to two and 15 to one, making a total of 52 associations with 139 representatives. With their 17 honorary members the grand total was 156. He also reported that all subscriptions had been paid.

## ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan: Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfeld.

Cambridge University: Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rev. B. F. Sheppard.

Chester Diocesan: Mr. J. Cooke, Mr. J. W. Clarke.

Coventry Diocesan: Mrs. D. M. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Devon Guild: Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. F. C. Smale, Mr. W. C. Wakley, Mr. G. C. Woodley.

Dudley and District: Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle: Mr. W. H. Barber.

Ely Diocesan: Mr. C. W. Cook.

Essex Association: Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan: Rev. N. E. Hone, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Waite.

Guildford Diocesan: Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan: Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. W. T. Poston, Mr. G. J. Lewis.

Hertford County: Mr. W. Ayre.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Kent County: Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association: Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan: Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole.

Lincoln Diocesan: Mr. S. E. Bennett, Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stitch.

London County Association: Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County: Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Norwich Diocesan: Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan: Mr. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. B. A. Post.

Oxford Society: Mr. W. F. Judge.

Oxford University Society: Mr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan: Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine.

St. David's Diocesan: Mr. J. Arthur Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Shropshire Association: Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. W. Steere.

Stafford Archdeaconry: Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County: Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan: Mr. A. Hoare.

Truro Diocesan: Mr. A. S. Roberts.

Universities' Association: Miss M. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan: Rev. W. H. K. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. S. T. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—Miss L. K. Bowling, Messrs. C. Dean, W. H. J. Hooton, A. A. Hughes, C. H. Kippin, F. H. Lewis, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker, E. Alex. Young.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Messrs. C. F. Johnson, T. Groombridge, sen., G. E. Debenham, J. A. Trollope (hon. members), H. G. Cashmore and C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), T. Groombridge, jun., and H. Denman (Southwell Diocesan), C. J. Sedgley (Suffolk), J. Parker and G. Gilbert (Royal Cumberland Youths), G. E. Oliver (Hereford), Canon C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire), W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle), Canon G. P. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan), F. M. Mitchell (Kent County), M. J. T. Godwin (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), W. G. Wilson (Middlesex), A. Relfe (East Grinstead), F. Warrington (Ely Diocesan), Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Oxford University), M. Rowley (Leicester Diocesan Guild), R. S. F. Murphy (Irish Association), Miss E. Steel (Ladies' Guild), Mrs. O. L. Rogers (London County Association).



The President said members should know that Canon Coleridge had started to come to Exeter and stopped to see his sister. He was taken ill and had to retire to bed. He expressed his great regret as this would have been his 50th attendance.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The President was introduced to the following new members: Messrs. C. H. Kippin, H. J. Mansfield, Wilfrid F. Moreton, G. J. Lewis, Rev. N. E. Hope, W. T. Poston, F. E. Dukes, J. Arthur Hoare, S. E. Bennett.

#### ROYAL TELEGRAMS.

The President said the Standing Committee decided to recommend that on this their 50th meeting they should send a telegram to Princess Elizabeth congratulating her on her 21st birthday and to Queen Mary on attaining her 80th birthday. The Council approved of this course. The telegrams were:—

'The Central Council of Church Bellringers assembled in the Guildhall, Exeter, on the occasion of their 50th annual meeting, beg to offer H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth loyal congratulations on the attainment of her 21st birthday with their best wishes for many years of health and happiness.'

'The Central Council of Church Bellringers assembled in the Guildhall, Exeter, on the occasion of their 50th annual meeting, beg to offer Her Majesty Queen Mary their loyal congratulations on the attainment of her 80th birthday with their best wishes for her continued health and happiness.'

The Council also sent telegrams to Canon Coleridge, Canon Marshall and Mr. J. A. Trollope with their best wishes for an early improvement in their health.

#### ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President announced that there were three vacancies for honorary members. The Standing Committee considered this matter and recommended the election of Mr. W. Osborne and the other two vacancies be left open.

Mr. H. J. Sanger moved the election of Mr. W. Osborne, stating that he had done very good work in their diocese.

Mr. S. G. Coles seconded and the resolution was carried.

#### LOSSES BY DEATH.

The President reported the loss by death of the following members: D. H. Argyle, Warwickshire Guild, 1936-38; Edwin Shepherd, Devon Guild, 1932; A. E. Coles, Bath and Wells, 1906-1926; H. S. Brodclbank, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1918-1920, 1930-32; Major J. H. B. Hesse, Middlesex County Association 1912-20, hon. member, 1921-1946; John Evans, Oxford Diocesan Guild, 1912-1932; Rupert Richardson, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, 1903-1947; Rev. E. Bankes James, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, 1894-1907.

The members stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

#### THE MINUTES.

Mr. F. I. Hairs moved and Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded that the minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' on May 9th be taken as read.—Agreed.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton) presented his report, which showed that sales during 1946-7 numbered 873 and totalled £29 17s. 7d. During the year the stock of the Doubles and Minor Methods book had been exhausted. The sheets of Stedman and Grand-sire had also gone and 500 of these had been reprinted. There had been a steady demand for the Triples book and again some enquiries for the book of Major and Cater Methods.

The report expressed gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for their help in housing the library and in dealing with sales of publications during part of the year.

Gifts to the library included 'The Ringing World,' vols. 32-40, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher; 'Berkshire Bells,' Part 9, 'Radnorshire Bells,' Parts 1-4, Mr. F. Sharpe; set of reports, York-



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shire Association, Canon C. C. Marshall; books and papers of the late T. B. Worsley, sent by Mr. P. Crook.

A limited number of reprints of articles in 'The Ringing World' on the subject of composition of Stedman Triples would be available before long. Requests have been received for advice about an article on bells for Chambers' 'Encyclopædia' and about the compilation of a biography of bell literature.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of the Central Council showed that income during the year was: Affiliation fees, £34 5s.; hon. members' subscriptions, £2 10s.; sale of publications balance £26 10s. 1d., which, with £303 9s. 11d. carried forward, made a total of £366 15s. The year concluded with a balance of £324 9s. 1d., of which the main items were: Library and publications, £10 5s. 4d.; wreaths, £8 12s. 6d.; stationery and printing, £6 5s. 6d.

The Hon. Secretary said the subscriptions of the Barnsley and District Association and the Truro Diocesan Guild were received too late for inclusion in the accounts. The balance of £324 would be wanted with the reprinting programme which was coming along. Mr. Fletcher moved and Mr. Hairs seconded the adoption of the accounts.—Agreed.

#### CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. Alex. Young presented a report on the Carter Ringing Machine, which was now housed at the Science Museum. The demonstrator, Mr. Sharman, was satisfied that the machine was now working. He was able to make it do some 12-bell work—some Grandsire Cinques.

The machine had been deposited there since 1925 and was invented by a master craftsman, John Carter. It was placed there at his wish to be on public loan with the Council as its trustees. Mr. A. A. Hughes and himself were the trustees and he asked the Council to accept his resignation as a trustee. He was also anxious to find another demonstrator to serve with Mr. Sharman. He moved that the fees due to Mr. Sharman be paid and that Dr. Follet (the principal) be reimbursed for expenditure involved in repairs.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the report was adopted.

#### PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The committee reported the co-option of Mr. E. A. Barnett. It was hoped that the collection of Triples and Major compositions in hand would be ready for presentation to the Council in 1948.

Mr. G. R. Newton moved and Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

#### METHODS COMMITTEE.

This amended report stated: During the past year we have contented ourselves with answering the many enquiries we continue to receive concerning methods, compositions, etc. The one enquiry to which we did not reply was received without the address of the enquirer.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, in moving the adoption, said the report was discussed at some length at the meeting of the Standing Committee. He noted in the report of the librarian that the stock of Doubles and Minor methods had been sold out. There had always been a steady sale for these, and as he was not aware of any new discoveries he suggested that it be reprinted. The Plain Major Methods book would require complete revision. The Council would note that Mr. Trollope was seriously ill. He saw Mr. Trollope last Friday and he was very sorry not to be present as he was elected a member 50 years ago.

Mr. A. Walker seconded and the report was adopted.

#### PEALS ANALYSIS REPORT.

The Peals Analysis Committee appointed by the Council have to report that 1,796 peals (including 240 on handbells) were rung during the year ended December 31st, 1946.

There have been excluded the following:—

(a) Superlative Major rung at Bocking on May 11th, since withdrawn by the conductor.

(b) Minor in seven methods at Norton on September 28th, the conductor of which did not take a physical part in the ringing.

(c) Minor in three methods rung at Sefton on November 24th with a covering tenor.

(d) Kent Treble Bob Major at Basingstoke on October 11th, also with a covering tenor.

The three performances (b), (c) and (d) obviously do not conform to the usual ringing practice of the Exercise, and the committee feel that as no objections have been raised to the suggestions intimated in 'The Ringing World' leading article of February 7th last, the Exercise generally is in agreement, and the committee recommend such peals shall continue to be excluded from the analysis now and in the future.

Mr. C. Dean moved the adoption of the report and Mr. W. Ayre seconded.

Mr. C. H. Kippin said he was proposing an amendment that seven and nine bell peals be added to the report. He thought they would agree that if they recognised one they would recognise both. 'I do not wish to popularise seven-bell ringing or nine-bell ringing; I am merely pleading for justice for both these peals. I think up to the present neither peal has had justice.'

'First of all, the seven-bell peal would have been accepted without any question if the nine-bell peal had not been rung. As for the nine-bell peal, it was sent in and published in the Belfry Gossip and caused some surprise. Then it was gossiped from one committee to another. In the meantime I had sent a complaint and instructions were then issued that the peal should be published in its original form. I still feel that the peal was prejudiced from the start.'

'I know a lot of people will say it is only a stunt (hear, hear). Well, a good many peals were rung as stunts. I remember a handbell peal rung in bed—and there is the conductor here. I remember when the nine-bell peal was rung the conductor of that handbell peal was filled with righteous indignation at that peal.'

'What we are concerned with is do these peals comply with the rules or not, and my own personal feeling is that they do. When the report appeared in "The Ringing World" that these two peals were going to be omitted



from the Peal Analysis report, a friend came to me and said, "The Council are getting busy. I conducted a peal of Bob Minor at Falfeld in Gloucestershire in 1923 with two covers, and they accepted that one all right."

'In my opinion, the Peal Analysis Committee have acted wrongly if they should regard these two peals as cuckoo's eggs in the nest. They should recommend to the Council that they do not like them, but they had no alternative but to accept them and to recommend the Council to take action in getting the rules amended. I do not think it is fair that the Peal Analysis Committee should have acted as they did. What they have done is to try and make black white.

'During the debate I should like to hear the answers of these two questions: First of all, I should like to know the chairman's unbiased opinion as to whether these peals comply with the rules or not. I should also like to know if one cover infringes the rules, what about a peal with two covers? Does a peal with a wide backstroke infringe the rule "without interval"? How can a peal be rejected this year and accepted in the past? Can the Council preserve its dignity by its inconsistency? I submit it is a case of impartiality and justice against prejudice and popular sentiment. I therefore propose that these two peals be added to the record.

Mr. G. H. Cross seconded the amendment.

#### THE DEFINITION.

Mr. A. D. Barker: Can we have the Council's definition of what constitutes a peal?

The President: 'On nine and eleven bells—that there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval in each case with the addition of a covering bell.

'On seven bells—that the number of changes be not less than 5,040, rung with or without a covering bell, and without interval, being the extent of changes in the method or methods chosen; nevertheless, a performance on seven bells without the addition of a covering bell is to be discountenanced.'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said it seemed to him that there were no rules. The rules are silent on this point, not because they dissent, but because the condition had not been contemplated. The proper course was for the Council to accept the peal, but decide to rule out any others in the future.

If they were to argue on matters on which the rules were silent the peal on 14 bells should be ruled out, but he gathered that the peal in question had been accepted. He would also point out that they seemed to be getting mixed up between two important items in connection with peal ringing. The first concerned 5,000 different changes and the second the music connected with the bells.

'I submit that the most important thing is the ringing of the 5,000 odd changes, and then there comes the question of the music of those changes. If 5,000 odd different changes have been rung that is a peal. Naturally we want to get the most musical peal and in normal circumstance we should not like a peal of Treble Bob Major with the tenor covering as we would like Stedman Triples with the tenor covering.

'Lastly we do hear that Grandsire is Plain Bob with a bell in the hunt. Look at it from another way. Plain Bob with two bells in the hunt. Logically if we allow covering to that number of Grandsire, why not allow that to Plain Bob, which is the same number. I wish to support the amendment.'

#### NEXT BUSINESS.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: May I remind Mr. Kippin that the conductor of the handbell peal in bed has unfortunately passed away. Another thing, that stunt in bed was a peal of Major. If you go for a peal of Major you go for the music of Major. I happened to hear of this peal before it came off and I said to one of the ringers: 'You can go and ring what you like, but the Council holds the right to sav through the Analysis Committee if they will have it as a peal or not.'

Some years ago a gentleman said they could not make rules: they could make definitions. Once you have rung a peal and you come out of the tower it is only your satisfaction that counts. If you go for a peal of Major with the tenor behind you have not had the enjoyment of Major. What did the tenor man do in that peal? Did he have the enjoyment of Major? Could the tenor say, I rang a peal of Treble Bob Major with the tenor behind? I think it would be more to the dignity of the Council that we ignore it. He moved that the Council pass on to the next business.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the reason the definition of seven bells was allowed to stand was because of the fact that prior to the making of that rule there had been a peal of Triples without a covering bell, and it was because of that that the Council amended the rule 'that a performance on seven bells without the addition of a covering bell is to be discountenanced.' Are we going to permit anybody to come along and present the same horror on different bells and acknowledge this abortion of our art?

I want to say we have heard some curious points put forward during this discussion. One is that if you ring 5,000 changes that constitutes a peal. I am going to point out that the tradition of the Exercise and the reason for the rules is to get as musical a combination on the bells as possible. It was for that object that the rules were put in.

In a condemnation of nine-bell peals Mr. Johnson reminded the Council it was not merely a question of what the ringers could stand, but what the public could stand, and they should never forget that fact. He maintained that if they accepted these peals they would turn the Council into ridicule. He seconded Mr. Pulling's amendment to pass on to the next meeting.

The Rev. L. Edwards: Is this in order?

The President: Yes.

The amendment to pass on to the next business was then put to the meeting and carried by a very large majority.

A member: I certainly think it is a guillotine!

#### RECORDS COMMITTEE. NEW METHODS.

Tower bells.—Dec. 14th, 1946, 5,040 changes Belgrave Surprise Royal. Essex Association; Dec. 21st, 5,184 Norfolk Imperial Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Dec. 28th, 5,152 Glasgow Surprise Major, Kent County Association.

Handbells.—Aug. 3rd, 5,056 Hereward Bob Major, Oxford University Society; Aug. 10th, 5,056 New London Court Bob Major, ditto; Nov. 2nd, 5,040 St. Clement's College Bob Triples, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; Nov. 15th, 5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major, Hertford County Association.

#### PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

Tower bells.—June 4th, 5,168 St. Laurence Little Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Aug. 24th, 12,663 Stedman Cinques, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Dec. 11th, 5,184 Winchester Bob Major, Universities' Association.

Mrs. Fletcher, in moving the adoption of the report, asked members ringing new methods or progressive lengths to send particulars to her. On no occasion did she receive notice.

Mr. Ernest Turner added a complaint on behalf of the Methods Committee that they had not seen the figures.

The report was adopted.

#### TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The President said that since the last Council meeting the committee had suffered a great loss in the death of Major Hesse, who did a great deal of useful work for the committee. His sound engineering experience, coupled with his great love of bells, was of outstanding value to the Exercise. In the control of sound his patient work at Haslemere was an outstanding example of what can be done to improve conditions both inside and outside the tower.

During the year the remaining members of the committee had dealt with or were dealing with 16 enquiries. It would be an advantage if the committee could be strengthened, particularly if a suitable member could be found in the north.

Work had started on the revision of the 'Preservation of bells, etc.', and it was hoped to be able to publish a new edition before the next Council meeting.

As to the enquiries, the President said first of all he was asked to lay a ghost as part of the duties of the Towers and Belfries Committee. It appeared that in a tower in Hertfordshire there were noises in the belfry when the bells were rung and the ringers were frightened. He was asked to go and investigate. While the bells were ringing he went and investigated and found that the clock weight swung to within a quarter-inch of an iron ladder. He imagined that what caused the ghost was the pendulum striking against the ladder.

He had been asked what were the horizontal and vertical forces in ringing a bell. He had checked Sir Arthur Heywood's figures and found that the maximum horizontal force was equal to the weight of bell metal and the maximum vertical force was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times the weight of bell metal.

There was a case he was called into 21 and 22 years ago, the oscillation on the bells of Christ Church, Macclesfield, and he recommended that the height of the bells be reduced from 80ft. to 50ft. He was pleased to note that this had been done and was satisfactory.

Last year it was reported that the bells of Liverpool Cathedral were ready for hanging if only a roof could be placed on the Cathedral. Shortly after the Council passed their resolution permission was received to proceed with the roof, but it was now found that they could not get the material. The Dean was unable to suggest any date.

Mr. F. Sharpe reported that he had dealt with six cases. In seconding the report, he said he thought the Council would be interested in one particular case he had to deal with. It was a case of extremely bad bell hanging and bad design. The ring of bells was heavy with a tenor weighing 28 cwt. The bells were hung in a very tall spire—the highest in Oxfordshire at Bloxham. Some 25 years ago the architect condemned them for ringing. It was obvious that it was a case of bad design that was the cause of oscillation on the tower. Upon investigation he found that the oscillation ceased when the trebles were rung at backstroke and the others at handstroke. The bell frame was an extremely bad one; there was no foundation for the frame and no means of taking the horizontal forces along the walls. The four largest bells were hung from north to south instead of east to west.

The President said that in 1911 he started and finished in 1914 his calculations on the horizontal and vertical forces which had become the standard theory on the subject. There was only one copy in existence and he had tried during the last six months, without success, to get it reprinted. It was suggested that a duplicate be taken photographically. The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. W. Osborne be added to the Towers and Belfries Committee.

Mr. A. Young suggested that the Council re-issue a very useful book—'Bell Towers and Bellhanging,' by Sir Arthur Heywood.

The report was adopted, it being decided to take a photographic copy of Mr. Lewis' book.

(To be continued)

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Cox 1, P. Cox 2, A. Tomlinson (conductor) 3, A. Bown 4, H. E. G. Jeanes 5, P. Crook 6.

WELTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 17th, 660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Orland 1, J. Webb 2, S. Ruddlesden 3, S. Osborne (conductor) 4, V. Perry 5.



## Wincanton Bells

'That thou mayest use them for the calling of assembly' (Numbers 10, v. 2).

This was the message of Dr. W. H. Bradfield, Bishop of Bath and Wells, in his inspiring address at the dedication of the augmented and recast ring of eight bells of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wincanton, Somerset, which took place before a large congregation of townsfolk and ringers on May 10th.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Preb. W. E. Hodgson, and nearly 20 robed clergy took part. After the singing of the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' a small procession, consisting of crossbearer, churchwardens, the Bishop, his acting chaplain and the Rector, proceeded to the ground floor ringing chamber. Receiving the bell ropes from the captain of the tower, Mr. John Chilcott, the Bishop dedicated afresh the six recast bells, and then dedicated the two new bells—the treble in memory of those of the parish who had fallen in the two world wars, the second in memory of Thomas and Rebecca Green. Then, to the sound of the bells being rung in rounds by members of the Wincanton company, the procession returned to the choir.

After the service over 150 clergy and ringers were entertained to tea by ladies of the parish. Here the Rector introduced Mr. D. Bradford, representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, and the Bishop, recalling that he had been Archdeacon of Croydon, said that this was an added reason for the pleasure he had felt in taking part in the dedication ceremony.

For the many visiting ringers then came the climax of a memorable day, a touch on the bells. Throughout the evening their music pealed forth, and all of us who knew the old bells realised that at last Wincanton has a ring of bells of which it can be justly proud.

The old ring of six consisted of five bells recast in 1793 by Robert and James Wells, of Aldbourne, at which time the tenor bell was added. They were unmusical, and their going-order had been atrocious for many years. The need for recasting and rebanging had long been felt in the town, and the Rector is to be congratulated on steering the enterprise to so successful a fulfilment.

The augmented ring of eight is hung on ball bearings in a metal frame with a tenor of 15 cwt. in F sharp. In the light of recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' it is interesting to note that the six recast bells have been inscribed each with a different name. These names include, as well as those of the Rector and churchwardens, those of three ringers: on the 3rd, F. W. Hunt Obi 1945; on the 4th, F. Francis Obi 1936; and on the 5th, J. Chilcot, the present captain.

On May 17th, one week after the dedication, the first peal was rung on the new bells by members of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers, being conducted by one born in Wincanton, who received his early instruction there, and who extends his good wishes to the present band in their future efforts.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

### PRE-WAR STANDARD REACHED.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Sleaford on May 17th and was attended by between 60 and 70 members and friends. All the officers were re-elected with Mr. G. E. Fein to fill the vacancy on the Guild Committee. A grant of £25 from branch funds towards the memorial fund for the late Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson, was unanimously decided upon.

Acting on suggestions made by the president (Canon E. L. Marsden), it was decided to ask for the principal Guild meetings to be inserted in the diocesan calendar.

Great pleasure was expressed at the attendance at meetings, and the branch membership totals were back to pre-war standards.

## Devon Guild of Ringers

### EXETER AND MID-DEVON BRANCHES.

Exeter and Mid-Devon branches held a combined meeting on May 10th at Chudleigh, where there is a good ring of eight augmented from six and rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1924.

The first bells of which there is any record appear to have been two that came in the 15th century from the chapel attached to a palace the Bishop of Exeter had in the parish and of which some remnants remain. By 1780 there were five bells, for in that year a licence was granted by the Bishop for making them with additional metal into six. This was done by the Penningtons, of Cornwall, in 1781. Three of these were recast by Gillett and Johnston.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Stevens), and Mr. E. J. Ryall (Exeter branch secretary) reading the lesson. About 50 members and friends were guests of the Church Council at an excellent tea. Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman, Exeter Branch) conducted the business. He gratefully acknowledged the hospitality and suggested the collection, which yielded nearly £2, for parochial purposes. He also heartily thanked the Vicar, the ladies who arranged the tea, the organist and especially the local round and call change ringers for their cordial co-operation; some of the latter joined in mixed ringing. Mr. Collins, the local leader, acknowledged the friendly feeling and hinted that possibly his band would join the Guild. The next meeting was fixed for Aug. 16th at Crediton.

Preb. E. V. Cox (Guild president), on behalf of the Exeter Branch, presented Mr. W. Howe (former hon. secretary) with £5 which had been subscribed in appreciation of his services.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, P'ain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

### BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

In brilliant weather members enjoyed the rural countryside of Wootton on April 26th. The bells at St. Lawrence's were made good use of, and the belfry being on the ground floor, members enjoyed the sunshine between touches.

Tea was served by Mrs. Balaam and helpers in the Parish Room, and Canon G. H. Jeudwine presided at the business meeting when five new members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for July 12th at Overton, Hants. Ringing ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise.

## PETERBOROUGH GUILD

A company of 70 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Great Doddington, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Flex) is branch president. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, and the tea was served by the wives and friends of local members. Irchester was suggested for the quarterly meeting in July. The vote of thanks to all who had helped was moved by Mr. W. G. Callis and supported by Mr. J. R. Main and Mr. F. Barben.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The May meeting of the Swindon Branch took the form of an excursion to four outlying towers where ringing is at a low ebb. At Minety, three of the five bells were 'up' and the birds had filled the pits up to headstock level with sticks and rubbish, so nothing was attempted. At Ashton Keynes four of the five were 'up,' but the bell chamber was fairly clear and some good ringing took place. Latton and Castle Eaton were found in good order and local ringers turned up at both places. The 'rise' at Castle Eaton caused some amusement. The bells were pulled up in peal and it was later discovered that the peculiar music had been caused by raising the bells 2.3.4.5.6.1!

## OBITUARY

### MR. JONATHAN OWENS.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Bronllys, Brecons., Wales, on May 21st, of Mr. Jonathan Owens, at the age of 83. Mr. Owens had given 45 years' loyal service to the church as clerk and 65 years' service as a bell-ringer, a post his father before him had carried out for a period of 60 years. Thus, between them, they have given over 100 years' service to St. Mary's Church, Bronllys.

After the funeral service the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect.

### MR. EDWARD JOHN ROWE.

On May 16th, at Stourton, Wilts, 'Uncle' Ted Rowe was buried in the churchyard of the estate he had served so well for 34 years, first as stud groom and then as head chauffeur. Ringers present included G. Harding, Urchfont; J. Parsons, Zeals; W. Keates, Mere; P. O. Baker, Gillingham; J. T. Dyke, H. J. Sanger, J. Metcalfe, of the Bath and Wells Association. Wreaths were sent from the Mere, Zeals and Gillingham towers, as well as one from the Bath and Wells Wednesday band. Handbells were rung at the graveside, and the ringers joined the local band in ringing half-muffled in the tower.

'Uncle' was a keen ringer, and his connection with the Royal Show enabled him to ring in many parts of the country. He was a member of the Ancient Society, the Salisbury Guild, the Bath and Wells and the Gloucester and Bristol Associations. It was nothing to him to attend a practice in Bristol, 33 miles away, even when the roads were icy, and then to go miles out of his way to take another ringer home. His greatness in physical stature was matched by his nobility of character. His thought for others often made us lesser men ashamed.

His last peal at the age of 61 was rung on the tenor at Redcliffe, when he put up a performance of superlative merit. It was typical of the man that while lying in a sick bed, he insisted on paying a life membership fee to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, having previously joined as a non-resident ringing member. He said that it was a shabby trick to go into another Guild's territory, ring the best peal he had ever rung, and only pay 1s. 6d. for it. Such was his principle throughout life, and we who knew him can only strive to emulate it.

Mrs. Rowe finds it impossible to reply individually to the many letters of sympathy from ringing friends, and would like through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to thank them, knowing that they will understand.

J.D.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### V.W.H. ANNUAL MEETING.

'When in the tower ring well, as good ringing will help to get new ringers,' was the message Mr. W. R. Hibbert gave to the annual meeting of the V.W.H. Branch, held at Faringdon on May 3rd.

The Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford (branch chairman) conducted the service, at which the address was given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Guild), the lesson read by Capt. A. B. Poyntz (Deputy Master), and Mr. R. F. J. Gilling (branch secretary) was at the organ. Tea was served at the Swan Hotel.

At the business meeting the secretary reported a balance of £2 12s. 11d. on the General Fund and £11 7s. on the Restoration Fund. Elections were: The Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford, chairman; Mr. R. F. J. Gilling, secretary and treasurer; Messrs. V. J. Jones and F. Whipp, branch representatives. No new members were elected. Meetings arranged were: Autumn at Buckland on Oct. 4th, practice at Hinton Waldrist on June 7th, and Shrivernham on August 2nd. Ringing included Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.



**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**

— On May 18th, 1,260  
Grandsire Triples: E. A. Jurd 1, H. A. Nobes 2, P. Speck 3, A. D. Mills 4, W. Tate 5, F. Barron 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. G. Edwards 8.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—On April 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, A. G. Holfield 3, F. A. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. C. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holfield (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. Rung for C. G. White, who has been parish clerk at the above church for 40 years.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Holloway 1, R. H. Hickman 2, J. E. Ballard 3, R. Flew 4, J. Weaver 5, D. H. Anstey 6, C. W. Munday (conductor) 7, G. Woodley (first quarter) 8.

**BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Bishop 1, C. J. Gardner 2, I. H. Trueman 3, W. H. Trueman 4, A. G. Wells 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8.

**BRISTOL.**—At SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, on handbells, on May 18th, 1,248 Bob Major: Miss A. Brown 1-2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3-4, T. Harris 5-6, R. C. Seager 7-8.

**BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Flint 1, W. R. Drury 2, J. A. Flint 3, G. F. Ball 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5, T. C. Scarborough (first quarter) 6.

**BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Minor (180 Single Oxford, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Bob Minor): R. Dacre 1, B. Cape 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, B. J. Saddington 4, Miss J. Saddington 5, G. E. Watson (conductor) 6.

**CALNE, WILTS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hacker 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, H. Parsons 3, F. Walker 4, W. Hacker 5, H. Barry 6, R. Barry (conductor) 7, W. Haines 8. A compliment to the Ven. Archdeacon J. W. Coulter, Vicar of Calne, on the 20th anniversary of his induction.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On May 18th at St. James', 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, F. A. Barker 3, M. Hodgson (conductor) 4, R. Charge 5, W. J. Ellis 6, C. Potheary 7, A. W. Coles 8. First quarter in the method by 2, 3, 4 and 6.

**DAVENHAM CHESHIRE.**—On May 11th at the Church of St. Wilfred, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Lawrence (first quarter) 1, Miss N. Evans 2, D. Smith 3, A. Booth 4, H. Howard 5, A. G. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

**DISLEY, OXON.**—On May 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, Sandall, London Scholars and Kingston: Miss Mavis Botham 1, S. Arden 2, E. Bailey 3, Miss Yvonne Botham 4, A. Hibbert (conductor) 5, J. A. Milner 6.

**EXETER.**—At St. David's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Spicer 1, C. Clarke 2, A. Gooding 3, W. S. Lethbridge 4, H. Butt 5, W. G. Burrows 6, W. H. Howe (conductor) 7, L. Spicer 8.

**GORSEINON, SWANSEA.**—At St. Catherine's on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Jones 1, A. Tew 2, G. Thomas 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Williams (conductor) 5, R. Dobbins 6.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, at St. Mary Magdalene's: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, A. F. Lancaster 3, A. E. Hoare (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, E. J. Rowe 8. A welcome home to the royal family.

**LONDON.**—On May 11th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: M. Chilcot 1, Mrs. E. E. Davis 2, J. Phillips 3, W. H. Hewitt (conductor) 4, Mrs. R. Deal 5, J. Chilcot 6, T. Francis 7, R. F. Deal 8. First quarter in method by 1 and 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on May 15th, 1,280 Kent Major: Mrs. E. Lancaster 1, Miss R. M. Davies 2, E. Lankester 3, A. Tozer 4, M. Hodson 5, D. C. Birkinshaw 6, S. Pacey 7, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 8. First quarter of Treble Bob for 2, 4, 6 and 7.

**QUARTER PEALS****PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**

—On May 18th, 1,260  
Grandsire Triples: R. Wood, sen. 1, E. R. Rapley 2, L. D. W. Atfield 3, E. Treagus 4, C. Longhurst 5, R. Stredwick 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On May 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Armstrong (first quarter in method) 1, E. Furbank 2, F. B. Lufkin 3, E. Butler 4, H. T. Wilson 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6, C. Wilmington 7, F. V. Gant 8.

**RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor, being 360 of Kent and 900 of Plain Bob: Miss E. Walklate 1, B. Austin 2, H. Baxter 3, B. Cope (first quarter) 4, P. Chapman 5, G. Watson (conductor) 6. First in two methods for 2 and 5.

**SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Hilda Lacey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. May 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, G. Thompson 4, F. Lacey 5, F. Lord 6, H. Judd (first as conductor) 7, W. Lings 8.

**SEFTON, LANCs.**—On May 13th at St. Helen's, 1,280 Bob Major: S. Flint 1, T. S. Horridge 2, J. Lunham 3, J. Taylor 4, Mrs. P. Booth 5, J. McKee 6, D. Booth 7, W. H. Deacon (conductor) 8. First quarter for ringers of 5, 6 and 7.

**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Corneliuss 1, F. Welch 2, D. Best 3, Mrs. M. Powell 4, Rev. E. S. Powell 5, R. Welch 6, R. Beale (conductor) 7, K. Welch 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 8.

**SKIPTON, YORKS.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Scott (first quarter, aged 15) 1, R. Stanforth 2, M. Hillary 3, F. Metcalfe 4, J. Garlick (conductor) 5, W. Bailey 6, H. J. Stanforth 7, G. Pain 8. A welcome home to their Majesties the King and Queen.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Ascension Day, 1,140 Plain Bob with cover bell: G. Hughes 1, R. Wenban 2, R. Wilkinson 3, G. Cheshire 4, W. Wenban 5, E. J. Leversuch (conductor) 6, J. Spencer 7.

**STREATHAM, S.W.16.**—On May 12th, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Howard 1, C. Potheary 2, Miss A. Look 3, E. L. Miles 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. Sparkes 8. Welcome home to their Majesties the King and Queen.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On May 18th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Shepperd 1, L. Barry 2, Miss Smith 3, B. Latham 4, R. J. Sampson 5, T. Witts (conductor) 6, T. Pritchard 7, R. Sharpe 8. Half-muffled for the late Major Fisher, churchwarden 40 years.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, Miss Joan Mathews 2, Mrs. S. Brown 3, A. Diserens 4, N. J. Diserens 5, C. Tilling 6, R. W. Rex (conductor) 7, S. Brown 8.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 540 Oxford Bob): H. Cooper 1, E. Thorley 2, T. D. Leask 3, J. Martin Thorley 4, J. Thorley 5, C. Thorley, sen. (conductor) 6. Rung for the wedding of Charles Thorley, jun., to Miss L. Potter.

**TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.**—On May 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Gibson-Jarvie 1, D. Mann 2, Miss K. Willars 3, J. F. Moor 4, P. Border 5, R. Leigh (conductor) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

**WARBOROUGH, OXON.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Davis 1, W. Absalom 2, F. Absalom (conductor) 3, R. Cobb 4, C. Tyler 5, R. Hull 6. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. C. Tyler, who has been a bell-ringer for 61 years.

**WHITSTABLE, KENT.**—At All Saints' on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Southam (first quarter) 1, A. C. Philpott (first quarter inside) 2, A. Gilbert 3, C. C. Dilnot 4, Brenda E. Philpott (conductor) 5, A. E. Amos 6.

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**RETURN THANKS**

To the many friends who wrote me whilst in hospital, thanks! Their letters came as a ray of sunshine in the darkness. I am now at home.—Charles J. Sedgley, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 1468

**SILVER WEDDING**

**RYDER—HAGUE.**—On June 7th, 1922, at the Parish Church, Rotherham, Thomas Colin Ryder to Winifrid May Hague. Present address: 19, Middle Lane, South Rotherham. 1479

**HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION**

**RINGER** (Grandsire only) seeks holiday accommodation, Worcester-Evesham area, for fortnight from July 12th. Full board or bed and breakfast.—Offers, with terms, to Box 1482, 'Ringing World', Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 1482

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

Grimsby District.—Meeting Alford (6), Sat., June 7th, 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5. Please notify not later than June 4th for tea to K. Ketteringham, 20, Hamilton Road, Alford.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., Grimsby. 1471

**HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Meeting New Mill, Huddersfield, Sat., June 7th. Bells 3 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1459

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Hawkhurst (8), June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1424

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, West Hoathly, Sat., June 7th, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1441



**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—Fiftieth anniversary meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, June 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Rectory Garden. Names to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5. 1407

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Hythe, Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at Little Railway Cafe.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1451

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Joint meeting with Guilsborough Branch, Welford (8), June 7th, 3. Tea provided 5.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1489

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting Whitstable, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1406

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swineshead, Sat., June 7th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at Wheatsheaf Inn 5. Service 6.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Morris, Dial House, Swineshead.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1470

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ringwood and Sopley, Sat., June 7th. Ringing, Sopley from 2.30. Tea, The Old Brown House Cafe, Ringwood, 5.30. Ringing and meeting in Ringwood belfry from 6.30.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 1472

**PETERBOROUGH DIO. GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—An evening practice meeting on Sat., June 7th. Bells 5.30 to 8.30.—G. E. Watson. 1477

**HERTFORD and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSNS.**—Joint meeting at Stanmore, Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea; names to be received by previous Wednesday.—S. H. Hoare and T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1443

**SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting Hawkhchurch, Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, if notified.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 1484

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 1485

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Contest at Royston, June 14th. All entries must reach me not later than June 7th. Draw 2.45. Ringing commences 3. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. Halling, 32, Church Hill, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than June 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1447

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 14th, at Marsden, near Huddersfield. Bells (8) 3. Tea 2s. 3d. Reports for 1946 now ready.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1446

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Hopton, near Diss, on Sat., June 14th. Bells (6) available 3. Names for tea to A. Gillings, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, not later than June 9th. 1454

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Sat., June 14th, Merton (Colliers Wood Station), 1.15. St. Leonard's, Streatham, 2.30. Tea and business 4.20. St. Immanuel's, Streatham, 6.15. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1438

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Prittlewell, Sat., June 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell, Essex, by June 10th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1449

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting with Selby and District, Market Weighton, Sat., June 14th. Bells available 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for all who notify J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Market Weighton., on or before June 12th. 1480

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Tring (8), June 14th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names to W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, by Wed., June 11th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1466

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), Sat., June 14th, 2.15. St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's and St. Clement's (6) also available. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Tudor Cafe, St. Margaret's Plain. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea must be sent to me by Wednesday, June 11th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1435

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 14th, 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. New members and visitors welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. 1434

**LANCS ASSN.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Samlesbury, Sat., June 14th. Bells from 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley. 1483

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting Iffley (6), June 14th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Notify me by June 11th.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley. 1487

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Ilkeston District.—Breadsall, June 14th, 2.30. Names for tea to F. Mather, Brookside Road, Breadsall, by June 11th.—F. Shaw, Dis. Sec. 1481

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Eling, near Southampton, June 14th, 2.30. Tea 5.15; bring sugar; names by June 9th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh. 1486

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury on Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 if it can be arranged.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton. 1465

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Kintbury (6), Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. E. C. Moore, Kintbury, Berks, by June 10th. 1478

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at East Markham (8), Sat., June 14th. Tea only for those who notify Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark, by June 10th.—H. Denman. 1476

**LANCS ASSN.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting Cartmel, Sat., June 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea to H. Dixon, Park View, Cartmel, by June 11th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1500

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District, Sat., June 14th. Birstall (5), 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 1496

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Frodsham, June 14th. Advise J. E. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham, before June 11th, if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft. 1495



**SELBY AND DISTRICT and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Joint meeting Market Weighton, June 14th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, by June 12th. 1499

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch. — Annual branch meeting Steeple Claydon (6), June 14th, 2.45. Service 4. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—E. F. Gibbard. 1508

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—Eastern District. — Bishopwearmouth, Sat., June 14th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 1, Kensington Terrace South, Sunderland, by 12th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec. 1505

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Hever (6), June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Henry VIII. Inn. Names for outing by this date, please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1475

**SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Summer meeting at Hazelbury Bryan, Sturminster Newton, Sat., June 14th. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec. 1473

**ESSEX ASSN.** — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Totham (6), June 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by June 12th.—A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1469

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting Overseale, Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 1507

**LANCS ASSN.**—Rochdale Branch.—St. Mary's, Oldham (12), Sat., June 14th. Ringing at 3. Tea at local cafe. Meeting in tower 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—I. Kay, Branch Sec. 1491

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Sharnford postponed until June 14th. Tea and meeting 5; bring own food. Bells (6) 3.—W. A. Wood. 1488

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Tibshelf, June 14th. Please bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1494

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., June 14th, 3.—A. B. Peck. 1498

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Buxted, Sat., June 14th, 3. Tea 5. Notifications by June 11th to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. Tel. No. 3293. 1504

**DEVON GUILD.**—Practice Culmpton (10), Sat., June 14th. Tea. All welcome.—Fred. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1492

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Knebworth, June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at the Lytton Hall 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. G. Crane, Parama, London Road, Knebworth, by June 12th.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 1506

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Sat., June 14th. Bells (6) at 3. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 1503

**SOC. FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting Burton-on-Trent, June 21st. Bells (St. Paul's) 3. Tea 1s. 3d. to paid-up members, to others 1s. 9d. Names for tea to B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton, by Monday, June 16th. Special coach (7s. 6d.) from Technical College, Wolverhampton, 1.30; John Harper and Co.'s Works, Walsall Street, Willenhall, 1.45; St. Paul's Church, near bus station, Walsall, 2.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1464

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western District.—Meeting Sat., June 21st, at Chertsey. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to me, please, by the 18th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1490

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Sat., June 21st. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6.15. Names for tea by June 16th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1493

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—Preliminary Notice.—Great ringing day will be held on Sat., June 28th, at 3.—Leonard E. Pitstow. 1419

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 4.30, followed by business and service. Names for tea to G. Miller, Lakenheath, Suffolk, by June 23rd.—R. A. Wallis, Sec., Mildenhall, Suffolk. 1509

## North Wales Association

### A NEW RINGING MASTER.

The North Wales Association held its annual meeting at Wrexham on Whit Monday, which was attended by members from Llandudno, Rhyl, Hawarden, Buckley, Gresford and Wrexham. A short service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Davies) and assisted by the Rev. C. Davies.

At the business meeting the Rev. R. G. Wright (Bangor) was re-elected president. Canon Rowlands (Llandudno), the Rev. Robert Davies (Wrexham), the Rev. R. C. Williams (Tryddym), Mr. J. E. Austin (Llandudno) and Mr. G. Hewitt Buckley were elected vice-presidents.

Mr. F. R. Evans (Wrexham) was elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. A. J. Hughes, who unfortunately had to resign owing to ill-health. Other officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall (Wrexham).

District secretaries: Bangor, Miss M. Jones; Rhyl, Mr. C. Powell; Wrexham, Mr. A. Lea. District instructors: Bangor, Mr. A. J. Hughes; Rhyl, Mr. J. Evans; Wrexham, Mr. F. R. Evans.

The balance sheet, which showed a balance of £8 15s. 6d. on the credit side, was adopted. A meeting is to be held at Rhyl or Llandudno on September 6th, and Bangor was chosen as the venue for next year's annual meeting.

About 40 members and their wives were afterwards entertained to tea kindly provided by the local ringers. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. H. Randles and seconded by Mr. T. R. Griffiths.

The tower was re-visited for further ringing, which included touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob.

### NORBURY PEALS

A peal board in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Cheshire, records a date touch of 1,897 changes on May 26th, 1897. To commemorate the 50th anniversary a peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung. Of the original participants, only one—Mr. Joshua Dean—survives, and he will still take a bell if the band is short. Forty-two peals of Minor (including first spliced and first 35 methods) were rung on Norbury bells previous to augmentation to eight in 1925. Since then peals total 114, making the creditable record of 156.

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**NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.**—Subscriptions 1947 to H. G. Jenney, Sec., 23, Larch Street, Leicester. Annual meeting Birmingham, Sept. 20th. Details later. 1474

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## GUILLOTINE

Looking back on the Central Council meeting at Exeter, the most talked of matter was the introduction of the guillotine to the amendment submitted to the report of the Peal Analysis Committee. To move to pass on to the next business is legitimate and a recognised procedure in public business. Its effectiveness as a guillotine depends on one thing only, the measure of support received. At Exeter this was not less than 75 per cent. of the members of the Council, and it came before a member of the committee had replied.

When it was too late, one sensed a consciousness in many minds that the motion to pass on to the next business was premature. The questions of Mr. C. H. Kippin had not been answered; they had been brushed summarily aside. It is true that much of the ground was traversed at Norwich, when the peculiarities of the nine bells at Basingstoke—two separate rings of eight and in no sense a Caters combination—were digressed upon at length. The arguments of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. Kippin were based on the decision not being explicit. In their minds there was uncertainty, but as far as the majority of the Council were concerned opinions had been formed. Unpleasant as it may sound to those who participated in the performance of Kent Treble Bob Major at Basingstoke on October 11th, 1946, with a covering tenor, the Exercise as a whole regarded it as a stunt and, in the words of the Psalmist, these changes 'travaileth with mischief.'

Mr. P. J. Johnson introduced Yorkshire wisdom and logic to the debate. His point that the backbone of our art is to secure as musical a combination on the bells as possible should be kept constantly to the fore. Ringers are largely dependent upon the goodwill of the public, and this is one of the reasons why so much emphasis is given by our leaders to the importance of good striking. The rhythm of the bells is no idle catchphrase, and it is purely from an interest in the listener's viewpoint that the Council decided 'that a performance on seven bells without the addition of a covering bell is to be discountenanced.' It is to be hoped that in peal ringing there will not be too great a concentration on 'polishing off' the 5,000 changes. There is no credit in the quickest peal on the bells if it becomes a jangle. No, the first consideration must be the musical qualities of the peal.

At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Harold Poole wisely warned the Council of the dangers attached to the



premature introduction of the guillotine. It would have been a pretty point of procedure for the president to decide if, after the pass on to the next business motion had been carried, another amendment had been submitted not relating to the Basingstoke performance. The introduction of a new topic would, subject, of course, to the president's ruling, appear to be in order. It was generally felt that much was left unsaid, but the fact that the Rules and Decisions of the Council are to be revised is a crumb of consolation to our friends at Southampton.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 2	WM. A. STOTE ... .. 8
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 9
THOS. W. SHEPPARD ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 10
WM. C. DOWDING ... .. 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 11
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 6	LEONARD TREVOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN S. MASON ... .. Treble	WM. C. DOWDING ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	ALAN SHORT ... .. 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 10
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 11
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
ERIC A. DENCH ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 8
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 9
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

In honour of the 80th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

YEovil, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*RONALD W. HAYWARD Treble	HENRY BUNGAY ... .. 6
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER ... 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 8
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	THOS. J. SETTER ... .. 9
WALTER S. POOLE ... .. 5	WM. G. GIGG ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. In honour of the 80th birthday of Queen Mary.

KINGSTON, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 2	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	THOS. H. FRANCIS ... .. 8
H. WM. BARRETT ... .. 4	CÉCIL J. MATTHEWS ... 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 5	THOS. BEVAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by T. H. FRANCIS.

First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. J. Matthews.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILFRED NEWMAN ... Treble	*IVOR GOULTER ... .. 6
EDWARD EVANS ... .. 2	*EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 7
*WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 3	*FRANCIS MILES ... .. 8
TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 4	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 9
OLIVER ATTWOOD ... .. 5	*LESLIE ASTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rita F. Cullum.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(Exeter Branch.)

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb. in F.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Treble	FREDK. WREFORD ... .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 2	CÉCIL W. PIPE ... .. 6
WM. A. WILLS ... .. 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... 7
MRS. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4	WM. H. HOWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

First peal on the bells since being relung by Taylors in May, 1939.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	*ERIC A. DENCH ... .. 5
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6
ALICK CUTLER ... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 7
*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method. 150th peal for ringer of the 5th.



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On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL, EVERTON,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE R. NEWTON ... <i>Treble</i>	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 5
GEORGE HESKETH ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER.

First peal on the bells. Conducted by P. W. CAVE.

## BRIDPORT, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... <i>Treble</i>	C. W. H. POWELL ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
*WILLIAM YATES ... 4	†PETER CROOK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 250th peal.

## HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 5
WM. WIGHTMAN ... 2	LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN ... 6
CHARLES W. BEECROFT ... 3	WALTER W. MILLER ... 7
WM. J. BUTTON ... 4	ALBERT E. WHITING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 6
WM. WIGHTMAN ... 3	LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN ... 7
WM. J. BUTTON ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT W. BARBER ... <i>Treble</i>	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
GEORGE A. SPARKS ... 2	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 6
GEORGE SAYER ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
HENRY TOOKE ... 4	*WALTER GOWING, SEN. ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. SAYER.

\* First peal, 68 years old. In honour of Queen Mary's 80th birthday.

## UFFCULME, DEVONSHIRE.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., May 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Middleton's. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. JACK BRAY ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 2	ARTHUR H. REED ... 6
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## ASHFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 2	PERCY PAGE ... 6
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	HILDERED S. WICKENS ... 7
WM. A. OLDFIELD ... 4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.

First peal of Major in the method by all the band and on the bells.

## BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

*MISS BERYL COWLIN ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
MISS D. FLETCHER ... 2	HENRY STALHAM ... 6
MISS K. FLETCHER ... 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
ALFRED C. LEVETT ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal with a Treble Bob bell. Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary. Believed to be the first Surprise peal on the bells.

## NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15½ cwt in F.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	JACK BRAY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

## BROADCLYST, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ... 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6
MRS. C. W. PIPE ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

## STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

MISS FLORENCE WRIGHT <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 6
*RAY SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM SMITH ... 7
THOMAS GREENHALL ... 4	*ROBERT LEES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM SMITH.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ray Smith and William Smith.

## HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

DAVID C. R. WARDELL ... <i>Treble</i>	CALEB FENN ... 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6
JAMES CARROTT ... 3	FRANK V. GANT ... 7
RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 4	FREDK. FREESTONE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Rung for the 75th birthday of the tenor ringer, towerkeeper at the above church and a member of the Society for 36 years.

## ELY, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN B. ROWSELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
†FRED WIGMORE ... 2	*WM. BUCKENHAM ... 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise as conductor.



## SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

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

Being 960 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Canterbury and 2.160 of Grandsire.

WILFRED L. GOODACRE <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD T. BONSHOR ... 3
*ROGER M. SPENCER ... 2	CHAS. E. COOPER ... 4

\*DENNIS TOON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. T. BONSHOR.

\* First peal.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Two extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUGHES ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS H. MATHER ... 4
CHARLES H. WARD ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
ROBERT B. P. HULSE ... 3	JOHN ORME ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. ALLMAN.

Rung by the Sunday service band for the induction of the Rev. L. S. Brasnett.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in Two Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being three 720's Kent Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob (differently called). Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD DRAKE ... <i>Treble</i>	R. B. SMITH ... 4
HERBERT COOPER ... 2	T. W. TUNE ... 5
WM. ARTHUR HUDSON ... 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

A birthday compliment to R. B. Smith on his 70th birthday.

EAST ANSTNEY, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MRS. F. BEER ... <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY SMITH ... 4
EDGAR QUICKE ... 2	†GEORGE SPARKES ... 5
CLAUDE TARR ... 3	HARRY PURCHASE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. PURCHASE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in an 'inside' bell in the method. First peal as conductor in the method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BURRY PORT, CARM.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RAYMOND LEWIS ... <i>Treble</i>	C. H. HAWKINS ... 3
GWYN FRANCIS ... 2	L. HURREN ... 4

\*E. P. SAGE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Canon D. J. Morgan.

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CHARLES MARSHALL ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD ... 4
†MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

RINGWOULD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr.

*ARTHUR C. RYE ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES TURNER ... 3
E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 4

HUBERT FURMINGER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRIGGS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN BAILEY ... 4
*HARRY DUNCOMB ... 2	FREDK. WATSON ... 5
GERALD BALL ... 3	*ROY COLEMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. BALL.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Farewell peal to ringer of tenor, who is joining the Royal Air Force.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., June 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENET,

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

Being seven extents: (1) London Surprise; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Double Court and College; (5) Oxford Bob and Hereward; (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN B. ROWSELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*ROGER LEIGH ... 4
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 2	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3	*STANLEY E. DARNOW ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in more than six methods. First peal in more than seven methods for the Guild. In honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Cambridge.

## HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ARTHUR PATRICK ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal on eight handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

ARTHUR PATRICK ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by CHAS. MARSHALL.

First peal as conductor on handbells.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT 16, SHERBORNE LANE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3-4	*CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 7-8

†JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First handbell peal. † 350th peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

EDWIN JENNINGS ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	OLAVE BROYD ... 7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., June 2, 1947, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT 78, NEW ROAD,

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

Being two extents of Grandsire and five of Plain Bob each called differently.

*JOHN N. JUKES ... 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
*VINCENT W. RIGG ... 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal in two methods.



**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Salmons 1, R. Clark 2, H. Higson 3, R. Burford 4, G. Pullinger 5, E. Wheeler 6, E. Salmons (conductor) 7, W. Trill 8.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Feloe 1, A. Crane 2, W. Sear 3, W. Daniells 4, F. Stanton 5, J. Meager 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, H. Pearson 8.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, H. Greenough 3, A. R. Greenough 4, F. James (conductor) 5, H. Dunsden 6, C. Corderoy 7, C. Corderoy 8. For the wedding of Miss Rose Squires and Mr. H. Aldridge, a regular service ringer.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Whit Sunday, at St. Peter's, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. Thomas 1, E. J. Ocharman 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 3, A. Gravett 4, R. G. Cross (conductor) 5, E. J. Oliver 6, A. W. Bond 7, W. C. Hart 8, F. Page 9, A. Hobden 10.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, Miss Mary Bennett 2, Mrs. D. C. Bennett 3, F. Sampson 4, A. C. Baker (first as conductor) 5, V. L. Lucas 6, R. G. Hooper 7, J. Cox 8.

**CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.**—On May 21st, a quarter-peat of Bob Major: R. Beale 1, Rev. E. S. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, A. Tomlinson 6, H. E. G. Jeanes 7, Peter Crook (conductor) 8.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—On May 24th at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Law (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, F. B. Steman 3, H. J. Stead 4, W. J. Simons 5, F. Precey (conductor) 6, J. W. Smith 7, R. H. Duke 8.

**FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. W. White (first quarter) 1, W. Jones 2, M. Mason (first quarter inside) 3, P. Mason 4, R. Elliott (conductor) 5, D. Mason 6.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,272 Bob Minor: R. Fuller (first quarter) 1, G. Dear 2, Miss D. Hare 3, K. Wilton 4, L. H. Bywaters 5, J. Church 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HAISALL, LANCs.**—On May 25th, 2,520 Bob Minor: W. Core 1, Miss M. Ackers (first half-peat) 2, R. Critchley 3, J. Pounds 4, C. Ackers 5, A. Mawdsley (conductor) 6.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 25th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: S. Childs 1, F. Corke 2, P. Jones 3, W. Honor 4, W. H. Coles 5, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, J. Salway 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6, A. J. C. Holway 7, A. Colley 8.

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.**—On May 24th, 720 Kent, 360 Oxford, 180 Plain Bob: W. Izzard 1, Miss E. Steel 2, C. Izzard 3, R. Chapman 4, P. Inskip 5, M. Stephens (conductor) 6.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Cathedral on Whit Sunday: 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. F. Smith 1, T. Pyle 2, L. Snell 3, S. A. Chambers 4, H. C. Edwards (Bletchley) 5, W. Tomlinson 6, J. L. Millhouse (conductor) 7, G. M. Mayer 8, H. L. Pask 9, A. T. Lowman 10.

**LONDON.**—At Westminster Abbey on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. R. Newton 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, W. S. Langdon 3, H. Belcher 4, A. B. Peck (conductor) 5, H. N. Pitstow 6, H. Langdon 7, J. Rumley 8.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**—At Christ Church on Whit Sunday, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. Gayes 1, A. Challinor 2, W. Stevenson 3, A. A. Potts 4, J. Tipper 5, L. Ward 6, J. Worth (conductor) 7, H. Farmer 8, G. Hamer 9, E. Seed 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters by 6, 8 and 10.

**MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. E. Jefferies 1, Miss N. Gardner 2, C. Harding 3, E. Palmer 4, W. Richings 5, R. Harding 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, E. Cooksley 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 8th.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.**—On May 11th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: B. Madeley (first in method) 1, R. H. Tyler 2, F. Price 3, A. M. Hickman 4, W. J. Chester 5, T. Price 6, W. H. Tyler (first in method as conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. First Superlative rung by a local band. Rung as a farewell to the conductor on joining H.M. Forces.

**RAUNDS, NORTANTS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Bellamy 1, W. J. Whitmore 2, S. G. Robinson 3, A. Gibbs (longest length) 4, B. J. Stubbs 4, H. Richardson 6, W. Copperwheat 7, E. E. Whitmore (conductor) 8.

**RHYL.**—At St. Thomas' Church on March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Clarke 1, J. Dean 2, Mrs. M. M. Osborne (first quarter) 3, C. Evans 4, J. Griffiths 5, C. Powell 6, J. Evans (conductor) 7, J. Dickens (first quarter) 8.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorley 1, L. Gerrard 2, E. Thorley 3, C. Thorley, jun. (first quarter inside) 4, E. J. Padgett 5, T. D. Leask 6, C. Thorley, sen. (conductor) 7, J. M. Thorley 8.

**TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Newman 1, Joan M. Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, F. J. Cook 4, W. A. Twidell 5, J. G. Newman (conductor) 6.

**WICKEN, NORTANTS.**—On May 22nd, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. C. Case 2, A. J. Green 3, F. D. Wesley (first quarter) 4, W. Yates 5, T. E. Roberts (conductor) 6, J. A. Green 7, G. Holland 8.

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Lloyd 1, Miss A. Humberstone 2, R. Carter (first quarter) 3, A. Chamberlain 4, E. Harrold 5, K. Roe 6, J. S. Carter (conductor) 7, E. Lloyd 8.

**WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.**—On May 13th, 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: E. Carvell 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, R. G. Edwards 3, E. J. Gilbert (conductor) 4, E. F. Bennett 5, G. Ledsham 6.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Mr. Herbert Parkinson, hon. secretary of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, is emigrating to South Africa. A farewell presentation of a leather writing wallet was made to him at a gathering at Morecambe Parish Church on May 31st by Mr. Herbert Palmer, the oldest ringer at Morecambe. Mr. John Wood and Mr. Peter Crook both spoke in appreciative terms of his work. The presentation was followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by Miss Betty Schofield 1, E. Swain 2, S. Clifford 3, J. Skeat 4, R. Rainford 5, J. Butterworth (first quarter of Grandsire Triples) 6, P. Crook, sen. (conductor) 7, H. Palmer 8.

By his peal of Grandsire Doubles at Ringwould, Kent, Mr. William Bottrill has rung peals in the Grandsire method from Doubles to Cinques.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Kingston is one of a series of attempts that have been arranged to celebrate the bi-centenary of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

Through an injury to his hand, Mr. F. J. Cullum was unable to conduct the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Erith in honour of his daughter's 21st birthday.

Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish will have a special reason to remember the Exeter conference. It was the day she rang her first peal of Surprise 'inside.' This she has achieved at the age of 11½ and she can claim to be the youngest lady to ring a Surprise peal 'inside.'

From Mablethorpe we have received a letter from the ringers of St. Mary's expressing their deep regret at the news of the death of Mr. F. Barber, of Doddington, Northants. During his stay at Mablethorpe from 1934-1940 Mr. Barber took a great interest in all branches of church work, being captain of the belfry.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. James George, now 93 years of age, has compiled a list of peals he has rung for Royalty. These date back to Feb. 26th, 1901, when he rang at Birmingham for the passing of Queen Victoria. Queen Mary has graciously accepted a copy of these peals and Mr. George has received the following acknowledgment: 'I am commanded by Queen Mary to thank you sincerely for your letter of congratulation on the Queen's birthday and also to tell you how interested Her Majesty was in reading of all the peals you have rung for Royalty. This record is to be put in the file of loyal service.—Margaret Wyndham.'

Mr. John W. Adshead, of Falfield, has written pointing out that the peal of Bob Minor with two covers rung in 1923 and quoted by Mr. Kippin was not performed at Falfield as mentioned in our report of the Central Council meeting. Mr. Adshead suggests that the peal was rung at Fairford as there is not a ring of bells at Falfield Parish Church. If we misheard Mr. Kippin, our apologies.

Veteran captain of St. Michael's, Basingstoke, is Mr. John E. Ballard, who has held the post for almost 30 years and has completed 60 years as a ringer. On May 25th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of his 75th birthday by Mrs. F. A. Munday (first quarter) 1, C. W. Munday 2, R. A. Hickman 3, J. E. Ballard 4, J. Weaver 5, D. H. Anstey (conductor) 6, F. A. Munday 7, J. B. Woodley 8. On the following Saturday a peal was rung in honour of the happy occasion.

Mr. Walter Brittan, who is 82 and has been a member of the Wednesbury Parish Church band for 66 years, rang in 1,260 Grandsire Triples on Whit Sunday, the 57th anniversary of his wedding. The band was G. Darlington 1, W. Brittan 2, H. Morton 3, K. W. Knowles (conductor) 4, A. Hubble 5, A. Hingley 6, D. Tranter 7, J. H. Morton 8.

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 THE NEXT BUSINESS—A PROTEST

THE second half of the agenda was of wide interest. The Revision of Rules debate was not such an uphill battle for the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. In 'Other business,' a variety of topics was raised, including synthetic bells and commemorating fallen ringers. LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

Many and frequent references to bells and bellringing in the Press at large during the past twelve months indicate that editors have reason to regard the subject as one of general interest, and it is satisfactory to note that articles and occasional paragraphs of this nature show a marked improvement in accuracy and afford proof of commendable care taken to acquire correct information.

On the lighter side two or three national newspapers made midnight ringing on New Year's Eve the subject of humorous cartoons, while a local publication, after reporting a peal rung at Wrexham, indulged in unconscious humour by stating that 'the same band set up a record in London by ringing a peal that lasted 18 hours.'

'The Ringing World,' after having been ably piloted through a most critical period under the erudite and resourceful editorship of Mr. J. A. Trollope, has during the past year been edited with marked success by Mr. T. W. White.

On the subject of broadcasting we are glad to be able to present a definitely gratifying report. Through the good offices of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, the criticisms and suggestions made in our report last year were communicated to the Rev. M. W. Willson, Religious Broadcasting Assistant, from whom a letter was subsequently received with a copy of a memorandum submitted by him to the Director of Religious Broadcasting. This memorandum embodied, though with some considerable modification, the points suggested by the committee. It is perhaps to be regretted that Dr. Welch shortly afterwards vacated the post of director, but in any case the recommendations made have to quite an appreciable extent been put into practice. The principle was accepted that bells broadcast before a service should be heard for a short time without any interruption, and only after that faded into the background to give place to any introductory statements, and that change ringers should have opportunity to bring the bells into rounds before such fading out. In some instances this has been done with complete success: a notable example was that of the ten bells at Watford on a Sunday morning.

It is satisfactory to note that in most of the broadcasts heard, whether method ringing or otherwise, the striking has been good, though there have been a small number of indifferent performances. Some broadcasts were supremely good.

Apart from religious services, both church bells and handbells have been heard in various connections, and here again a high standard has been consistently maintained. With assistance from members of this Council an admirable talk was broadcast to schools on 'Ringing the Changes.'

A perfect example of a broadcast designed to interest the general public was given from Cambridge. It included information about Great St. Mary's bells, the Cambridge Youths, method ringing and the Curfew, with corresponding illustrations. A recent broadcast from Loughborough gave a lucid explanation of the making, tuning and ringing of bells. The bells of Loughborough Parish Church and the famous carillon were heard to full advantage.

In view of the fact that most broadcasts of ringing take place without being specifically announced in 'The Radio Times,' the committee request on behalf of the Exercise that those arranging to broadcast make a point of notifying the fact, with details of date and time, through 'The Ringing World.'

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, said in the Transatlantic quiz the English question master asked his American counterpart: 'What would a man be doing if he was hanging on to "Sally" and calling "Bob"?' Naturally, the American was stumped!

Mr. A. Walker seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. W. Ayre said he had a tentative enquiry in regard to televising. He was going to continue his enquiries and then pass them on to the Central Council.

Mr. Atkins said he had also been asked about televising. The difficulty was to find a suitable tower within 15 miles of Alexandra Palace. Handbells had been televised.

The President: I took part in the first televising of handbells.

Mr. F. Dukes spoke of the good relations concerning broadcasting that had been established in Northern Ireland. The time signal was of bells rung by ringers instead of chiming of the bells of Armagh Cathedral. No less than five occasions were the bells broadcast, and on one occasion the secretary of the Northern Branch attended to give a talk on change ringing and gave illustrations on the bells.

The report was adopted.

## PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

Mr. W. Ayre said unfortunately Mr. Wilson, the convener of the committee, had been sentenced to six months in bed. A few more records had come in and they hoped to have them copied out in the proper way.

Mr. P. Crook said he had been asked to give some assistance from the Northern District. These would be completed before long.

The President: How far have the committee got records of peal boards destroyed by enemy action?

Mr. W. Ayre: If we had a list of the boards destroyed we could check on that. I have had one of interest: On January 31st, 1911, a peal of Small Bob Minor, consisting of 12 changes.

Mr. Kippin: How does that comply with the rules? (laughter).

## BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

The work during the past year has consisted mainly in obtaining biographies of present members of the Council. One hundred and twenty letters and forms were despatched, and so far 53 have been filled in and returned. We are grateful to these members, and hope that the remaining forms will be received shortly.

In some cases photographs of members have been sent to us on loan, and we ask the Council to give us permission to reproduce these, and others that we may receive on the same condition, in order that they may be returned speedily. We ask for this permission in these cases only, for the cost at the present time is rather prohibitive, being 6s. per photograph. It is estimated that at the present time there are some 30 to be copied.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, in moving the adoption, thanked Mr. Dyke and Mr. Golden for their help.

Mr. Hair seconded and the report was adopted.

## 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Mr. G. W. Fletcher presented the accounts of 'The Ringing World' for the year ending September 30th, 1946. The revenue for the year was £1,918 11s. 7d. and there was a profit of £158 9s. 7d. against £293 9s. 6d. in the previous year. He regretted that it had not been possible to complete the audit of the accounts. There was one serious question, that of income tax, which he would go into. He asked permission for the accounts in future to be brought up to December 31st in each year, which would simplify the apportionment.

He did not think there was much else to say. They had topped the 4,000 circulation mark for, he believed, the first time in the history of the paper. The introduction of 16-page issues depended on the release of paper. They could still take additional subscribers.

Mr. Barber proposed and Mr. Kippin seconded that the financial year as regards 'The Ringing World' end on December 31st.

On the proposition of Mr. F. Perrens, seconded by Mr. Hair, it was decided to circulate the accounts to all associations.

Mr. Fletcher said they had all heard that Mr. Trollope was seriously ill. He did feel that the services that he rendered throughout the war years should be recognised. It was discussed by the Standing Committee and they recommended that they grant to Mr. Trollope £1 per week for the coming year and the position be reviewed at the next annual conference. They knew that they did make a considerable profit during the war years and that was largely due to Mr. Trollope.

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards: It was a wonderful work that he did when there were no meetings.

Mr. J. Jones, Mr. Harold Poole and the Rev. H. Drake supported the motion, which was carried.

## REVISION OF RULES.

One notice of motion was before the Council, viz.:—

'That the rules of the Central Council be revised, especially those governing the ringing of peals.'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said he hoped that if this motion did not meet with the wishes of the majority it would not be guillotined like the amendment. It would appear from the morning's discussion that there was every reason for a revision of the rules of the Central Council. If the rules had been revised there would have been no controversy that morning. A clever person could get round a rule, as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' said, but these peals that had been disallowed were not rung with that idea at all. They were rung because of certain circumstances which the Central Council rules did not face and these circumstances should be faced. The second point was that the rules should be logical. One point mentioned that morning was that a covering bell for seven may or may not be necessary, but is necessary for nine and eleven and not for five bells. As far as he could see, this was quite illogical. The third point was that the rules should be brought up to date to cater for new circumstances. The reason there was this talk of nine bells was because in that particular tower there were nine bells.

Mr. Frank Smallwood: On a point of order, is it in order to bring it up when we have already made a decision.

The President ruled that the mover was in order.

Continuing, the Rev. Felstead said the rules of the Central Council had grown up piecemeal. There was another point mentioned by



Mr. Butler, of Liverpool, in asking whether local conditions could not be taken into account. He did not think that their rules should be hard and fast and thus prevent people getting on. Take the nine bells at Basingstoke; there was a chance of ringing Caters and it was the only chance for miles around.

Mr. G. Pullinger seconded on behalf of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Apart from peals, he said, there were other matters requiring attention as were mentioned at Norwich. It was possible for an officer to be elected by the Council to an important office and for his own association not to elect him to the Council.

Mr. Harold Poole pointed out the irregularity of the Basingstoke peals, as the bells were not a ring of nine, but two rings of eight. They had two rings at Leicester, he said, and although a peal of 13 bells had been suggested, he had not fallen for it. It might be argued that the first peal at Basingstoke was due to ignorance, but on the second occasion the views of the Council were known. His opinion was that with the exception of peals on five bells, only peals on an even number of bells should be permitted.

Mr. P. J. Johnson remarked that it was an elementary fact that the reason they could ring peals on five bells without a cover was because ringers were ringing the extent of that number of bells, but to suggest that one could extend that principle to the higher numbers would jeopardise the principles of ringing. He suggested that the words 'especially those governing peals' be deleted from the rules. If the committee was going to spring a surprise they would not have it.

The Rev. Felstead said his one idea was to get the rules logical so they knew where they stood.

Mr. Pullinger added that he had no time for the ringing of stunt peals, and when it was brought forward there was no intention of bringing the matter in again at a later date. So far as he was concerned he did not wish to lower the standard of peal ringing.

The President: If this is carried it does not go beyond the stage of a committee making suggestions.

Mr. Johnson: We have a Standing Committee and I am going to suggest that the Standing Committee be asked to set up a sub-committee for the purpose of revising the rules. You have a Standing Committee which is the consultative governing body of this Council, and I feel that they are the people to deal with this matter in order to present their views to the Council. To establish a further committee would be creating a precedent.

The Rev. H. Drake supported Mr. Johnson's point of view, and the Rev. Felstead said he was prepared to accept it.

The motion thus amended was carried.

Mr. F. Dukes: May I suggest that the draft rules be submitted to each member of the Council for comment and brought back to the Standing Committee before the next Council meeting?

Mr. Pullinger: Would it not be easier if it was done through 'The Ringing World'?

The Hon. Secretary: There seems to be some doubt as to what we are talking about. The thing that required revision was the decisions of the Council; the rules were a domestic matter.

#### HANDBOOK.

The Hon. Secretary said they wanted to give all members of the Council and secretaries of associations some handbook which contained everything in the Council's records. He had a rough draft showing sections and asked the Council for permission to print such a handbook. The first section would deal with the title of the Council when it was founded, past and present officers and leave room for additional officers. The second would give the objects of the Council, what they intended to do and what they had done and what the Council was formed for: the third would be the domestic rules as circulated;

the fourth a list of all voluntary societies and addresses of secretaries; the fifth a complete list of honorary members past and present; the sixth a list of the contents of the library and the rules governing the borrowing of books; the seventh, decisions of the Council since it was formed classified to cover all the different branches of ringing. The whole thing would be bound in such a way that they could insert supplements.

Mr. J. P. Fidler proposed that authority be given for such a publication.—Agreed.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

The Council decided to hold the next meeting in London.

The Secretary asked members to consider whether the 1949 meeting should not be held at Dublin and be ready to vote on the matter at the next Council meeting.

#### RINGERS AND THE WAR.

Mr. E. Alex. Young said at the end of the first world war they compiled a beautiful book which was deposited in the library of St. Paul's Cathedral containing the names of 1,200 to 1,400 ringers who fell in the war. He thought a similar list should be compiled of those who fell in the last war.

It was agreed that the Standing Committee appoint a committee of two to prepare such a list.

#### C. T. COLES MEMORIAL.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner called attention to the C. T. Coles memorial, which aimed at providing a bell in one of the rebuilt churches. Mr. Coles' activities, he said, were not confined to the Middlesex Association; he was a member of the Council for 25 years and he invited the members of the Council to contribute.

Mr. A. B. Peck supported the appeal.

The Hon. Secretary said the Standing Committee discussed the matter last night and recommended that the sum of three guineas be voted to the fund.—Agreed.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said he had been asked to give a lantern lecture at the Royal Archaeological Institute on October 15th on Norwich bells and bell frames. He would be grateful for photographs of Norwich bell frames, ringers and peal boards.

#### BROADCASTING.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards asked whenever bells were broadcast would the ringing master send word to 'The Ringing World' mentioning the time and programme.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Mr. H. Poole called attention to the Leicester Guild ringing festival, dinner and dance on October 25th.

Mr. G. Pullinger announced the Bournemouth festival for April 24th.

Mr. G. W. Steere said there were still a few tickets left for the Cumberland dinner on July 12th.

#### SYNTHETIC BELLS.

Mr. F. Waite asked if anything could be done about synthetic bells.

The Secretary: The matter was discussed at the Standing Committee and attention was drawn to the circular issued in 1938-9 to church authorities.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts said Cornish clergy were being sent a catalogue of carillon bells from an American firm.

Mr. J. W. Clarke: There is one thing we ought to remember—the Chancellor of the Diocese has to give the final decision before a faculty for such things is granted. The application for a faculty goes before the Advisory Committee and it seems to me that in the interest of ringing we should be represented on the Advisory Committees. I am from Chester and I am chairman of their Advisory Committee. The cost of synthetic bells is about £150. Ringers should be on their watch against these installations.

Mr. J. W. Jones said he knew of a tower designed by an architect to carry a proper ring of bells. Bluff had been brought to bear on the authorities and they had installed bells for chiming only.

#### MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

Mr. Richard Post called attention to the very great evil which the Bishop of Exeter referred to of ringers ringing for a service and not attending it. He was not accusing anyone because everyone knew where he stood individually. If they as members of the Council were going to stop this evil they would have to see that they were all members of the Church.

#### THE ATTENDANCE.

The Secretary said last year he was able to report the attendance at Norwich of 100 members. That day they had a record attendance of 113. There were 23 associations wholly represented, 22 partially represented and seven not represented. There were 52 associations and these sent 102 representatives and had 37 absentees; 11 honorary members attended with six absentees.

#### THE NEXT BUSINESS.

Mr. H. J. Poole registered a protest against resolutions 'passing on to the next business.' Last year and again this year, he said, where there had been discussion somebody had recommended that we take the line of least resistance. He felt it was a most slipshod manner and a means of dodging the issue.

The Secretary: When a resolution of that kind is placed before the meeting it is voted on and members can defeat the resolution if they want to.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

The President moved from the chair the following votes of thanks: To the Mayor for his welcome; to the Lord Bishop for coming to give us his welcome; to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells; to the incumbents of the various churches where we have rung; to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for their hospitality and the arrangements they made for our comfort, particularly mentioning Mr. F. C. Smale and Mr. B. W. Biffin; to Mr. and Mrs. Stokes for their delightful hospitality; to all towerkeepers; to Archdeacon Thompson for taking the members round the Cathedral. (As they went round the Archdeacon pointed out the great damage done to the Cathedral. He suggested that they send the Archdeacon five guineas towards the cost of repairs. Agreed.)

Mr. W. H. Barber proposed a vote of thanks to the president and to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for the great work they had done. The resolution was carried with applause.

Mr. F. C. Smale, on behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, thanked the conference for their visit. 'I have been looking forward to this day for a whole year,' he concluded.

Members of the conference were afterwards entertained to tea by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

#### OBITUARY

##### MR. F. W. BENNETT.

By the passing of Mr. Frederick William Bennett on May 29th at the age of 80 years, the Church of St. Swithin, Bicker, Lincolnshire, has lost its oldest ringer. Mr. Bennett was taught to ring a bell at this church by his father over 70 years ago and had been a ringer there up to his death. Four of his five sons are also ringers, viz., Mr. A. H. Bennett (Bicker), Mr. S. E. Bennett (Spalding), Mr. F. Bennett (Holbeach) and Mr. I. P. Bennett (Northampton). Three grandsons are also carrying on the family tradition. Mr. Bennett rang as recently as April 20th, 720 Bob Minor, two sons, A. H. and I. P. Bennett, and his grandson, N. B. Povargue, taking part.

The interment took place at Bicker on May 31st, when four ringers—Messrs. G. R. Dawson, W. B. Dawson, W. G. Short and C. Wander—acted as bearers. A course of Grand-sire Triples was rung over the open grave by W. B. Dawson 1-2, W. G. Short 3-4, C. Wander 5-6, and G. R. Dawson 7-8.

In the evening on the tower bells, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by W. B. Dawson 1, R. Howard 2, J. P. Morris 3, W. G. Short 4, C. Wander 5, G. R. Dawson (first quarter as conductor) 6.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Truro Cathedral Peal

Dear Sir,—The ringers of Truro Cathedral are very much annoyed with the ringers who claim to have rung a peal to commemorate the diamond jubilee of our Cathedral. Like the Kingston ringers, we knew nothing about any arrangements being made for such a peal, and at a meeting of our ringers it was decided not to recognise the peal. Our ringers had hoped to ring, with friends from other towers in the Guild, at the right time for a jubilee peal, and they feel that the peal rung on May 17th was in the nature of 'peal snatching.'

The Dean and Chapter were misled by the letter which they received from the conductor of the peal, but in future all applications for our bells will come before our ringers. Anyone wishing to ring a peal will have to be a regular Sunday service ringer. This will not apply to older ringers who have done good work for the Exercise and are more or less retired.

I should like to point out that we have a good band of unpaid ringers, most of whom are active workers at the Cathedral. These include the Rev. R. E. Sibthorp (Succentor), the Rev. K. Peeke, Vicar of St. Paul's, and his two sisters, one churchwarden, a sub-warden, four sidesmen, one lay reader, one chairman and one server.

I think this is a band to be proud of and must be a record for one tower.—Yours truly,  
W. H. SOUTHEARD, Ringing Master.

Truro.

## I REMEMBER

Dear Sir,—About 30 years ago I visited Exeter Cathedral, when Mr. Shepherd asked me to ring the 72 cwt. tenor to 503 changes of Grandsire Caters for Sunday evening service. It took three ringers to pull it off the stay. I then rang it without the slightest difficulty. Mr. Shepherd then arranged for me to come and ring it to a peal of Grandsire Caters. He then wrote me stating the authorities had decided that the tenor bell must not be rung in future unless two men were on it. I then wrote Mr. Shepherd declining to come as I shall never ring a bell with the assistance of another man. The next time I met William Pye I told him it was the easiest tenor I had ever rung and that I should have had not the slightest difficulty in ringing this bell single-handed to a peal.

About 20 years ago I rang at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, for Sunday morning service. I rang the 10th bell to a touch of Stedman Cinques with two men on the 11th. Mr. Winney then asked me whether I would like to ring the 11th with Mr. Prime, as that bell was going very badly. I declined as I would never ring a bell with assistance, but I offered to ring if the second rope was taken off. He did this and I rang the 11th single handed quite easily to a course of Stedman Cinques. One of the ringers then asked me how it went, when I replied that I found nothing wrong with the bell and that it only wanted a man on it. I then rang the heavy tenor five minutes for the service bell.

Birmingham.

JAMES GEORGE.

## EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—On the authority of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the seventh was put there when the tower was (c. 1450).

Several of the rest were subscribed by the Bibbie family, and I hope the bellfounders will do their best to live up to it.—Faithfully yours,  
F. A. CLUETT.

Milton-next-Gravesend.

## LICHFIELD TWINS—GREETINGS

Dear Sir,—My warmest congratulations to the twins, Peter and Dennis, and to their elder sister Joan, of Lichfield, who rang their first peal together recently.—Yours faithfully,  
MALCOLM MELVILLE.

H.M.S. 'Wolfe,' Malta.

## Psychology and Beginners

Dear Sir,—If it were possible, it would be interesting to obtain a record of the number of potential ringers lost to our bellfries through lack of encouragement.

No one is more acutely conscious of his inferiority than the inexperienced among experienced ringers. Hence the reluctance on the part of the former to 'stand in' at meetings. And, having been prevailed upon to do so, hence, too, the uncertain striking caused by fear of ringing over the wrong bell.

It may be that this sense of inferiority is a phase in the life history of every ringer—a phase too long forgotten by many—too long experienced by more.

But it is a crucial stage, when the ringer still feels elated after ringing a new method, however elementary. If psychology is to be trusted, his elation must be made justifiable if greater confidence is to be gained.

Every new effort is worthy of commendation. A first plain course of Grandsire Doubles, rung unaided, gives as much comparative pleasure as a first peal of Superlative Surprise. For any such occasion, encouraging words are alone fitting. The criticism can await a more opportune moment when the learner has enjoyed his sense of achievement. His elation may only be short lived, but it will be found to serve as a foundation upon which the teacher can then hurl his criticism with far less likelihood of his efforts at teaching coming to nought, and of his bellfry being bereft of potential campanologists.—Yours faithfully,  
R. MARY DAVIES.

London, N.W.2.

## FILM STUDIO RINGING

Dear Sir,—The film 'Green Fingers' just released has a scene depicting the ringing chamber of Whithy Church tower. The sound track is of Whithy bells.

The ringers operating the improvised bells at the British National Film Studio were seven members of the St. Albans Cathedral, one from the Oxhey band and two artistes.

The artistes appearing in the ringing had to be taught to handle the rope in half an hour before the actual shooting of the picture. The ringers were H. Hodgets (Oxhey band), Miss B. Copeston, L. T. Hansell, G. N. Blake, B. A. Cornell, W. J. Arnold, E. Sprague and H. E. C. Goodenough.

The improvised bells were certainly interesting, the (bell) being made up of pieces of metal tube, blocks of lead and tubular scaffold clips, hung fairly well out, the action was quite good, in so much that we rang a silent course of Stedman Triples. I should imagine this is the first ever to be accomplished in a film studio.—Yours faithfully,  
H. GOODENOUGH.

St. Albans.

## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Golden's letter calls for a reply. I made no claims, and the 720's were just as my friend Mr. W. Taylor, of Penwortham, gave them to me. I pointed out to him that they were not new, and he has only succeeded in reproducing what A. G. Driver did years ago. To the several correspondents who have written me privately, I say many thanks for the information which I asked for.

Finally a new generation of ringers has arisen since the Mad Hatter (A. G. Driver) gave these figures to the Exercise. So in their interest an occasional letter to 'The Ringing World' on a subject like this can do no harm.—Yours faithfully,  
E. R. MARTIN.

86, Hartington Road, Preston.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Lockey 1, Miss Margery Watson 2, Miss Pat Gilbert 3, J. Davy 4, R. J. Sharp 5, A. C. Sinfield (conductor) 6.

## NOTICES

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## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

RINGER (Grandsire only) seeks holiday accommodation, Worcester-Evesham area, for fortnight from July 12th. Full board or bed and breakfast.—Offers, with terms, to Box 1482, 'Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 1482

## FOR SALE

PEAL of 12 HANDBELLS in C, in almost new condition, £12.—F. J. Portch, 44, St. Andrew's Road, Montpelier, Bristol, 6. 1518

HERTFORD and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSNS.—Joint meeting at Stanmore, Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea.—S. H. Hoare and T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1443

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting Hawkchurch, Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, if notified.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 1484

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 14th, at Marsden, near Huddersfield. Bells (8) 3. Tea 2s. 3d. Reports for 1946 now ready.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1446

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sat., June 14th, Merton (Colliers Wood Station), 1.15. St. Leonard's, Streatham, 2.30. Tea and business 4.20. St. Immanuel's, Streatham, 6.15. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1438

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting Iffley (6), June 14th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley. 1487

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Kintbury (6), Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1478  
SELBY AND DISTRICT and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting Market Weighton, June 14th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. 1499



**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Prittlewell, Sat., June 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1449

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), Sat., June 14th, 2.15. St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's and St. Clement's (6) also available. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Tudor Cafe, St. Margaret's Plain. Business meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1435

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 14th, 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. New members and visitors welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. 1434

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Hever (6), June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Henry VIII. Inn. Names for outing by this date, please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1475

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Totham (6), June 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30.—A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1469

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting Overseale, Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 1507

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Tibshelf, June 14th. Please bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1494

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., June 14th, 3.—A. B. Peck. 1498

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Buxted, Sat., June 14th, 3. Tea 5. 1504

**BITTON, NEAR BRISTOL.**—Eight bells, augmented 1936 by Taylor's. Open practice (by permission) alternate Tuesdays, 7.15. Next date, June 17th. All ringers invited.—A. Corrigan, Le Coteau, Bitton, Bristol. 1395

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Sat., June 21st. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6.15. Names for tea by June 16th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1493

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting Melksham, Sat., June 21st. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by May 16th if possible.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 1461

**SOC. FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting Burton-on-Trent, June 21st. Bells (St. Paul's) 3. Tea 1s. 3d. to paid-up members, to others 1s. 9d. Names for tea to B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton, by Monday, June 16th. Special coach (7s. 6d.) from Technical College, Wolverhampton, 1.30; John Harper and Co.'s Works, Walsall Street, Willenhall, 1.45; St. Paul's Church, near bus station, Walsall, 2.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1464

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western District.—Meeting Sat., June 21st, at Chertsey. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to me, please, by the 18th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1490

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting Singleton, Sat., June 21st. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Mapp, The Mill, Singleton, near Blackpool, not later than June 19th.—J. H. Foster. 1521

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting Westhoughton, Sat., June 21st. Bells 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1519

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Outing, June 21st. Drayton Turning, 6.25; Staverton Church, 6.30; Newnham Cross-roads, 6.35; Weedon Globe, 6.45; Heyford Green, 6.55; Bugbrooke, Heyford Turning, 7; Preston Capes Cross-roads, 7.20; Charwelton School, 7.30; Byfield, Rose and Crown, 7.35. Please be punctual.—F. W. Hancock. 1516

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Coventry and Rugby District.—Berkswell (6), June 21st, 3. Names for tea to me by the 17th.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 1512

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Epworth (8) on Sat., June 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Cups of tea provided, but please bring your own eatables.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 1510

**ST. DAVID'S DIO. GUILD.**—Annual meeting Carmarthen, Sat., June 21st. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 1511

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Melton District.—Kirby-Bellars, June 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Village Hall 5. Names by 18th to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby. 1513

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark Branch.—Meeting Barnby-in-the-Wil-lows (6), Sat., June 21st, 3 o'clock. Bring food.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1502

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting Draycott, Sat., June 21st. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1515

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barrington (6), Sat., June 21st, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Foxton (5) available after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1539

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASN.**—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting Fairford, Sat., June 21st. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Notify for tea by 16th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 1531

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern District.—Meeting Rotherfield, June 21st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify Mr. W. Rogers, Vines Cottages, Rotherfield, by 18th.—John Downing, Hon. Sec. 1529

**LAVENHAM.**—The 136th ringing anniversary will be held on Sat., June 21st, 2.30. Everybody welcome. Tea shop near church.—S. H. Symonds. 1536

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—Next meeting Worsley, Sat., June 21st, 3. Tea 5. Names to P. H. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, by June 16th.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1534

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Oaks-in-Charnwood (6), Sat., June 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting Parish Hall 5.15. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, Copt Oak, Markfield, Leicester. 1533

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—S. and W. District.—Meeting Isleworth, Sat., June 21st. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Meeting 5. No tea arrangements.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1525



**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting Kingston Seymour, Sat., June 21st, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1535

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting Burton (6), Sat., June 21st, 3. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin. 1532

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Ringing meeting at Long Buckby (5), June 21st, 3. Bring own food; tea provided.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 1522

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting Felpham (6), June 21st, 2.30. Service 4.45. Names for tea to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1523

**DEVON GUILD.**—M.D. and S.W. Branches.—Buckfast Abbey, on Sat., June 21st. Bells (12) 2.30, also Buckfastleigh (8) 6.15. Tea 5.30. Names by June 18th to A. L. Bennett, Cornways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121). 1526

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Over (8), Sat., June 21st. Please bring food.—D. C. Osborn, Hon. Sec. 1537

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston (6 bells), June 21st, 2.30. Important. Names by 17th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 1541

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Special meeting, Willesborough, June 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by first post June 17th, to Mr. E. S. Ruck, 3, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1548

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting Wheatthampstead, Sat., June 21st, 3. Names for tea by June 17th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1547

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.**—June 21st, quarterly meeting, North Wingfield (8). Important business. Bells 3. Bring own food. 1543

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Redditch, Sat., June 21st, 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1542

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.**—Quarterly Llangynwyd (6), Sat., June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. David, 21,

Bridgend Road, Llangynwyd, near Bridgend, by June 21st. Maesteg bus Bridgend to Cross Inn, then Llangynwyd bus.—F. J. Hannington. 1524

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be at Deeping St. Nicholas on June 28th. Bells available 2.30. Names for tea before June 21st, to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding. 1520

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Western Division.—Meeting Fyfield (5), Sat., June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by Tues., June 24th, please.—J. H. Crampin, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1528

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 4.30, followed by business and service. Names for tea to G. Miller, Lakenheath, Suffolk, by June 23rd.—R. A. Wallis, Sec., Mildenhall, Suffolk. 1509

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with district societies, Wentworth, near Rotherham, on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea 5 in Rockingham Arms. Notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, by Tuesday, 24th.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9. 1545

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Contest at Almondbury, Huddersfield, July 5th. Draw 2.30. Ringing 2.45. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Subscriptions due. Entries to reach me before June 28th.—S. Manchester, Sec., 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1517

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Great Tew (8), Sat., July 5th. Service 4. Tea for those who notify before July 2nd.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 1514

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting Manchester (in place of Oxford), Sat., July 5th. Further particulars later.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 1497

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11 (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford). Business meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon Christ Church Dining Hall 1.30; tickets 4s. Application for luncheon tickets, accompanied by re-

mittance, to General Secretary not later than July 4th. Owing to catering difficulties no member or visitor can be guaranteed lunch unless in possession of ticket. Ringing: Cathedral (12), time next notice; Colleges, New (10) 4.5, Magdalen (10) 3-4, Merton (8) 3.30-4.30; Churches, St. Giles' (8), 3-4, St. Ebbe's (8), 4-5, All Saints' (8), 5.30-7, St. Thomas' (6), 3.30-4.30, Holywell (6) 4-5 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30-6.30, St. Aldate's (6) 6.30-7.30.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 1527

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**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Preliminary Notice.—The meeting arranged for East Norfolk Branch at Norton for July 26th is postponed to August 9th.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 1538

**UNIVERSITIES ASSN.**—August Ringing Week. Members hoping to attend, should organisation be possible, please send names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, near Maidstone. 1546

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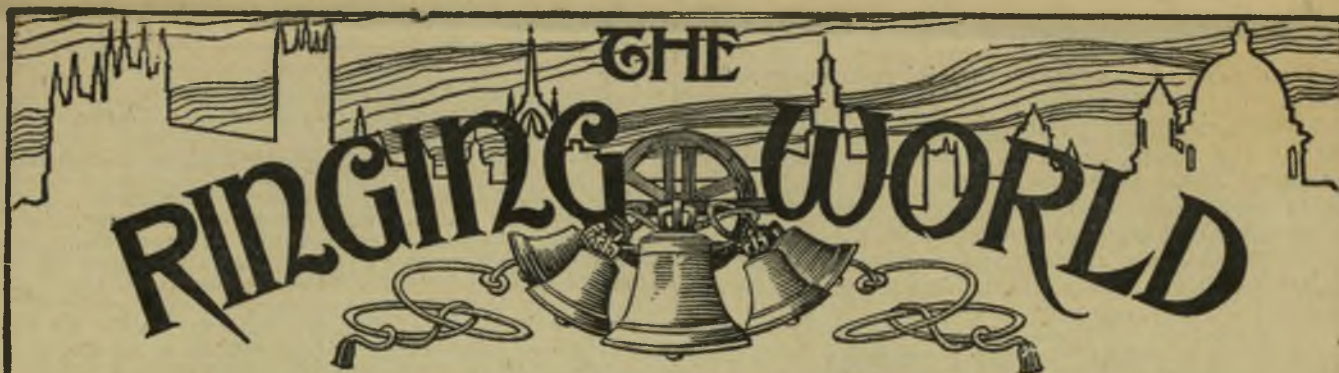
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## INSURANCE

From Derbyshire we have received an interesting query concerning the insurance of ringers. In a form attached to the policy the amount of payment per annum to the various church workers is given, and the ringers are shown as receiving £52 yearly. Here the ringers are all voluntary; their services to the Church are gladly given. What is their position in the event of a claim in case of injury?

We submitted the question to a legal friend, who at once said that without seeing the policy it was difficult to express an opinion. He assumes that the liability of the insurers is limited to indemnifying the Church authorities in respect of any claim against them under the Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Acts. Voluntary ringers or an unpaid steeplekeeper would not succeed in a statutory claim under the before-mentioned Acts against the Church authorities, and the insurers would not therefore be called upon to indemnify except perhaps to the extent of legal costs incurred by the policy holders in resisting a claim.

A voluntary worker might have a Common Law claim against the Church authorities for any injuries occasioned through 'negligence' of the responsible authority. Some years ago a boy was awarded substantial damages against the authorities at a church by reason of the fact that, while he was tolling a bell, the clapper fell out and struck him, causing severe injuries. The word 'negligence' should be taken as meaning something narrower than its accepted sense. Perhaps it would be clearer if we state that the volunteer was injured by reason of some defect which was known or which might, with due care, have been known to the authorities, but was not and could not without undue investigation have been patent to the volunteer. If such was the case, a good claim for damages would exist.

It must be remembered that a Church Council is a corporate body, and its members are not individually liable, and as a body are only liable to the extent of the funds in hand. In the case of paid workers, if there is a definite contract for service at an agreed remuneration the worker could in case of injury arising out of and in the course of the employment be entitled to the compensation prescribed by statute. The maximum weekly payment under the Workmen's Compensation Act for total incapacity is 35s., plus sundry small war-time additions which depend



on the number of dependants of the injured persons. The total sum payable in respect of a fatal accident under this Act varies, according to the dependants left, from the cost of the funeral to £700. Generally speaking, the Workmen's Compensation, Employers' Liability and Third Party policies are not usually agreements by the Insurance Company to pay compensation in respect of accidents but are indemnities to the policy holder against claims which are legally substantiated. A subtle difference!

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

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On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE TOWN HALL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 42 cwt.

LEONARD GREENHOW ...Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
JILL POOLE ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 9
*SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 11
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by JILL POOLE.

\* 200th peal. First peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL J. MATTHEWS ...Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
*MRS. ELLEN E. DAVIS... 2	*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 7
*MRS. CECIL J. MATTHEWS 3	NORMAN W. HARDING ... 8
†MISS PATRICIA HOLMES 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 9
*HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 5	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to C. J. Matthews.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JILL POOLE ... ..Treble	†LAWRENCE GREENHOW... 6
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ... .. 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 8
*MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 9
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5	*CECIL F. KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

SADDLEWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

EILEEN A. BASTOW ...Treble	JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 5
LILIAN M. DARE ... .. 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 6
IVAN KAY ... .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
SELYWN H. DEARDEN ... 4	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... Tenor

Composed by RICHARD MILLAR.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Carter.

BUCKINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS...Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
JAMES HIGGINS ... .. 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ...Treble	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 5
MRS. MARSHALLSAY ... .. 2	GEORGE CECIL ... .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 3	FREDK. PAGE ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Superlative.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(Aylesbeare Branch.)

On Fri., May 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN ARBURY ... ..Treble	†SIDNEY SKINNER ... .. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 2	*JOHN L. GLANVILL ... .. 6
JOHN BROWN ... .. 3	*CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7
*JOHN QUICK ... .. 4	*BRIAN PIDGEON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob for branch.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

Thurstans' HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...Treble	LEONARD F. DERRICK ... 5
FREDK. A. TARGETT ... .. 2	HENRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
EDWIN H. NASH ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
NORMAN H. COOMBS ... .. 4	RONALD G. BECK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Pitstow's Transposition. SIDNEY BRIGGS ... ..Treble	LEONARD RODMELL ... 5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... .. 2	*BERT SUTTON ... .. 6
GEORGE DOWLING ... .. 3	*FRED TERRY ... .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY Treble	PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 5
MRS. MARSHALLSAY ... .. 2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	PETER N. BOND ... .. 7
ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 4	HENRY STALHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

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 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.  
 \*MARJORIE H. HOLLOWAY Treble | RONALD A. HICKMAN ... 5  
 JOHN E. BALLARD ... 2 | CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 6  
 ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... 3 | DAVID H. ANSTEY ... 7  
 ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 4 | JOHN B. WOODLEY ... Tenor  
 Conducted by DAVID H. ANSTEY.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 75th birthday of the ringers of the second.

**SHALFORD, SURREY.**  
**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.  
 \*MARY DAVY ... Treble | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5  
 †JOHN DAVY ... 2 | WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6  
 ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3 | HAROLD A. MAY ... 7  
 CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4 | LESLIE C. W. HUNTER ... Tenor  
 Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
 \* First peal on eight. † First of Bob Major.

**WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.  
 \*CHARLES POOLE ... Treble | RIV. C. CAREW COX ... 5  
 JOSIAH MORRIS ... 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6  
 CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 3 | HENRY G. KEELEY ... 7  
 \*WILLIAM YATES ... 4 | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor  
 Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.  
 \* First peal of Major.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. E. Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.  
 Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.  
 \*EDWARD J. FRY ... Treble | FREDK. SLATFORD ... 5  
 WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2 | PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 6  
 THOMAS F. KING ... 3 | ROGER O. FRY ... 7  
 GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 4 | \*KENNETH MEDWAY ... Tenor  
 Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.  
 \* First peal on eight bells.

**REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**  
*On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.  
 \*ALBERT SKELTON ... Treble | BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5  
 †MISS RHODA HEMMING ... 2 | JOSEPH H. BRITTAN ... 6  
 GORDON HARRISON ... 3 | SYDNEY H. JONES ... 7  
 GEORGE BAILEY ... 4 | WILLIAM MINOR ... Tenor  
 Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
 \* First peal other than a covering bell. † First peal on eight bells.

**GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Mon., June 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.  
 \*CECIL HOLDEN ... Treble | DAVID SMITH ... 5  
 JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6  
 MISS DOROTHY OSBORN ... 3 | CYRIL VALENTINE ... 7  
 WALTER ALLMAN ... 4 | CECIL RADDON ... Tenor  
 Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. ALLMAN.  
 \* First peal of Major.

**SEDGLEY, STAFFS.** — On June 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Botterill 1, E. E. Speake 2, A. D. Collins 3, H. Howell 4, T. Reynolds 5, B. Horton 6, A. V. Pearson (first quarter of Surprise as conductor) 7, A. F. Thirst 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

**LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., June 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 15 cwt.  
 EDWARD BARKER ... Treble | WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5  
 JOHN THOMAS ... 2 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 6  
 MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 7  
 ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor  
 Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**  
**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**  
*On Thurs., June 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 \*JOHN SALWAY ... Treble | JOHN QUICK ... 5  
 JOHN ARBURY ... 2 | JOHN L. GLANVILL ... 6  
 BRIAN PIDGEON ... 3 | CHARLES TURNER ... 7  
 †SIDNEY SKINNER ... 4 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor  
 Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.  
 \* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

**CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Thurs., June 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.  
 FRANK REYNOLDS ... Treble | JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5  
 REV. F. F. RIGBY ... 2 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6  
 REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 3 | REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7  
 \*WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 4 | DAVID VINCENT ... Tenor  
 Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
 \* First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Frances Mary Calderbank, daughter of Canon J. Calderbank, and the Rev. Roger Douglas St. John Smith.

**TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., June 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 11½ cwt.  
 WALLACE W. COUSINS ... Treble | ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5  
 MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6  
 JOHN THOMAS ... 3 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7  
 REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 4 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor  
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. THOMAS.  
 The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.**  
**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**  
*On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.  
 HENRY R. NEWTON ... Treble | HERBERT LANGDON ... 5  
 JOHN PHILLIPS ... 2 | ALFRED B. PECK ... 6  
 JOHN B. SANSOM ... 3 | RICHARD F. DEAL ... 7  
 HORACE BELCHER ... 4 | HUGH M. PAGE ... Tenor  
 Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

**EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.  
 LEONARD GERRARD ... Treble | ERNEST THORLEY ... 5  
 THOMAS D. LEASK ... 2 | ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 6  
 J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3 | JAMES THORLEY ... 7  
 LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... 4 | CHARLES THORLEY ... Tenor  
 Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

**SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.  
 CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... Treble | CYRIL J. BURNS ... 5  
 LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 2 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6  
 ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3 | GEORGE SAVER ... 7  
 WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor  
 Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.



## SIX BELL PEALS

APSLEY END, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Bob,  
Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS E. A. UPTON ... Treble	EDWIN J. UPTON ... 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 2	HERBERT GATES ... 5
WALTER AYRE ... 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.  
MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble | FREDERICK PRECEY ... 4  
BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 2 | \*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ... 5  
ANDREW I. PEARMAN ... 3 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. V. DAVIS.  
\* First peal of Minor. A compliment to Mr. George Williams,  
Master of the Guild, upon attaining his 90th birthday.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAF,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.  
FREDK. SANGWIN ... Treble | †CHARLES E. TAYLOR ... 4  
\*MRS. F. E. COLLINS ... 2 | \*FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 5  
†ALAN J. HICKS ... 3 | G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.  
WALTER STARR ... Treble | MICHAEL POWELL ... 4  
TREVOR HAYWARD ... 2 | SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5  
MISS GLADYS HIGHAM ... 3 | ARTHUR JENKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS GLADYS HIGHAM.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Bob, one of  
Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob.  
PTE. TOM SMITH ... Treble | THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 4  
SIDNEY FLINT ... 2 | WILLIAM DEACON ... 5  
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3 | JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr.  
and Mrs. W. Deacon.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's each of Kent  
Treble Bob, and three 720's each of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

JAMES L. LAKER ... Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4
ERIC H. KNAPP ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal on the bells.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Consisting of 22 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings), and 20 six-scores  
of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ERNEST G. ORLAND ... Treble	JAMES H. WEBB ... 4
*ALBERT HINTON ... 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 5
†STANLEY M. RUDDLESSEN ... 3	VICTOR A. PERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A  
birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Comprising a 720 each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Nether-  
seale, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... Treble	*BETTY SPICE ... 4
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. The first peal of  
Minor on the bells. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. B. J.  
Wigan.

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society.)

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of  
Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*FRANK BRAITHWAITE ... Treble	*JOHN HOBSON ... 4
CLEMENT GLENN ... 2	LEONARD RODMELL ... 5
GEORGE DOWLING ... 3	*FRED OSGERBY ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

\* First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells.  
First peal by the Beverley Society. A compliment to Mr. F. Wilkin-  
son, Tower Master, on his completion of 50 years' devoted service to  
this church.

## HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5075 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	*PATRICK HARRIS ... 7-8

†MISS MARGARET ROWLAND 9-10

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.  
\* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal 'in hand.' A compliment to  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson on their 22nd wedding anniversary.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 4, 1947, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,  
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

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

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 1-2	PETER NIX ... 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5103 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., June 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT 19, HOLYWELL,

### A PEAL OF MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 1-2	BETTY SPICE ... 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEASE ... 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 28).

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.  
The first peal in the method on handbells.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE VICARAGE,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	FRED WIGMORE ... 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.



## QUARTER PEALS

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—On May 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: C. G. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, A. G. Holifield 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. C. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. Rung for the wedding of F. White, a member of the band of Appleton and youngest son of the late Mr. A. H. White.

**BEVERLEY, YORKS.**—On June 1st at the Minster Church of St. John, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Ellerington 1, L. Daggett (conductor) 2, G. F. Williams 3, C. Glenn 4, C. G. Constable 5, F. Braithwaite 6, A. E. Sellers 7, F. Osgerby 8, C. Barker 9, L. Rodmell 10.

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Bowling 1, J. Quick 2, B. Pidgeon 3, J. Smith 4, A. Lovering 5, J. L. Glanvill 6, F. B. Lufkin (conductor) 7, F. Palmer 8.

**CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.**—At the Church of St. Martin on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5.7.8 covering): S. A. Reed (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. Withey 2, W. J. Sanders (conductor) 3, R. O. James 4, P. Jago 5, E. Sanders 6, D. J. Whear 7, A. J. Vincent (aged 16) 8.

**CARMARTHEN, W. WALES.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Rogers 1, D. H. Davies 2, T. Mayhook 3, C. C. Jones 4, T. Owen 5, W. L. Williams 6, D. J. Curtis (first as conductor) 7, L. T. Curtis 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. James Curtis, captain for 21 years, who died on May 28th.

**COTTON, SUFFOLK.**—On May 9th, a date touch comprising 720 each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and 507 of Kent Treble Bob: T. W. Lockwood 1, B. Chilvers 2, L. G. Foster 3, Miss M. J. Freer 4, E. A. Cracknell 5, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 6.

**CROYDON.**—On June 1st at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Parks 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, R. Abbott 3, J. Saunders 4, G. H. Humphries 5, H. G. Pratt 6, W. Oatway 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major by 1, 3 and 7.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Green 1, P. Green (conductor) 2, I. Halls 3, W. Ainger 4, W. J. Barratt (first quarter of Stedman) 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 7, L. Ainger 8. A 75th birthday compliment to G. Green.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, W. D. Prockson (first inside) 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, G. A. Parsons 4, N. A. Hollingsworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. Newman (conductor) 7, A. Lancaster 8.

**HOWDEN, EAST YORKSHIRE.**—On June 1st at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Herbert Cooper 1, R. B. Smith 2, J. J. Tune 3, J. J. Taylor 4, T. W. Tune 5, W. A. Hudson (conductor) 6, E. Newham 7, F. Terry 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second bell. First quarter-peal for all except the treble and conductor.

**NORBURY, CHESHIRE.**—At St. Thomas' on May 25th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Entwistle 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, James Fernley (conductor) 3, William Fernley 4, S. Hough 5, J. W. Hartley 6, R. E. Jones 7, E. Bennett 8. First quarter for 1 and 2.

**PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. G. Ridgway 1, W. G. Whitehead 2, F. C. Case 3, W. Yates 4, T. E. Roberts (conductor) 5. In memory of the Rev. F. H. Lawson, who was buried that afternoon.

**RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.**—On May 31st, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, E. Whitmore 2, J. Stubbs 3, B. Morris 4, W. Whitmore 5, W. Copperwheat 6, H. Richardson 7, G. Care (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

**REDRUTH, CORNWALL.**—At the Church of St. Euny on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: A. J. Vincent (first quarter) 1, S. Langdon 2, Miss J. E. Withey 3, P. R. C. Williams 4, W. A. Darlington 5, D. J. Whear 6, V. E. Williams (conductor) 7, S. A. Reed 8.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On June 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Hammond 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, E. Bishop, jun. (first quarter) 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, S. T. A. Russell 6, P. A. Corby 7, W. Rogers (first quarter as conductor) 8.

**SOUTHPORT, LANCs.**—At the Church of Emmanuel, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sumner 1, B. Wright 2, B. Sumner 3, E. Sumner 4, N. Heaps (conductor) 5, R. Arnold 6, A. 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Sumner.

**STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.**—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Priscilla Jackson 1, S. Ruddlesden 2, J. Perry 3, G. Hancock 4, S. Osborne (conductor) 5, F. Hancock 6. For the institution of the new Vicar, the Rev. G. Glascodine.

**STANDON, HERTS.**—At St. Mary's Church on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stacey 1, J. Smith 2, T. Chapman (first quarter) 3, H. Groom (conductor) 4, S. Smith 5, W. Smith 6.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral on June 1st, 1,310 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, D. A. Bayles 3, A. Day 4, L. T. Hansell 5, W. J. Arnold 6, T. J. Southam 7, R. F. Ewer 8, G. N. Blake 9, E. Sprague 10, G. W. Debenham 11, B. A. Cornell 12. First quarter of Stedman Cinques by 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 25th at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chidgey 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. G. Gigg 3, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 4, F. Morris 5, H. Bungav 6, H. Mockridge 7, F. Matraviers 8.

**WOODSTOCK, OXON.**—On May 31st, a quarter-peal of Doubles in 11 methods, being 120 changes each of Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Antelope, Union and 60 changes of Grandsire: E. Hill 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, W. T. Bond 3, H. Floyd (conductor) 4, D. Jones 5, T. Styles 6. First quarter in 11 methods by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. First quarter as conductor in 11 methods.

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*The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow is leaving this week-end for a short holiday in Spain. Doubtless he is planning a new sales campaign for his book on Norwich bells, which proved a best seller at the Central Council meeting.

Thoughts and good wishes from many will go to Leicester next Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris celebrate their silver wedding.

Golden Wedding. — Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Youngs on June 10th. Mr. Youngs was at one time secretary of the Romney Marsh and District Guild. A peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rung in honour of the occasion.

It was Miss Edna F. Bedford and not Miss F. Bedford who rang in the peal of London Surprise Major at Tarporley, Cheshire, on May 10th.

Although he has only been ringing 12 months, 15-year-old Alan J. Hicks, of Marhamchurch, Cornwall, called his first peal at Poughill on May 30th. Two noted ringers—Messrs. F. E. Collins and G. W. Critchley—who were afterwards taken for father and son—can testify to Alan's good show.

Another youthful conductor this week is Miss Gladys Higham, who called a peal at Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare. It is claimed on her behalf that she is the youngest member of the Ladies' Guild (Western District) to call a peal.

Sixteen-year-old B. A. Richards is captain of Holy Cross Church, Morton, Derbyshire. He called the first quarter of 1,440 Bob Minor by his company on May 31st, viz.: M. Richards (14) 1, P. Wright (16) 2, H. Franklin (16) 3, E. G. Holdgate (16), 4, E. Sterland (16), 5, B. A. Richards (16), 6. The first peal cannot be far distant.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The train taking the Leicester band to ring at Manchester Town Hall stopped at Millers Dale Station immediately opposite a railway engine. The handbells were tapping along merrily when the driver, leaning over the side, shouted, 'Open the window.' This was done and he said, 'Ring us a bit of Grandshire.' Said 'the Gaffer': 'You appear to know a bit about the game.' 'Ah!' replied the driver, 'I hope to be doing a bit myself this afternoon. I'm going to a meeting at Matlock!'

When Mr. Harold J. Poole was walking across Albert Square, Manchester, with two other ringers a stranger came up to him and asked how to get to the belfry. 'Why have you asked me?' came the reply. 'Well, you look like a ringer.' Inspector Poole has been told many times he looks like a policeman, but he did not know ringers had any special looks about them. The stranger was from Accrington. The Leicester ringers thank those of the Manchester band who helped to make the visit so enjoyable.

Mr. A. D. Barker, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, proposed the vote of thanks to the president and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher at Exeter. We regret the error.

Mr. E. Alexander Young met with an accident on his homeward journey from Exeter. He dismounted from his bus just before it had stopped and fractured some elbow bones. Mr. Young is now in hospital for an operation. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

'Are there any works bands of ringers?' ask employees of the British Timken, Ltd., Duston Works, Northampton, who ring at Harpole, Northants. On June 4th they rang 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandshire): G. Smith (first quarter) 1, T. Bass 2, R. Finch 3, H. Downie 4, E. Nobles (conductor) 5.

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## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

### DIAMOND JUBILEE FESTIVAL AT MACCLESFIELD.

In glorious summer weather the Chester Diocesan Guild held its diamond jubilee festival at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on May 31st, when a large number of ringers from all parts of the diocese and friends from further afield were present. An early start was made with ringing, and the B.B.C. recording van arrived shortly after 1 p.m. Some speech records were made as well as two of the fine twelve at St. Michael's, one of rounds and the other of Queens, which were later used in the Northern programme. It is to be regretted that the B.B.C. gave only twelve hours' notice of its intention to make these records and no definite time appears to have been arranged for the subsequent broadcast, which was, in fact, made the same evening after the news.

Service was held at 3.30 p.m. and opened with a special bidding prayer fitting to the occasion. In the absence of the Bishop through indisposition, the festival sermon was preached by the Ven. F. J. Okell, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, who had formerly been associated with ringers at both Eccleston and Malpas.

The Archdeacon spoke of those whose convictions and foresight 60 years ago brought the Guild into being and whose efforts had resulted in its foundations being well and truly laid. He mentioned especially the names of Archdeacon Barber and Mr. H. A. Heywood. To its founders and to those who had so ably carried on since their day the Guild owed a debt of gratitude. He also stressed the objects which were in mind when the Guild was formed, including not only the advancement of the art of change ringing, but also the recognition of ringers as officers of the Church. Finally he emphasised the spirit of fellowship which existed, between members of any Guild and among all ringers everywhere.

Tea was served in the Beehive Cafe.

At the annual meeting, the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, presided and at the outset expressed the thanks of the Guild to the Archdeacon for his kindness in preaching a sermon which was so perfectly in tune with the feelings of all members on that occasion.

The report on the past year gave clear indication that the Guild had gone a long way towards the recovery of its pre-war prosperity. It showed increased activity in peal ringing with many members ringing their first peal, and with membership rising there is ample evidence that service ringing is almost back to its former high level. Several restoration schemes are contemplated and others have already been completed, notably the ring of ten at Christ Church, Macclesfield.

It was fitting, too, that in the report the names of several members who had given loyal service to the Guild throughout its 60 years of existence were recorded, and some who had but recently passed over proudly remembered. Among the latter the name of Mr. Harry Brocklebank, for over 30 years secretary of the Wirral Branch, had a special place of honour.

The Master gave a report on the meeting of the Central Council at Exeter, stressing the point made by the president of the importance of striking and of the lesson the 'scientific' ringer might profitably learn from the round-ringer of the south-west where great accuracy of striking is insisted upon.

In the election of officers the Master was re-elected and his first duty was to propose the re-election of the Rev. J. D. Pearson as secretary, at the same time paying high tribute to the work he had so willingly done in the past. The fact that Mr. Pearson was not a ringer made his efforts for the Guild all the more commendable. After having held office for a considerable number of years, both the report secretary (Mr. H. Parker) and the peal recorder (Mr. R. W. Worrall) asked to be allowed to resign. In accepting their resigna-

tions with extreme regret, the meeting expressed its keen appreciation of the work done by both these officers. Mr. Whittaker and Mrs. Lawton were elected to the vacancies.

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the branch officials, whose untiring efforts had done so much to further the Guild's prosperity; to the Vicar of St. Michael's for his hospitality and to those members of the Macclesfield Branch who had been responsible for the arrangements for the day. Full use was made of the many bells available during the evening.

Six towers were visited by the Chester Branch on Whit Monday when they held their annual trip in Shropshire. The touches included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Double Norwich and London, both in Major and Royal.

### ROYAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In response to the telegrams sent from the meeting of the Central Council at Exeter to Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth, the following replies have been received:—

'I am commanded to express Queen Mary's sincere thanks to your very kind message of congratulation on the anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday.—Private Secretary.'

'The Lady-in-Waiting is desired by the Princess Elizabeth to thank the Central Council of Church Bellringers for their most kind message sent on the occasion of Her Royal Highness' 21st birthday, which the Princess very much appreciated.'

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Very successful was the Whit Monday meeting of the Wisbech Branch at Walpole St. Andrew, when the visitors included Mr. W. A. Stote (Coventry), Mr. C. E. Jefferies (Mauldon, Beds), Mr. A. Mason (London) and Mr. F. W. Lack (Great Staughton).

The Vicar (the Rev. A. Lee-Warner) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting. A special vote of thanks was accorded lady members of the local band, who provided cups of tea. The next meeting was planned for Terrington St. Clement. Ringing included Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Minor.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION DEFERRED.

In an uplifting address at the 68th annual meeting and festival of the Essex Association at Chelmsford Cathedral on Whit Monday, the Bishop of Chelmsford (president of the Association) called upon all ringers to greater efforts, saying that ringers could reach those outside the Church and remind all people that the Church had the answer to a great many of the vexing problems besetting the world to-day. The Precentor (the Rev. Dore) conducted the service.

The Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P., presided at the annual meeting held in the Chapter House, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. Robert C. Heazel) and 150 ringers and friends.

The annual report recorded a very successful year with steadily increasing progress and membership. After a lengthy discussion the report was adopted. A slight decrease in the balance in hand was shown in the treasurer's statement.

Alterations made to the rules and on the recommendation of the committee included the creation of the new office of Deputy Master and increasing the number of trustees from two to three.

The Master spoke of the 60 years' service to the Association by Mr. George Green, of Great Baddow, and on Dr. Spencer-Phillips' proposition he was unanimously elected a life vice-president.

## Durham & Newcastle Assn.

### PLANNING THE 70th ANNIVERSARY.

Sixteen towers and visitors from Catterick Camp attended the half-yearly meeting of the Association at Darlington on May 31st.

Ringing was enjoyed at St. Cuthbert's (8) and Holy Trinity (6), and a service was held in Holy Trinity conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Simpson), who gave an inspiring address. Mr. A. Minto, F.R.C.O., was the organist, and the lesson was read by Mr. W. N. Park.

A company of 45 sat down to tea at the Fleece Hotel. The president (Mr. R. L. Patterson) was in the chair at the business meeting.

Miss Armstrong said that the watch tower bells at Morpeth were in a very bad state and the local Council were disinclined to do anything towards their rectification at the present time. The President referred to the recent death of Mr. George S. Taylor, of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Association and whom he personally had known for 50 years. At the president's suggestion the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

New members elected were Messrs. J. W. Addison, F. R. Addison and H. A. Ward, of Thornaby, and the Misses B. E. Shutt, N. Benson, M. Walton and D. M. Killingley and Messrs. G. A. Holmes and R. Spencer, of Richmond, to whom the president extended a hearty welcome.

The Hon. Treasurer referred to the difficulties encountered in catering arrangements at the present time, and reported that he had booked at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, for the annual festival, and this action was ratified by the meeting. It was felt that as the annual festival this year was the 70th anniversary of the Association's formation, some additional expense might be incurred, and on the proposition of Mr. Kenneth Arthur seconded by Mr. Fred Robson, the treasurer was empowered by a unanimous vote to spend up to £5 at his discretion.

After votes of thanks a move was made to the towers, where further ringing took place, which included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. A collection for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 12s. 10d.

The Master was re-elected and Mr. G. L. Joyce was elected to the new office of Deputy Master. Also re-elected was the general secretary and treasurer. In order to make way for a younger representative, Mr. E. J. Butler resigned his membership of the Central Council. He was thanked for his services and Mr. F. V. Gant was elected to fill the vacancy. The three representatives attending the Central Council meeting were thanked for their services and re-elected en bloc.

Mr. C. Ellis reported progress made with the Nevard memorial and said he hoped it would soon be completed. The Master reported that a £10 grant had been made to the Great Tey Bell Restoration Fund and that enquiries had been received from St. Mary's, Maldon.

Under the heading of 'Any other business,' the question of increasing subscriptions was raised by Mr. G. L. Joyce, who stated that to carry out the policy of the Association a greater income was necessary. Several members spoke on the same lines, but owing to the shortage of time no decision was reached.

A letter from Mr. George Gilbert re the appeal for Burnham bells was read.

A vote of thanks was accorded to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Following the lunch the company split into small parties to visit the churches in the surrounding parishes, where a very pleasant afternoon with some good ringing was enjoyed by all.

R.O.H.



## Chesterfield's New Ten

An air of expectancy prevailed at Chesterfield on May 24th, the day of the dedication of the new ring of ten. Townspeople gathered in the vicinity of the Parish Church of St. Mary in the afternoon to hear the bells for the first time. Most of the ringers in the district attended with enthusiasts from Birmingham, Derby, Doncaster, Leeds, Manchester and other distant towers.

The bells had previously been baptised by the Assistant Bishop on April 12th, and the dedication by the Bishop of Derby took place during evensong. After the words of dedication, the bells were rung in rounds. In his address the Bishop said the bells were to be rung to the glory of God and to call people to worship.

A well-struck course of Grandsire Caters followed the service, the ringers being J. Thorpe, G. Briggs, F. B. Ditcher, B. Knights, A. P. Knights, L. Trevor, A. Firth, N. Chadock, E. A. Thorpe and W. Allman (tenor). Tea followed at St. James' Hall, a company of 130 being present, including the Bishop and the Archdeacon of Chesterfield. The ringers then returned to the tower and an endeavour was made for each to have a pull. Methods rung included Cambridge Royal and London Major.

The last occasion the old ring of ten was rung was in 1924, when owing to the oscillation of the tower and the weakened structure of the spire, which is built of timber covered with lead slates and stands quite a normal height and proportionate to the church, the authorities pronounced further ringing unsafe.

The tower and spire have now been fully restored, the old wooden frame removed and the bells recast into ten with a tenor a little over 25 cwt. and hung in a new steel frame with modern fittings. The bells are placed well below the louvred windows. They possess a delightful tone and their volume in the vicinity is reasonable. All the bells can be clearly heard in the belfry. The new ropes proved a little springy, but from a ringer's point of view an excellent ring has been provided, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on a fine piece of work.

Chesterfield tower has a few qualified ringers and a number of learners who can ring rounds and are under the direction of Mr. S. Scattergood. It is hoped that the bells will be rung regularly for services, as they are a worthy asset to the church and a joy to the people of Chesterfield. H.O.C.

## WEDDING OF REV. R. D. St. J. SMITH

Ringers gathered from far afield at Calverley, Leeds, on June 5th, for the wedding of the Rev. Roger Douglas St. John Smith, son of the Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Smith, of Chaplain's House, Ravenstone, Leicester, and Miss Frances Mary Calderbank, daughter of Canon and Mrs. J. Calderbank, of Calverley Vicarage. The Ven. Archdeacon S. E. Lowe conducted the service, with the Rev. D. G. Smith.

The bridegroom, who is a well-known ringer, was a chaplain of the Forces in West Africa, India and Burma during the war. The bride, who was physiotherapist at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, was attended by her sister, Miss Kathleen Calderbank, and two friends, Miss Frances S. Pedley and Miss Patricia M. Creaser. Mr. A. W. Chalmers, the best man, was a friend of the bridegroom in the Burma campaign.

The company included ringers from Ashton-under-Lyne, Somersham, Norwich and nearer places. Immediately after the wedding the eight bells of Calverley Church were fired and rung in rounds and Queens, and later in the day a peal of Bob Major was rung. Handbell ringing—Bob Major and Grandsire Caters—was a pleasing feature of the reception.

A.G.G.T.

## Peterborough Guild

### GIFTS TO THE RETIRING MASTER.

Appreciation of the services of the Rev. E. S. Powell during the 12 years he was Master of the Peterborough Guild was expressed in a tangible manner at the annual meeting of the Guild at Northampton on Whit Monday. The Rev. Powell gave the address at the service in St. Giles' Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. C. Thomas). A company of 103 sat down to tea.

The president (the Archdeacon of Northampton) presided at the business meeting. The officers elected were: President, the Archdeacon of Northampton; Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. G. Black; representatives to the Central Council for the next session 1948-49-50, Messrs. G. W. Jeffs, W. Rose, G. S. Valentine and E. E. Whitmore. The office of auditor (vacant by the sudden death of Mr. A. P. J. Ward last March) was filled by the election of Mr. B. J. Saddington. Grants from Bell Restoration Fund approved were: Great Brington £10, Grafton Regis £10, and Paulerspury £5.

The President, in a very appropriate speech, made a presentation to the retiring Master as a mark of appreciation of the great work he had done during the 12 years he held the office. The presentation took the form of an illuminated address framed in old oak, expressing appreciation of his efforts and good wishes to him and Mrs. Powell on retirement. It was accompanied by a roll of notes. The Rev. E. S. Powell suitably replied, and thanked the members for the thought which prompted the presentation.

Mr. H. Baxter moved a vote of thanks to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a success. Four non-resident life members were elected, viz., Messrs. G. Hart, R. E. W. Wenban, W. Wenban and J. R. Mayne, all of Harrow, Middlesex.

All the bells in Northampton were available and good use was made of them. Among the visitors were some from London, Leicester, Chesterfield, Huntingdon and Wolverhampton. Wellingborough was selected for next year's annual meeting.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### PRESENTATION TO MR. W. H. SENIOR.

Batley bells are claimed by Mr. W. H. Senior to be the finest light ring in all Yorkshire, and it was after hearing these bells that the May meeting of the Society was held on May 31st.

The president (Mr. J. McGlenn), supported by the Rev. L. A. Smith and the full committee, presided and the most important business was the presentation to Mr. Senior. In making it the chairman said Mr. Senior was the sixteenth to hold the office of president, and during the nine years he was president and the seven years as vice-president he had put in a lot of very hard work. He had very great pleasure in presenting him with a silver cigarette case and a barometer in the hope that the Budget would not affect the supplies or prevent the case from always having some stock inside.

Mr. Senior, in reply, regarded when he joined the Society at Rothwell as the finest day's work he had done. He had learnt a lot and had had much pleasure, and formed friendships which had lasted through the years. He had also learned to ring Surprise methods, but the gifts he had received were the greatest 'surprise' ever. In conclusion he asked all present to support the president and the Society, paying their best attention to striking as the listening public did not like jumble bells.

Other tributes to Mr. Senior were from Mr. Walsh and Mr. Lofthouse. The latter, in thanking Mr. Senior for all he had done, said they could not expect the barometer always to be showing 'set fair' but they wished Mr. Senior's future would always be bright and happy and his path of life as fair as possible.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. GEOFFREY MARTINEAU.

Mrs. Geoffrey Martineau, who was interred at Solihull Church on June 10th, was the wife of Mr. Geoffrey Martineau, Ringing master at Solihull from 1892 to 1934. Mr. Martineau's contribution to the ringing life of the village was his unceasing work for the bells, beginning with the restoration and reorganisation of 1894 and culminating in the recasting of 1932.

His efforts provided the magnificent peal of ten that is rung regularly every Sunday. Mrs. Martineau was closely associated with her husband in all this work, and it was due to her interest and courage that the end was achieved so successfully.

In the evening of June 10th the local band rang as a tribute to her memory 737 Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled: W. Lesson 1, H. Bragg 2, J. N. Jukes 3, T. Warner 4, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 5, A. D. Cook 6, H. Shepherd 7, C. W. Bragg 8, J. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10. E.C.S.

### MR. CHARLES H. WATTS.

The death has occurred at Dawley, Shropshire, of Mr. Charles H. Watts, who was well known, both as a bellhanger and a ringer, particularly in the London and Birmingham areas.

A native of Salisbury, he started work as a boy with the firm of Blackbourne and Greenleaf, afterwards working for Mears and Stainbank and for Barwells, of Birmingham. His work took him to every part of the country, and he assisted in rehanging the bells at Wells, Oxford and Hereford Cathedrals.

An accomplished ringer, both on tower and handbells, his total of peals must have been considerable. Many in his younger days were rung with J. W. Washbrook, W. W. Gifford, C. Hounslow and other prominent ringers. He rang in the first peal (Treble Ten) at Hereford Cathedral and in the first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. His last peal was Grandsire Caters at Coalbrookdale in 1939.

Since going to live in Shropshire, he was a regular attendant for service ringing and practice at local towers right up to the time of his last illness.

### MR. SHIRLEY BURTON'S 200 PEALS

With the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Manchester Town Hall on May 31st, Mr. Shirley Burton, of Braunstone, Leicester, has completed 200 peals. These have been rung for 14 associations in 13 counties and 53 towers and with 268 ringers. The list is:—

Maximus.—Cambridge 9, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 1, York 1, Yorkshire 3, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 15 (conducted 1). Royal.—Cambridge 27, New Cambridge 1, Princess Mary 1, Leicester 1, Pudsey 1, York 1, Yorkshire 1, Melton 1, Kent Treble Bob 1. Caters.—Stedman 9, Grandsire 1.

Major.—Cambridge 33 (conducted 1), New Cambridge 2, Superlative 13, Double Superlative 1 (10,400), York 1, Yorkshire 6, Bristol 21, London 24, Double Norwich 2, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Triples.—Stedman 16, Grandsire 2. Minor.—Cambridge 1. Doubles.—Grandsire 1.

## THE FINISHING TOUCH

Scene—The Tower of a Liverpool Church, one Practice Night recently.

Two young men, about 20-22, came up into the ringing chamber and stood by the door till the short touch was finished. The tower-keeper wished them 'Good evening' and asked if they were ringing. They said, 'No, we came to ask if the ringers would stop ringing.' On being asked why, they replied that they were playing 'housey housey' in the street opposite and could not hear the numbers called! Collapse of towerkeeper.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Guillotine'

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to make one or two comments on your very fair leading article in this week's 'Ringing World.' Firstly, concerning the 'guillotine.' Of course, there are times when it is better that 'we pass on to the next business' without further delay, but I believe this should be done sparingly and when there has been a fair time allotted for full discussion. I don't think there were any objections to this procedure at Norwich because there had been a chance for everyone, but at Exeter this was not the case. However, as the secretary remarked, it is up to the members to reject it.

Secondly, concerning the Basingstoke peals (and I am sorry to keep on bringing them up, but it seems to be necessary). There still seems to be some confusion about what the nine bells are (this is where I think the leading article is again misleading). These nine bells are unique (I think) in that they are the back nine of a peal of ten, i.e., nine bells in the diatonic scale, or an octave with a treble added (note re). It is no comparison at all to mention a 13 where one bell is a flattened 6th—the 13 are not the back 13 of a peal of 14, i.e., are not in the diatonic scale. In the usual sense, it is wrong to describe them as two rings of eight.

There would have been no peals rung on the Basingstoke bells if they had not been a nine in the diatonic scale, and if nine such bells are not a Caters combination, I don't know what is! Perhaps I ought to add that I neither took part in the peals concerned nor did I know they were being rung. I think it also ought to be mentioned that the second peal of Kent with a cover was rung because it was thought to be allowed by the rules (Mr. Kippin told me this after the performance) with the idea of showing how illogical they were. I confess I for one am still not clear why it was ruled out of order—the sudden ending of the matter prevented us from learning this.

Thirdly, concerning 'music.' All would agree that we secure as musical a combination as possible, but I still maintain that the first criterion of a peal is 5,000 odd different changes. I don't believe the public (if they ever really listen to a peal) would know whether a peal was a good one for music or whether it made all the most obvious 'mistakes' musically, as the ringer regards them. For instance, has there been any hesitation in parting the tenors in certain Major methods when a 'different' peal was required? Also, since it is usually acknowledged that odd bell methods with a tenor covering give the most musically satisfying peals, who is to say that a Major method with a tenor covering is less musical than on the eight bells alone? I would hesitate very much in denouncing it. No, sir, you cannot argue from the musical standpoint, I am certain (with all due respect to Mr. Johnson)—and remain logical, of course.

I am sorry to go on at such length about this matter, and I fear some think that I am just trying to be awkward; that is why we were 'guillotined,' I suspect. But until I am convinced that we have not a fair case I shall not be able to prevent myself having a firm opinion on the question. Being a newcomer to the Exercise, I believe I can see things with a more unprejudiced eye than many who have been many years on the Council (I say that with all respect), and anything which is illogical is more apparent to such as I. To me, illogicality savours of unfairness, and so, for the good of all concerned, I feel bound to fight to remove it, and may I add that I hope this point will be carefully watched when the revision of rules and decisions takes place.—Yours faithfully, K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

P.S.—How about the Central Council adding a treble at Basingstoke and thus removing its peculiarity and making a respectable ring of 10?—K.W.H.F.

### A True Ring

Dear Sir,—We ringers at Basingstoke are much concerned that so many people are talking about the ring of nine bells at All Saints' Church, without a true knowledge of the facts. Without entering deeply into music, the facts are these:—

The nine bells hung in the tower are a true ring of nine, their notes being G, F, E, D, C, B flat, A, G, F. It is impossible to obtain more than one true ring of eight, in either major or minor key, and that is the back eight. This may be checked on a piano or handbells.

A previous incumbent used to insist on the ringing of the front eight during Lent, but those bells do not give an eight in a minor key, or, for that matter, any musical scale. This practice is now discontinued. To obtain an eight in a minor key a flat third bell, namely E flat, is required, giving the following eight: G, F, E flat, D, C, B flat, A, G. That bell does not exist. In any case the ringing world has its own means of expressing sadness, that of using muffles.

I repeat that the nine bells are a true ring of nine, and would be a true ten if another treble bell, note A, were added.

This case has no comparison with the 13 bells at Leicester, and that to be completed at Lincoln.—Yours truly,

Basingstoke. DAVID H. ANSTEY.

### 50 YEARS REGULAR SERVICE RINGER

Dear Sir,—I noticed an item in the Belfry Gossip concerning the ringing of some church bells every Sunday over a period of 40 years. St. Peter's Bournemouth, can boast an unbroken record of regular Sunday ringing for morning and evening service for over fifty years. I wonder how many towers start their Sunday ringing every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. This has been so at St. Peter's since 1906 when the 10 o'clock Sung Eucharist was introduced before 11 o'clock Matins. Messrs. Charles Forfitt (84) and Eli Waters (81) are still most regular in their services. Mr. Waters cycles in from Southbourne twice every Sunday to do so. Both these veterans were ringing at the church 50 years ago, and since the removal of the recent ban have rendered valuable service and assistance with the training of young ringers.

A. V. DAVIS.

### RINGING IN FILMS

Dear Sir,—On opening this week's 'Ringing World' (June 13th), I chanced to see Mr. Goodenough's letter on ringing, which took place in Elstree Studios, Herts, for the film, 'Green Fingers.' This is not the first time a studio has been treated to such an event.

Three or four years ago, during the Archers production, 'A Canterbury Tale,' at Denham, a complete bell frame was built by the studio pattern-makers, and a complete ring of 'bells' cast in plaster by the plasterers under the guidance of Mr. Richard Deal, a well-known London ringer. This 'ringing peal' was assembled and rung 'upset' in rounds. I'm afraid I forget by whom.

This sequence represented the interior of the Canterbury Cathedral bell chamber, and was eventually used as a background to the credit titles of this film. The bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, ringing Grandsire (or was it Stedman) Caters were dubbed on for the sound effect to complete the faking.—Yours sincerely, PATRICIA HOLMES.

From Australia recently we heard of a quarter rung in three methods (Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles) at St. Jude's, Randwick, Sydney, on Whit Sunday, by Miss R. Donnelly 1, I. Napper 2, N. Robinson 3, R. S. Rowe (conductor) 4, J. Duncan 5, G. Shaw 6. It was the first quarter in three methods on the bells for the N.S.W. Association and by all the band.

## Chilvers Coton Dedication

### NOW A RING OF TEN.

The dedication of two new trebles at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, on May 17th, completed the ring of ten. The church now shares with St. Mary's, Warwick, the honour of being the only churches in the Coventry Diocese with rings of ten bells.

The date of dedication was aptly chosen as the sixth anniversary of the destruction of the church by enemy aircraft. The service was held in the chapel, which has been built by German labour on the ruins of the old and is nearing completion. The tower was only slightly damaged and the ring of eight unhurt, although the ringing room suffered from fire.

The new bells were dedicated by the Vicar of Coton, the Rev. R. T. Murray, who is the president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. Among those taking part in the service, which was well attended, were the Rev. J. Emrys Jones (curate) and Capt. R. Willett (Church Army). Mrs. D. E. Beamish (secretary of the Coton band and also of the Coventry Diocesan Guild) read the lesson. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the Loughborough founders.

Among the congregation were Mr. Albert Walker, St. Martin's Guild; Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, Evesham; Mr. F. E. Pervin, Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild; Mr. E. Dodds, East Dereham, and Mrs. G. M. Mosedale, Taunton, son and daughter of the late Canon M. A. Dodds, some time Vicar of Coton; Miss M. V. Godderidge, Folkestone; and Mr. H. C. Spencer, Birmingham.

After the dedication of the two new bells the Vicar handed them over to the care of Mr. J. E. S. Moreton (Ringing Master). In his address, the Vicar spoke of the art of bellringing and stated that he had used some of the dedicatory prayers offered when the bells were dedicated 39 years ago. He praised the work put in by the members of the Coton band towards the completion of the ring, and congratulated them on the success attending their appeal for funds, stating that they had raised more than the original estimate of the cost of the bells. This was given to them over a year ago, but since that time the rise in the cost of materials and labour had added an additional £65 to the estimate. Of the revised total they now needed just under £30 to wipe off the debt, which spoke volumes for the ringers' enthusiasm and the generosity of the various subscribers.

The dedication was followed by a few rounds on the completed peal of ten, and after the service the following members of the Coton band rang a course of Stedman Caters: Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Miss Margaret Beamish, Messrs. A. H. Beamish, J. E. S. Moreton, J. F. Clarke, J. Draycott, J. Gibbons, J. Thompson, H. Harris and L. Trevor.

Touches by mixed bands from various parts followed, all pronouncing that a perfect splice had been effected. About 140 people sat down to tea prior to the service in the Parish Hall, the guests including parishioners, subscribers and German prisoners of war.

### TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Approximately 100 members of the South-East Branch attended the meeting at Pillaton on May 31st. Mr. Freeman conducted the service and the address was given by the Rev. Dr. Brown. A very fine tea was provided in the Church Hall. The branch secretary, Mr. H. J. Clark, thanked all those who had done so much to make the meeting a success, and welcomed the general secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, and the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southard.

During the afternoon the ringing consisted of call changes and Grandsire. Some of the bands were congratulated by the Ringing Master, who said they had reached perfection with their call changes, also with rising and falling the bells. There was only one thing for them to do and that was to start half-pull ringing.



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### SILVER WEDDING

MORRIS—HALL.—On June 22nd, 1922, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, Ernest Morris to Beatrice May Hall. Note new address: The Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 1544

### DEATH

ELDRED.—On June 12th, 1947, at Springfield Road, Gorleston, Christabel, beloved wife of H. J. Eldred. 1574

### FOR SALE

PEAL of 12 HANDBELLS in C, in almost new condition, £12.—F. J. Portch, 44, St. Andrew's Road, Montpelier, Bristol, 6. 1518

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Epworth (8) on Sat., June 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Cups of tea provided, but please bring your own eatables.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 1510

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Sat., June 21st. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6.15. 1493

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barrington (6), Sat., June 21st, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Foxton (5) available after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1539

LAVENHAM.—The 136th ringing anniversary will be held on Sat., June 21st, 2.30. Everybody welcome. Tea shop near church.—S. H. Symonds. 1536

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting Wheatthampstead, Sat., June 21st, 3.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1547

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Special meeting, Willesborough, June 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1548

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—S. and W. District.—Meeting Isleworth, Sat., June 21st. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Meeting 5. No tea arrangements.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1525

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Redditch, Sat., June 21st, 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1542

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting Hampreston, Sat., June 21st. Ringing from 2.30. Tea in Hampreston School 5. Canford bells available after tea.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 1553

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly Llangynwyd (6), Sat., June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. David, 21, Bridgend Road, Llangynwyd, near Bridgend, by June 21st. Maesteg bus Bridgend to Cross Inn, then Llangynwyd bus.—F. J. Hannington. 1524

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be at Deeping St. Nicholas on June 28th. Bells available 2.30. Names for tea before June 21st, to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding. 1520

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Meeting Fyfield (5), Sat., June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by Tues., June 24th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1528

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with district societies, Wentworth, near Rotherham, on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea 5 in Rockingham Arms. Notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, by Tuesday, 24th.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9. 1545

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting Sherbourne, Sat., June 28th, 3. Cup of tea provided, but bring your own food. Good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1540

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly Thornbury (8), June 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bishopston, Bristol, 7. 1551

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Western District.—Meeting Tanfield (8), June 28th. Names for tea to Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, Mayo House, Tantobie, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by June 27th.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1549

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 324th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Sat., June 28th, 3. Service 6.30. Names for tea by 26th.—Leonard Pitstow, 21, Debdon Road. 1564

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Melbourne, June 28th, 3. Tea 5. Meeting after. Names for tea June 25th to Mr. Warren, Potter Street, Melbourne. 1563

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Husborne Crawley (8), Sat., June 28th, 3. Bring own food; cups of tea will be available.—H. C. Hillyard. 1562

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Combined practice at Thame, Oxon, on Sat., June 28th, 6-8. All welcome.—H. Badger. 1561

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Extraordinary general meeting Carlton (6), June 28th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 2s. 6d.; notify S. Watson, High Street, Carlton, Goole, by June 25th. 1566

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Meeting at Terrington St. Clement (8), Sat., June 28th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (provided) 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1567

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Walgrave, Sat., June 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided.—R. S. Cowley. 1568

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting at Ossett Sat., June 28th. Bells available 3. Meat tea (2s. 6d. each) in School at 5. Names for tea to me not later than June 23rd. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 1570

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Market Rasen (8), Sat., June 28th. Bells available 2. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1571

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Wooburn, Sat., June 28th, 5.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1559



**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Meeting King's Somborne, Sat., June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea Village Hall, 4.45. Names by Wednesday, June 25th, to Mr. Fred Davis, King's Somborne, Hants. 1560

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting Sat., June 28th, Hoddesdon. Bells (8) 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea urgent by 24th to G. Radley, 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 1556

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Hingham, Sat., June 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Fairland School. Names for tea by June 25th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 1558

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Mark, Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Assembly Rooms 5.—E. J. Avery, Local Hon. Sec., Sandford. 1578

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting at New Mills, Sat., June 28th. Bring own food.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 1577

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Monday, June 30th. Bells available 5.30 to 9.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1575

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Summer Festival meeting at Farnham, Sat., July 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at British Restaurant. Notices to Mr. C. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot, by June 30th. Other towers open. Further details next week.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 1573

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Middleham (8), Sat., July 5th. East Witton bells (6) available after tea. Names for tea (4.30) to Mr. H. Parrish, Kirklea, Middleham, Leyburn, not later than July 3rd. All are welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1576

**ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Solihull, near Birmingham, on Sat., July 5th. Bells (10) available at 3.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Shepherd, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, not later than July 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1552

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham (6), July 5th, 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 2nd to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent. Take bus route No. 7 from Tonbridge or Maidstone to Forge Gate. 1580

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting Minster Abbey, Isle of Sheppey, Sat., July 5th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided by the local Guild to ringers and friends who notify Miss S. Knight, 341, Minster Road, Sheerness, by July 1st. Queenborough (6) and Eastchurch (6) open during evening. Let's have a good meeting in ideal surroundings.—B. W. May, Dis. Sec. 1579

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Great Tew (8), Sat., July 5th. Service 4. Tea for those who notify before July 2nd.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 1514

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Wortley (8), Sat., July 5th, 3. Cups of tea provided. 68 bus, Castle-gate, 1.45, 2.45, 3.45.—H. O. Chad-dock, Sec. 1557

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Emmanuel, Southport (8), Sat., July 5th. Ringing 2.30. Address by the Bishop of Liverpool 4. Tea 5. Bus Nos. 17, 2, and 10 from Lord Street. Notify for tea, Mr. N. Heaps, 24, The Crescent, Crossens, Southport, not later than July 2nd. All welcome. 1565

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Worthern (6), Sat., July 5th. Tea at White Horse Hotel for those who send names to Miss P. Fletcher, Kingscote, Dawley Bank, Shropshire, by Monday, June 30th.—E. D. Poole. 1569

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—On and after Sunday, July 6th, ringing for morning service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be from 10.15 a.m. to 11.25 a.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1554

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11 (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford). Business meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon Christ Church Dining Hall 1.30; tickets 4s. Application for luncheon tickets, accompanied by remittance, to General Secretary not later than July 4th. Owing to cater-

ing difficulties no member or visitor can be guaranteed lunch unless in possession of ticket. Ringing: Cathedral (12), time next notice; Colleges, New (10) 4.5, Magdalen (10) 3-4, Merton (8) 3.30-4.30; Churches, St. Giles' (8), 3-4, St. Ebbe's (8), 4-5, All Saints' (8), 5.30-7, St. Thomas' (6), 3.30-4.30, Holywell (6) 4-5 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30-6.30, St. Aldate's (6) 6.30-7.30.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 1527

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A few tickets still available for the 200th anniversary dinner on July 12th, 12s. 6d. each. Applications, with remittance, must reach me not later than July 2nd.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1555

**CLAVERTLEY, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON.**—Preliminary Notice.—An open meeting in conjunction with Dudley and District Guild will be held at Claverley on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Details later. 1550

#### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

**MR. A. W. DAVIES THE NEW MASTER.**  
The annual festival and meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Ross-on-Wye on Whit Monday. The first festival ever held by the Guild, 1888, was at Ross, but the last time it was held here was over 30 years ago. The bells of Ross (8) and of Bridstow (8) and the six at Weston-under-Penyard were available from 11.30 and were kept going by the many ringers present.

In the afternoon the Guild Office was sung in the Parish Church and the sermon was preached by Preb. Barker (Rector of Ross). After tea at the Valley Hotel the annual meeting was held in the Church Room at first presided over by the retiring Master, Mr. William Poston, of Bridstow.

Mr. A. W. Davies, of the Hereford Cathedral tower, was elected the new Master of the Guild, and on his election took over the chair. All the other officers were re-elected: The Rev. E. G. Benson, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. L. Evans, assistant secretary and peal recorder; Mr. W. J. Benjams, auditor; and Messrs. G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, G. E. Oliver and W. T. Poston, representatives on the Central Council (1948-50). The committee was re-elected with the addition of the Rev. R. H. Hill, of Borington.

The statement of accounts showed a balance of £25 6s. 8d. in the General Fund and £21 9s. 10d. in the Bell Restoration Fund.

It was decided that the annual subscription should be increased from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. as from 1948, the whole of the increase to go to the General Fund of the Guild.

The secretary informed the meeting that the forthcoming report would contain a complete list of the rings in the diocese with details of the bells, and it was hoped this would add much to the interest of the report. Some discussion arose in connection with a proposal for a war memorial to the fallen, and a committee meeting is to be called to consider it. Hereford was chosen for next year's festival.

**REDENHALL, NORFOLK.**—On Whit Sunday, 1.290 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett (conductor) 1, C. Barber 2, A. Head 3, W. Platt 4, G. Gower 5, F. Munnings 6, E. Etheridge 7, C. Loomes 8.



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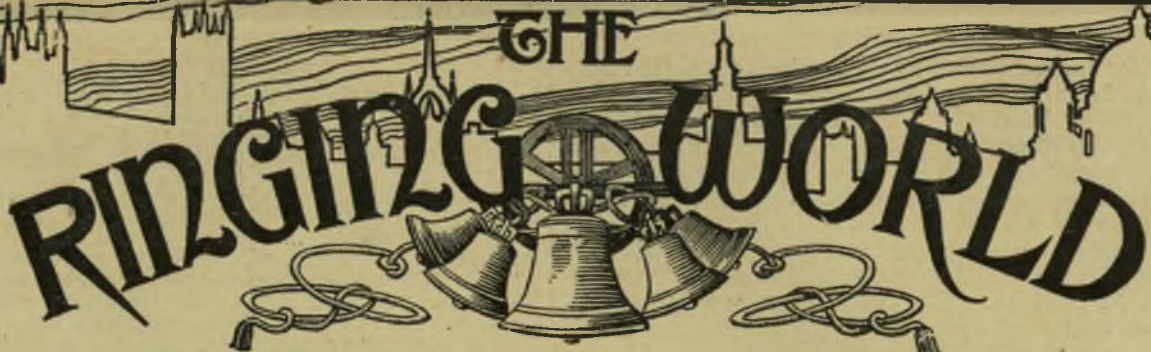
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### 'FRIVOLOUS'

Periodically there are serious challenges at the whole basis and structure of bellringing and the Church's use of bells. One such incident took place at Sunderland, where the Chancellor for Durham Diocese, Mr. R. G. S. Banks, held a Consistory Court to hear a petition from Mr. Friend, a schoolmaster, that no faculty be given for the installation of a ring of ten bells in the tower of Roker Parish Church. The contention of Mr. Friend was that 'the noise of bellringing will destroy one of the most valuable amenities of the area.'

The Chancellor overruled the petition. Mr. Arthur Greaves, who appeared for the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Roker, asked for costs, pointing out that the delay caused by this 'frivolous objection' had already penalised the parish to the extent of £500 on account of the increased cost of material and labour. The Chancellor ordered Mr. Friend to pay five guineas Court costs.

We have not before us a full copy of the Chancellor's judgment, but he could not have ruled otherwise. A bell, or bells, is an essential part of the equipment of a church, and in common law the ringing of church bells has never been construed as a nuisance or an offence against the community at large. The society formed for the abatement of noise also does not regard church bells as coming within the category of its objections. Indeed, the society has admitted the Central Council of Church Bellringers to corporate membership, and the relationship between the two bodies has been most friendly.

Thus bellringers, both ecclesiastically and in common law, are upheld in their avocation. There is a sacredness about the trust; and while the great advance in our art came about by the secular development of ringing, as is so admirably told by Mr. Trollope in his book, 'College Youths,' the alliance between ringers and the Church is very real. Sunday ringing to the great majority of ringers is performed as an act of worship, and we commend the beautiful prayer composed specially for the ringers of Hull which appears in our issue.

The Epistle for last Sunday contains lines which we ringers should study: 'Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith.' The days of the association of ringers with insobriety have long been dead; there are other matters which require vigilance. Our president is constant in his appeal to the Exercise for good striking, and it is a



matter for congratulation that a number of reports reaching us point to a marked improvement in this respect. Not all are satisfactory. A few weeks ago we published a letter which commended the striking in a country tower. Before us we have a letter dealing with the ringing at the same tower during the performance of a peal: 'At times the bells were in a heap and firing,' was the comment. Peal enthusiasts should always consider two things—the outside public and the 5,000 true changes. 'Your adversary . . . may well be inside as outside the belfry. So be vigilant.

## TEN BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS A. BLOW ... 6
ARTHUR DAY ... 2	*LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 7
*LESLIE HANSELL ... 3	HAROLD P. BURTON ... 8
*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 5	†EDWARD SPRAGUE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.  
\* First peal of Caters in the method. † First peal on ten bells.  
First peal of Caters on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Macclesfield Branch.)

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES ... <i>Treble</i>	LAWRENCE WARD ... 6
JACK TIPPER ... 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 8
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4	*EDWARD SEED ... 9
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5	GORDON HENSHAW ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HY. COOPER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* First peal away from tenor. For the wedding of Mr. G. Farrer,  
a ringer at the above church, to Miss F. Gidman.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALDREY ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN W. G. KINDRED ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 2	LEONARD G. WEBB ... 6
ARTHUR W. BIRD ... 3	†PETER KINDRED ... 7
RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. E. MAULDEN ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. J. G. BROWN.  
\* First peal in the method.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. N. SMEATON ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 6
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... 7
*ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

\* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' First peal on eight bells as conductor. The first peal in the method on the bells.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD G. BECK ... 5
ALEC MUNDY ... 2	*EDWARD CHIVERS ... 6
BERYL LOOK ... 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 7
JOHN METCALFE ... 4	HENRY J. SANGER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of the daughter of Herbert C. Lintern, a local ringer.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED CHALK ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	*BERNARD C. MANN ... 6
*SIDNEY R. LINNET ... 3	*SYDNEY C. EASTER ... 7
ARTHUR HUBBLE ... 4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PRITCHARD (No. 115, C.C.C.).  
Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

\* First peal of Bob Major. In memoriam to Canon I. L. Seymour,  
Vicar for 30 years.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MAIDSTONE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANCES M. MARTIN ... <i>Treble</i>	HELMUT VON DER HEYDE ... 5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 6
*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... 3	C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 7
BETTY SPICE ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell and of Major on tower bells. First  
peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fourth.  
First peal in the method on tower bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*MAURICE HODGSON ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method. To commemorate the 50th anniversary  
of the foundation of the Middlesex County Association and London  
Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, and also to celebrate the birth  
of a son to the ringer of the 7th.



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## BOCKING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

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

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
FRANK W. J. ROPER ... Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.  
A 66th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

## OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's 'Transposition of Thurstans'.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... Treble	C. WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 6
MRS. ENID M. WAYMAN ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
MADELINE M. LYON ... 4	MANSFIELD GINN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.  
First peal of Triples on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

## OSPRINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 17½ cwt. in F. sharp.
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... Treble	BERT W. MAY ... 5
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
*J. GARTH ROOKE ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
†STANLEY M. EVANS ... 4	GEORGE WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

## CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
JILL POOLE ... 3	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal of Bristol 'inside.'

## WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4	*CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
\* Fiftieth peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

## CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

JOHN CAVANNAGH ... Treble	JOSEPH WOODS ... 5
*CHARLES CLEGG ... 2	ROGER LEIGH ... 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 4	ERNEST GOWER ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.  
\* First peal in the method.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On June 8th, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Francis 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, J. B. Sansom 4, R. F. Deal 5, W. H. Hewett 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, J. H. Boomsma 8.

## WYE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Ilkeston Variation.	Tenor 20½ cwt. in D.
MRS. T. CULLINGTON ... Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.  
First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Youngs (June 10th).

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF EALING SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

First in the method by all the band, except the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

MRS. BETTY PERCY ... Treble	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ... 5
HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS ... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 6
ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... 7
DONALD W. J. PANKHURST ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* 100th peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sun., June 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 Duke of College Bob IV., Old Oxford, Willesden, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.	
PETER WOODWARD ... Treble	ARNOLD HILL ... 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
HAROLD CHANT ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ryder, of Rotherham, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt.
*HAROLD HARRISON ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4
†ALAN FOSTER ... 2	GORDON HARRISON ... 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3	*GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal other than on a covering bell. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. R. B. Sherratt, chorister and churchwarden at St. Paul's for 18 years.



**APSLEY END, HERTS.**  
**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

*On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) Lytham, London Bob, Thel-wall, Double Oxford, Double Court, Hereward, College Bob, Waver-tree, St. Clement's and Ohildwall; (2) Fulbeck, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (4) Oxford Bob; (5) Beverley Surprise; (6) York Surprise; (7) London Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWIN J. UPTON ... .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 2	†HERBERT GATES ... .. 5
*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in more than seven methods. † First peal in more than seven methods 'inside' and 50th peal. First peal in 21 methods by the Society. Rung to celebrate the bicentenary of the Society, the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Banfield, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Puddifoot.

**WEEDON BEC. NORTHANTS.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (Daventry Branch.)

*On Wed., June 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 gr.

EDWARD ELSIGOOD ... Treble	*GEORGE H. WEBB ... 4
VICTOR A. PERRY ... 2	JAMES H. WEBB ... 5
WILLIAM ELSIGOOD ... 3	*SYDNEY STONE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. WEBB.

\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire by all the band. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Lewis.

**STONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., June 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

MERVYN W. MALPASS ... Treble	FREDERICK OAKHILL ... 4
HORACE V. ROBINSON ... 2	*JOHN W. ADSHEAD ... 5
FREDK. J. ROBERTS ... 3	WALTER J. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER J. SMITH.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 4th has now completed 50 years of ringing. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. B. M. Richards, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Bridget Jenner-Fust.

**WIDCOMBE, BATH.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK E. NEWMAN ... Treble	*HARRY C. NEWMAN ... 4
*LEONARD COLES ... 2	†REGINALD W. PERRY ... 5
†WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 3	*FREDK. J. COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal on the bells.

**MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ... Treble	*FRANCIS J. WHITE ... 4
ALEC MUNDY ... 2	*EDWARD CHIVERS ... 5
*PERCIVAL H. HULL ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

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

**TREDUNNOC, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**  
**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being fifteen 240's and twelve six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM ... Treble	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... 4
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 4
ROBERT H. SMITH ... 3	SIDNEY BAMFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT H. SMITH.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Canon T. Powell-Davies.

**EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ... Treble	*LESLIE EVANS ... 4
THOMAS E. STEAD ... 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 5
E. PETER ROCK ... 3	THOMAS G. COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. A. JAINE.

\* 100th peal.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANCIS KIRK ... Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 4
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 3	THOMAS J. CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 have now completed circuit of Stedman, and the conductor of calling same.

## HANDBELL PEALS

**LEICESTER.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., June 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*  
 IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**APEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

LEONARD TREVOR ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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

*On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*  
 AT 34, ASTON LANE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... 1-2	FRED PRICE ... 5-6
ALLAN SHORT ... 3-4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

**BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (Hinckley District.)

*On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*  
 IN ST. MARY'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

Alfred Jordan ... 1-2 | Alfred Ballard ... 5-6  
 Walter P. Whitehead ... 3-4 | Hector A. Knights ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Major 'in hand' by a Hinckley District band.

**COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

*On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
 IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

\*HARRY WINGROVE ... 1-2 | \*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 5-6  
 \*WALTER LEE ... 3-4 | GEORGE MARTIN ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

\* First peal on handbells.

**HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., June 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
 IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor size 18 in G.

JOHN HOBDEN ... 1-2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5-6
*FRANK H. HICKS ... 3-4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 7-8

Composed by F. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' Believed to be the first handbell peal for the Eastern District of the Association.



**AMESBURY, WILTS.**—On June 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Mussel 1, L. Page 2, H. Abrahams 3, P. Anger 4, L. Harris 5, P. Wenham 6, W. Theobald (conductor) 7, F. Harris 8.

**BOSBURY, HEREFORD.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. Goodchap (first quarter) 1, W. Nutt (conductor) 2, K. Hill 3, G. Hill 4, H. Hill 5, C. Davis 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Buck.

**BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On June 13th, at St. Dunstan's, 1,260 Doubles (120 April Day, 120 Plain Bob, 240 Morris' Grandsire, 780 Grandsire): E. E. Frampton 1, J. Rawles 2, H. Hoskins 3, P. Hoskins 4, V. J. Farthing (conductor) 5, H. Attwell 6. Compliment to Albert Woolley, who has been a regular ringer at St. Dunstan's for 60 years.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On June 8th, at St. Luke's, for diamond jubilee of consecration, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss H. Oakshett 1, G. H. Kite 2, G. E. Plater 3, G. F. James 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, J. E. Lyddiard (conductor) 7, S. J. Humphrey 8. First quarter in the method on the bells.

**BROADSTAIRS, KENT.**—At St. Peter's on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Bridges (first quarter Grandsire) 1, Miss B. Solley 2, L. J. Hilton 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (conductor) 5, L. A. Porritt 6, W. Fairbeard 7, A. Curling 8.

**CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.**—At Church of St. Martin on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7.5.8 covering: P. Jago (first quarter) 1, R. C. James 2, Miss J. E. Withey (first as conductor) 3, E. Sanders 4, J. Vincent 5, Miss E. Randell (first quarter) 6, S. A. Reed 7, D. J. Whear 8.

**COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—On June 7th, quarter-peat of Bob Minor for the weddings of E. R. Lambert and Miss Olive Williams and D. Chown and Miss E. Priestley: E. J. Lambert 1, W. J. Norton 2, J. May 3, F. Lambert 4, J. Higgins 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Nora Holmes 1, E. H. Baldwin 2, J. McCluskey 3, E. Dalingwater 4, W. E. Critchley (conductor) 5, E. C. Stacey 6, H. Wagstaff 7, P. J. Daw 8.

**EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Board 1, S. Skinner 2, J. Carter 3, C. Deem 4, G. Smith 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 6.

**EATON SOCON, BEDS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. V. Beldam 1, Miriam F. Pettitt 2, L. J. Clarke 3, A. L. Mardlin 4, C. H. Harding (conductor) 5, B. F. Sims 6. First quarter by 1, 3 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**—On June 7th at St. Michael and All Angels', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Green 1, A. Bartholomew 2, H. W. Shadrack 3, I. Hall 4, P. Eves 5, P. Green 6, W. Barrett (first in method as conductor) 7, A. Meadowcroft 8.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 1st at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Blondell 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, J. B. Sansom 3, H. W. Impey 4, F. Corke 5, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 6, W. H. Coles 7, E. E. Easton 8. First quarter in the method by 3 and 4.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bettridge (first quarter) 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. A. Lewis 4, C. H. Tricker 5, J. B. Sansom (first quarter in the method as conductor) 6, E. R. Gladman 7, B. A. Rose 8.

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.**—On May 31st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Taylor 1, R. W. Rex 2, B. C. Castle 3, E. Humfrey 4, N. Golden (conductor) 5, C. Pullen 6, H. Osborne 7, P. J. Dyke 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on June 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Charge 1, A. E. Hoare 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Newman 4, G. A. Parsons 5, T. J. Lock 6, A. H. Russell (longest length) tenor covering.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On May 4th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. Kendall 1, A. Kine 2, H. Burton 3, A. J. Smith 4, W. Bottrill 5, A. E. Rushton 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th.

**MESSINGHAM, LINCS.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Parkin 1, Miss M. King (first quarter) 2, J. Blackburn (first quarter) 3, R. Traviss 4, B. Lambkin (conductor) 5. First quarter on bells.

**SILVERTON, DEVON.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on back six: R. Harris 1, Mrs. A. G. Selley 2, D. Brooks (first quarter) 3, C. G. Dymond 4, J. R. Hutchings 5, T. H. Pook 6, A. G. Selley (conductor) 7, W. E. Richards 8. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. H. Gillespie, niece of the conductor and ringer of the second.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Copeland 1, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 2, Miss J. Freer (first in method) 3, F. Borley 4, S. W. Arbon 5, S. Sparrow 6, E. A. Cracknell 7, J. Dale 8.

**TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.**—At St. Peter's Church on May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Croot 1, Miss E. Sharp (first inside) 2, A. Armstrong 3, V. Adams 4, P. Amos (conductor) 5.

**WEEDON, NORTHANTS.**—At St. Peter's on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Elsigood 1, W. Elsigood 2, V. A. Perry 3, G. H. Webb 4, J. H. Webb (first quarter as conductor) 5, S. G. Osborn 6.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—On June 7th at All Saints' Church, 1,274 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, J. R. Cotterill 2, W. Peart 3, E. Parish 4, W. A. Partridge 5, W. Reynolds 6, A. Mills 7, M. G. Turner (conductor) 8.

**WORSLEY, LANCS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Annie Potter 1, Miss Barbara Smedley (first quarter of Triples) 2, F. Barraclough 3, T. Royle 4, J. Potter 5, F. Grundy (conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, J. Cheetham 8. For the induction of the Rev. C. Lamont as Vicar.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Where is the most  
easterly ring in England?  
The answer is Pakefield,  
Suffolk. This church was destroyed by enemy  
action in 1941 and only the tower and bells  
remain. A new danger is the sea, which has  
taken a corner of the churchyard. The bells  
are a ring of five, tenor 12½ cwt., by George  
Day, of Eye. The band ring each Friday  
evening and Sunday morning and would  
welcome visitors. On June 12th they had an  
outing, visiting six and five bell towers around  
the Norfolk Broads.

There will be a service broadcast from  
Melksham, Wilts, on Sunday, July 20th, at  
9.30 a.m. The bells of St. Michael and All  
Angels' will be included. The bells are a ring  
of eight by Taylor, tenor 18½ cwt., in E (1924).

Does your Vicar see 'The Ringing World'?  
A copy was shown to the Vicar of Childswych-  
ham, Glos., and the result was eight of his  
ringers joined the Gloucester and Bristol  
Association.

St. Budock's Church, Falmouth, is to have  
a ring of eight. The existing six bells are to  
be hung in a new frame, and Col. J. C. Annear  
is providing two new trebles. The order for  
the work to be carried out has been placed.

Those who have rung at Alfriston, Sussex,  
'the Cathedral of the Downs,' will know that  
the ropes fall in the chancel arch of the church  
and are rung in full view of the congregation.  
When the peal was rung here on June 14th  
there was at one time an audience of about  
30 visitors viewing the church.

Twenty-one years ago the Northern District  
Ladies' Guild held their first meeting at Hands-  
worth, Sheffield, on November 6th. It is hoped to  
celebrate the coming of age by a meeting  
at Handsworth on November 8th. Already a  
two-tier iced cake has been promised.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Norman V. Harding  
rang his 100th peal at  
Warnham, Sussex, on June  
14th. He rang his first peal on the same bells.  
The peal was the 40th together of Mr. Hard-  
ing and the conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Another 100th pealer this week is Mr. Leslie  
Evans, who reached his century by a peal of  
Grandsire Doubles at Eardisland, Hereford-  
shire. His coincidence was that he rang the  
same bell as his first peal with four of the  
original band and with the same conductor  
ringing the same method.

Gratifying it is to read of four first peelers  
from Widcombe, Bath. The other two ringers  
scored their first of Grandsire Doubles.

The charge for notices is a penny a word  
or a minimum of 2s. Will secretaries please  
check. An attempt was made this week to  
get in 37 words for 2s.

A hardy Welsh ringer is Mr. Richard John,  
who rang in his 76th birthday quarter of  
Grandsire Triples at Llantrisant, Glam., on  
June 12th. The company was W. Jeffreys 1,  
W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, R. John 4, R.  
Westcott 5, R. Davis 6, F. Rowsell (conductor)  
7, J. Evans 8.

Another veteran of the week is Mr. H. E.  
Cook, age 76, of Chipping Norton, Oxon, who  
has been a member of the local band for over  
50 years. He rang the treble to a peal of  
Grandsire Triples on June 14th. His last peal  
was 39 years ago in the same tower.

Correction.—The tenor to the peal of Cam-  
bridge at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on May  
28th, was rung by George E. Fearn, not George  
E. Feirn.

Hopes are being entertained by St. Mary's,  
Standon (Herts), Ringing Society that their  
bells will be rehung by July or August. Peal  
ringing is out of the question until then.

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## Consecration of New Bells at Lija, Malta

BY THE REV. MALCOLM MELVILLE.

The announcement that a remote country village on the island of Malta has a new chime of five bells would have little interest for English ringers but for the fact that these bells have been cast in England. For centuries Malta has had her bells from Italy or from the Low Countries, and many of great age and beauty can be found within her churches. The recent consignment of English bells is thus a break with tradition, and these flat-topped bells have been critically examined and compared with the domed bells from the Continent.

Five of the new arrivals were for Lija Parish Church and the writer was privileged in seeing not only the enthusiastic reception the bells had when they arrived in the village, but also their beautiful and solemn consecration a few days later.

Their journey from the dockside to the church was accompanied by all the wild enthusiasm and colour with which the Maltese are capable. Five gaily decorated lorries were provided and lots were drawn for the honour of driving the biggest bell. The fact that this monster of four and a quarter tons happened to be on the smallest lorry was an unfortunate coincidence, but a doubly great honour, and both lorry and driver rose to the occasion.

On the outskirts of the village they were met by the village band, and together with hundreds of joyous villagers and many more envious onlookers from far and near they made their triumphal way through the bedecked streets. A procession in Malta really is a procession, and nothing is spared to make it a magnificent spectacle. This one must have been equal to any that had preceded it, both for the numbers taking part and the length of time taken to cover the ½-mile through the village.

However, after three hours or so, and as darkness fell, the procession came in sight of the church. What a scene it was! The Square thronged with cheering people, the church illuminated with myriads of coloured lights, and what must have been one of the greatest displays of fireworks for many a year, formed a glorious background for their reception. As we left Lija that evening we wondered what these five strangers, if they could have spoken, thought of it all, as they stood there, majestically overshadowing the scene around, and having arrived at last at their journey's end.

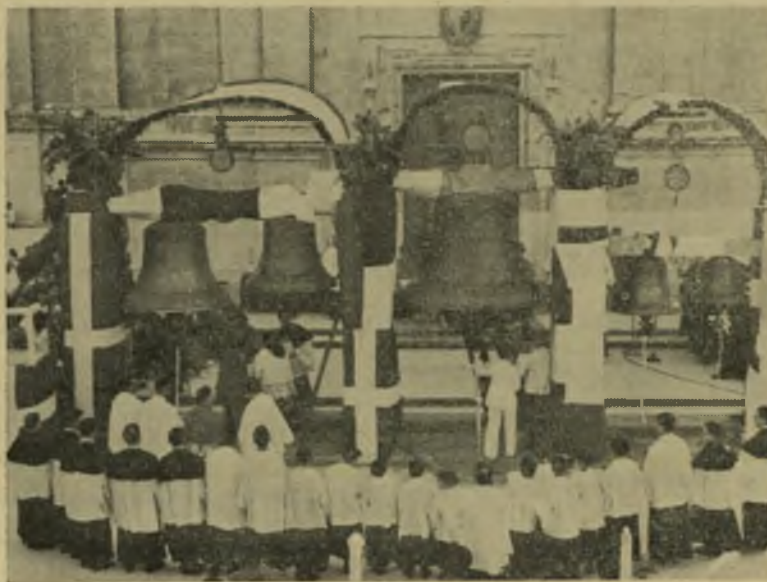
The consecration of the bells took place in the evening of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Stone columns had been erected before the church, and the five bells hung between the columns with their mouths about 7ft. from the ground. The columns were draped in flags and arched with damask decorated with plants and flowers. The square was thronged with the people of Lija and with others from many towns and villages; flags fluttered from the roof-tops, among which could be seen the Union Jack, the Papal Flag, and the Flag of Malta.

The ceremony, which was performed by His Grace Mgr. Michael Gonzi, the Archbishop of Malta, took the form of the beautiful centuries old service of consecration used in the Roman Catholic Church, and with which many of our pre-Reformation bells in England must have been consecrated.

After preliminary blessings of water, oil and salt, each bell was sprinkled with the bap-

tismal water by His Grace. While psalms were being sung priests then proceeded with the ceremonial washing of each bell inside and out. His Grace the Archbishop then, ascending an elevated platform, anointed each bell in turn with Holy Oil. After more psalms the Archbishop reascended the platform and anointed each bell with eleven crosses, seven evenly spaced around the lip, and four more on the inside.

Fires of incense were then lit and placed below the bells while the Gospel was sung. Then came the climax, the moment for which all had been waiting, the ringing of the bells. Accompanied by loud clapping from the people and fireworks from neighbouring houses, each bell was rung, first by His Grace the Arch-



PRIESTS WASHING THE BELLS.—Left to right: Carmela, 2 tons; Margarita, 25 cwt.; Salvina, 4½ tons; Catherina, 10 cwt.; Josepha, 5 cwt.  
[Photo: The Times of Malta.]

bishop, and then by their own sponsors and donors. Lady Strickland, the wife of a former Governor of Malta, who had given the third bell, gallantly rang hers, and produced further applause from the assembly.

Afterwards the bells were rung all at the same time, as is the custom in Malta, and it was noticeable how the harmonics of each bell blended together. His Grace concluded the ceremony by giving the Pastoral Benediction to the assembled people.

The bells:—

JOSEPHA, 5 cwt. in B, 2ft. 7in. diameter.

CATHERINA, 10 cwt. in G, 3ft. 2½in.

MARGARITA, 25 cwt. in D, 4ft. 3½in.

CARMELA, 2 tons in B, 5ft. 1in.

SALVINA, 4½ tons in G, 6ft. 5in.

Cast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, England, 1946.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifteen towers were represented when the Elloe Deanery Branch held their quarterly meeting at Long Sutton on Whit Monday. The Rev. Cuthbert Powell presided at the business meeting which followed an excellent tea provided by the local captain, Mr. H. Harrison. Thanks to Mr. Harrison were voiced by Mr. J. E. Allen, and Mr. A. J. Farr thanked the Rev. Powell for conducting the service. Ringing ranged from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise.

## Burton's Victory Bells

1,280 PEOPLE SUBSCRIBE.

Five bells have been added to the tenor at All Saints' Church, Burton, to provide a ring of six to commemorate victory. No fewer than 1,280 people subscribed to the gift.

The ceremony of dedication was performed on June 6th by the Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. W. A. Parker) in the presence of the Mayor and a congregation numbering 700.

In the course of his address the Archdeacon said it had been his good fortune to hear bells rung in all parts of the world, from the weird tinkling of the Russian bells to the amazing bells the Abyssinians used. But there was no other place in the world but England where the art of change ringing was practised. That was something specifically English.

'It is a great joy to hear that the bells have been rung by All Saints' men, some of whom have already done service in this church choir,' concluded the Archdeacon. 'You have started well, and I hope that those who ring the bells will ring them prayerfully, realising that they are ringing to the glory of God.'

Following the dedication, the beautifully toned bells were first rung by the band of All Saints', who had been taught by ringers at Burton Parish Church. Those ringing were H. H. Britten (capt.), C. Bower, D. Halford, P. Kilburn, C. Rabbetts and T. Mear (tenor). It is also hoped soon to have a band of lady ringers, as four—Jill Cochran, Monica Smith, Margaret Munro and Gloria Inwood—are already well advanced and will soon be able to ring without supervision.

Visitors were present from Leeds, Loughborough, Rolleston, Overseal and the local churches of St. Modwen and St. Paul. Mr. Paul Taylor, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, also attended.

### THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

In spite of the weather, a most enjoyable meeting was held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on June 14th, attended by 30 members. Mr. F. S. Lufkin presided in the absence of the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross). Six new members were elected, viz., Misses J. R. Brittain (Banstead), M. Janet Mattinson (Guildford), P. M. Steere (Sutton), M. and D. Lidbetter (London) and Mr. R. W. Croucher (Leigh-on-Sea). The service, of novel character, and dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the Society, was conducted by the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. E. N. Gowing).

Ringling ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal, and to those of the party who had not visited the tower previously, the delightful bells and well-appointed ringing chamber were ample repayment for the long journey in the rain.

Mr. Lufkin and his wife were warmly thanked for their arrangements, especially in providing the fish tea, which was so much appreciated, and finally Mr. Lufkin was congratulated on ringing the record length of Bob Royal on Easter Monday.

Tewkesbury Abbey broadcast on June 8th of Grandsire Caters was by a band representative of Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, with Mr. W. Dyer as conductor.



## Ladies' Guild

### GENEROUS GIFT FOR GRUNDISBURGH BELLS.

Upwards of 50 ringers assembled at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, for the annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild on June 14th. Ringing ranged from Cambridge Maximus to rounds with varying success.

Canon R. H. Babington (Vicar) conducted the short and pleasant service. One regret was the few ringers who attended service, which was a source of disappointment to the secretary, who had gone to a lot of trouble in the arrangements, especially in getting the services of a competent organist. It was felt that the words of Mr. R. Post in his letter were well founded.

Tea was partaken at the Tudor Cafe, and before the gentlemen retired the vice-president thanked them for their attendance and said how glad they were to see the Master of the Suffolk Guild (Mr. C. J. Sedgley) with them after a long and serious illness.

The secretary and treasurer of the Suffolk Guild congratulated the ladies on turning up in such good numbers. He reminded all those present that the Grundisburgh Tower and Bells Fund was still open and that a further £750 was required before the work could be put in hand.

A magnificent gesture of generosity and goodwill then followed, when Mr. Ernest W. Pye, of Sible Hedingham, arose to announce he would like to support Mr. Pipe in his great task and he had pleasure in presenting him with a cheque.

Mr. Pipe announced to the party present, in accepting the cheque with many thanks, that it was for the grand sum of £200. Amid great applause, he said that such a sign of generosity left him speechless, and it was difficult to say how grateful he felt to Mr. Pye for his goodness. At the moment he could only say 'Thank you a thousand times,' and if it could be called an honour to conduct the first peal on the restored Grundisburgh bells, then he extended to Mr. Pye that honour.

While the men returned to St. Mary-le-Tower and St. Margaret's for further ringing, the ladies held a brief business meeting, the chief item of which was the election of officers. The vice-president, Miss H. G. Snowden, and secretary, Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, were re-elected. Mrs. F. Moor, Mrs. Willis-Betts, Mrs. Suckling and Mrs. Trendall were elected to the committee, with Mrs. Moor and Mrs. Trendall to the Central Committee. Two new ringing members and one honorary member were elected. The next meeting will be at Beccles on September 13th.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks from the vice-president to the secretary for her work, to which the secretary replied with a heartfelt 'Hear, hear!'

### A PRAYER FOR RINGERS

Canon F. Boreham, who has just left Holy Trinity, Hull, to take up duties at Truro Cathedral, composed at the ringers' request a prayer to be used before ringing for divine service. This has been beautifully illuminated by a member of the congregation and framed and hung in the ringing chamber after having been dedicated by the Canon on Trinity Sunday. The prayer reads:—

Almighty God, Who hast called us to Thy service, and appointed to each of us, a task to do for Thee, grant that we who serve Thee by the ringing of these bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear; and, uniting in the worship of Thy Church on earth, may be found worthy to stand with those who praise Thee evermore in Heaven.

And may all those who are called by the sound of these Bells to Thy House of Prayer, enter into The Gates with thanksgiving and into Thy Courts with praise.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Shirley, Warwickshire

### DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS AND NEW CLOCK.

In conjunction with the bi-quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild, the dedication of two new trebles and a new clock took place at the Church of St. James the Great, Shirley, Warwickshire, on June 7th.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. E. Fraser (Rector of Solihull), and the service was fully choral and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Billings).

Immediately following the service, rounds, Queens and Grandsire Triples were rung by Shirley's own band: E. T. Lloyd 1, A. D. Cooke 2, V. A. Hemming 3, Mrs. J. Watts 4, G. Bailey 5, T. Abbotts 6, A. Morris 7, E. Ledsam 8. Tea, which was arranged by the ringers and their wives in the Church House, was partaken of by upwards of 50 friends.

During the evening ringers present from Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield, Solihull, Knowle, Coventry, Nuneaton, and Loughborough, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the bellhangers, enjoyed ringing in the following methods: Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Yorkshire, Bristol, Superlative, London and Cambridge.

The work was most efficiently carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. They are an excellent splice and augment a six with a tenor of 6½ cwt. in B flat, the back five of which are by C. and G. Mears, 1854, the treble being added by John Taylor and Co. in 1929. The new bells are the Shirley ringers' memorial to victory and peace, the cost being raised exclusively by the ringers' efforts and bear the following inscriptions on the crown of the bells:—

Treble: Dei Gloria Qui Victoriam Dedit 1946.

Second: Rejoicing in Peace 1946.

The addition completes a most musical octave which can justly be claimed as an asset to the St. Martin's Guild.

The clock is an electrical system controlled by a master clock in the ringing chamber with an impulse movement driving the two dials on the tower, the hours striking on the tenor bell. The apparatus, which was supplied by Messrs. Gent and Co., of Leicester, is a thanksgiving gift from Mr. H. Norman Shirley, churchwarden of the parish, and Mrs. Shirley, and replaces the old weight-driven movement which had served the parish for 98 years.

### RINGING IN THE COTSWOLDS

The half-yearly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association on June 7th in the lovely village of Childswyckham was a great success—grand weather, good going bells, a hearty welcome from the Vicar and a good tea provided by the inhabitants. There were 37 members and visitors present.

Eight ringers of Childswyckham were made members, including Barry Bindoff, aged 13, who is now the youngest member. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Several were able to ring their first touch of Stedman.

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## Oxford Diocesan Guild

### WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

About 50 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Bampton on June 7th. The service was conducted by the vice-chairman (the Rev. G. Bateman, Vicar of Bampton), and the address given by the Rev. B. C. Foulger (Vicar of Black Bourton).

The branch secretary (Mr. H. C. Farmer), in his annual report, paid tribute to the work which had been done by several members of the branch; notable among these were Mr. Harry Floyd, Mr. G. Wright and Miss L. Pimm, also Mr. Alan Pink, of Oxford, who had given valuable advice and instruction, travelling to various towers in all weathers, even through the snow and frost.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £21 11s. 3d.; membership for 1946 totalled 138.

The Deputy Master of the Guild, Capt. Poyntz, briefly addressed the meeting, as also did Miss M. Cross, the Guild librarian. After the meeting good use was made of this fine ring of eight in various methods with rounds for the learners.

### SONNING DEANERY.

A very successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Waltham St. Lawrence on June 7th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Edgington). Tea was provided by the Waltham ringers, to which about 40 sat down, including the chairman of the branch (Archdeacon Shaw).

After some handbell ringing all returned to the tower, where the excellent ring of six bells was kept going to various methods of Doubles and Minor until after 9 p.m.

### DEDICATION AT HOLYWELL

On May 30th, a new treble bell, installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was dedicated by the Rural Dean (the Rev. R. F. McNeile) at Holywell, Hunts. The service was intoned by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. McL. Pearce Higgins), and an address on the message of the bells was given by the Rev. A. Potter.

Mr. Gordon Ross, the donor of the new bell in memory of his brother, the Rev. A. J. Ross, was at the organ.

Immediately following the dedication, rounds were rung by H. Hodge (captain), R. Wilmer, J. Parish, O. Norman, W. Papworth and F. Warrington. After the service to mark the occasion a 720 of Plain Bob was rung by J. P. Stocker 1, J. Parish 2, H. W. Pratt 3, L. W. Fisher 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, H. Hodge (first 720) 6. The beautiful addition and the 'go' pleased both listeners and ringers. F.W.

### TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

#### PENZANCE BRANCH MEETING.

About 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Penzance Branch at St. Keverne on June 8th. Mr. W. H. Southard (Diocesan Ringing Master) and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (Diocesan Secretary) attended. The fine eight (tenor 18 cwt.) were kept going until 9 p.m. The Rev. J. W. E. Brown conducted the service and gave the address, and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts. Tea was generously provided for all, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and all concerned for this kindness.

At the business meeting the Rev. A. S. Roberts explained that the Central Committee had been unable to arrive at anything definite regarding a memorial to the late Dr. J. Symons. One proposal was to install a bell in a suitable tower. It was agreed that this would be a worthy memorial, and it was decided to earmark ten guineas from the branch funds for this purpose in the hope that the Central Committee would soon be able to make a definite move and issue the appropriate appeal.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Film Studio Ringing

Dear Sir,—Mr. Goodenough and other readers may be interested in a 'ringing job' carried out a year or two ago in the studios at Denham, in connection with the picture called 'A Canterbury Tale'.

In the picture a peal of bells in motion had to be shown, and the expert technicians at Denham made a miniature set of ten, hung in a wooden frame. The bells were modelled in plaster (the largest 1ft. 7in. in diameter), accurately shaped and fitted with beautifully made wheels in correct proportion. Having got so far, I suppose they found that nobody knew how they should be rung.

The advice of our conductor at St. Paul's, Mr. Herbert Langdon, was sought, and at his request I went to Denham to see what could be done. I found that pulleys and one or two other details were missing, but deficiencies were soon made good, and sashcord 'ropes' provided. The clappers were of india rubber and bounced around in all directions. I arranged for the bells most prominent in the picture to be fitted with balanced clappers, which worked perfectly.

The frame was about 12ft. off the floor and ringing was done from a confined space under a platform, so the ringers did not appear in the picture. After a little experimenting, unobtrusively loading some of the wheels with lead, etc., I found it possible to raise and set the bells at will, except for two which for an obscure reason had only half wheels.

The arrangements completed, we assembled a mixed company of ringers, representing College Youths and Cumberland, with three from Denham, and after one or two practices were able to give the film people what they required—needless to say, these tiny bells called for very careful handling, as even a mild 'wallop' on the stay would cause loss of control.

As our proficiency increased, we were able to make a show at synchronising the movement of the back bells with the record used, which was of Grand sire Caters from St. Margaret's, Westminster. The small bells didn't matter so much—they were kept going as well as possible to give plenty of movement in the picture.

The effect on the whole was good, and I have since spoken to one or two practical ringers, who thought they had seen a full-scale peal of bells on the screen—they did not perhaps notice one or two peculiarities in the design of the frame. Personally, I got quite a 'kick' out of the experience. The studio people are very resourceful, and I found them excellent collaborators. I don't think even Hollywood could have done it better!—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD F. DEAL.

East Ham, E.6.

## THE POUGHILL PEAL

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Alan Hicks, who conducted the above, his first, peal. Also to Fred Sangwin, his tutor. This is no mean achievement in the north-east corner of Cornwall, and may this be the forerunner of further progress. Having two Cinques-Maximus-Surprise ringers in the band makes the performance the more creditable, for they would rightly be critical of the peal, but I have heard from one that it was well rung.—Yours faithfully,

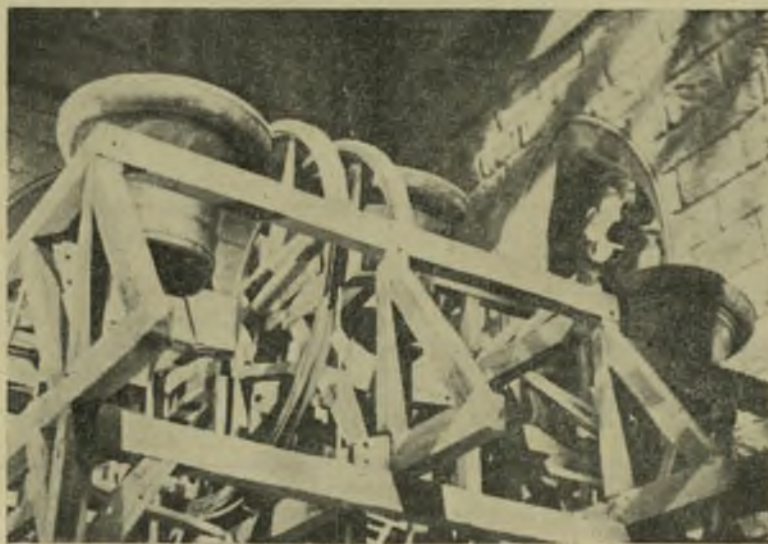
A. S. ROBERTS, Vice-President,  
Truro Diocesan Guild.

## 'Guillotine'

Dear Sir,—Whilst most of your readers will probably agree with what you say regarding the amendment proposed on the report of the Analysis Committee, it is possible that the suggestion of the use of the 'guillotine' would not be widely accepted.

So far as I was able to judge, the general feeling was that the matter was not sufficiently important to warrant a full dress debate, and most of those present voted for 'next business' not because they desired to evade any issue, but because they were bored by the laboured presentation of the case.

I cannot see why the time of the Council should be wasted in discussing these offences against good taste, neither do I see why the



PLASTER BELLS in a Denham Studio that deceived ringers. The largest is 1ft. 7in. in diameter.

decisions of the Council should be pulled about to accommodate these stunt performances. These decisions were made by men of wide practical experience in ringing—much wider than the experience of the gentleman who is so anxious to have them overhauled.

It must be pointed out that the rules and decisions have resulted so far in building up a standard of good taste in ringing which is acceptable to the majority of ordinary people, who loyally abide by them, and who do not try to find loopholes or weaknesses in them in order to prove their cleverness.

Least I should be accused of getting excited over these freak performances, let me say at once that they leave me stone cold; but we live in a free country, and if it pleases certain folk to do unusual things, let them get on with it, provided they do not bring ringing into ridicule, or ask the Council to give its official blessing on them.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

West Ealing, W.13.

## RINGERS AS CHURCH WORKERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Southard's excellent list of church workers who ring at Truro Cathedral, the following, while in no way claiming to be a record, may interest your readers.

In the small Oxfordshire village of Launton are 15 ringers, among whom are eight choristers, three servers, three lectors, four church councillors, a verger, an organ blower and a churchwarden. Some ringers, of course, hold more than one other office.—Yours truly,

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Churchwarden and Captain of Ringers.  
Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

## Truro Jubilee Peal

Dear Sir,—Rule 11, (v) (e) of the Truro Diocesan Guild says: 'No member shall forward to the Press any communication reflecting upon any band in union with the Guild or upon any member. In case of any disagreement or complaint, the matter shall be laid before the General Committee through the secretary.' I fear that our Diocesan Ringing Master has disregarded this rule in saying that the conductor of the peal, Mr. C. E. Lanxon, misled the Dean and Chapter. This is a grave reflection. The suggestion that the rest of the band may be neglectful in Sunday service ringing is also a strange insinuation. Their names are far too well known to the Ringing Exercise generally for this to sink very deep.

The facts are these: The peal was suggested last November when a few enthusiasts agreed it was time a peal of Bob Royal was rung for the Guild. Easter Monday was chosen and application for the bells was made in the same way as for 11 successful peals which I personally arranged from 1926 to 1936. This time Mr. Lanxon made the application. This attempt lasted nearly two hours, and before leaving the tower everyone was eager to make a further attempt. May 17th was fixed as the date provided we could meet again and the bells would be available. All was well and the peal rung. This being the diamond jubilee year of the Cathedral, we decided that the peal should be rung in commemoration of this. If there had been the slightest suggestion that the Cathedral band wanted to ring a peal I think we would have all bowed graciously and withdrawn, and certainly we would not have honoured our Mother Church in the way we did if the local band wished to perform such an honour.

I cannot believe that the Dean and Chapter have handed over their authority over the bells, which they have properly retained for the past 37 years, to an uncertain number of persons, of whom only three have rung a peal, in order that they may be a kind of clearing house over the names submitted for their judgment. This cuts at the very roots of the aims and ideals of each and every ringing association, of which when one is a member that should be sufficient. It is such unfortunate publicity as this that makes for bad feeling, debarb progress in an area where method ringing is as elementary as it can be, and depresses the enthusiast so much that he feels like giving up in despair.

For love of my old tower where I learnt to ring I offer the local band every good wish for success, and also an open invitation to come to my tower to ring what they like without any reservation whatsoever.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay.

## A BREACH OF RULES

Dear Sir,—The letter appearing in your issue of June 13th regarding the peal at Truro Cathedral is distinctly inaccurate and misleading, since the facts of the peal bear no relation whatever to those of the Kington peal.

Since, however, the letter is, in itself, a breach of the rules of the Truro Diocesan Guild, I do not propose to reply to the allegations through the medium of your paper. I am, however, laying the facts before the Guild for a decision.—Yours faithfully,

C. E. LANXON.

Truro.



## NOTICES

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be at Deeping St. Nicholas on June 28th. Bells available 2.30. 1520

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Western Division.—Meeting Fyfield (5), Sat., June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1528

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Market Rasen (8), Sat., June 28th. Bells available 2. Service 4 p.m.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1571

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Est. 1623).—The 324th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Sat., June 28th, 3. Service 6.30.—Leonard Pitstow, 21, Debden Road. 1564

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Melbourne, June 28th, 3. Tea 5. Meeting after. 1563

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with district societies, Wentworth, near Rotherham, on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea 5 in Rockingham Arms.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9. 1545

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech District.—Meeting at Terrington St. Clement (8), Sat., June 28th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (provided) 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1567

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Wooburn, Sat., June 28th, 5.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1559

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting Sat., June 28th, Hoddesdon. Bells (8) 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. 1556

**OXFORD GUILD.**—South Oxon District.—Combined practice at Thame, Oxon, on Sat., June 28th, 6-8. All welcome.—H. Badger. 1561

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Extraordinary general meeting Carlton (6), June 28th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 2s. 6d. 1566

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting at New Mills, Sat., June 28th. Bring own food.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 1577

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Monday, June 30th. Bells available 5.30 to 9.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1575

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Branch.—Meeting Crowle, Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names by Tuesday, July 1st.—Ernest F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1611

### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Corlestone, Great Yarmouth.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Summer Festival meeting at Farnham, Sat., July 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at British Restaurant. Notices to Mr. C. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot, by June 30th. Aldershot, Bentley, Frensham and Seale available after tea.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 1573

**ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Solihull, near Birmingham, on Sat., July 5th. Bells (10) available at 3.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Shepherd, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, not later than July 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1552

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting Minster Abbey, Isle of Sheppey, Sat., July 5th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided by the local Guild to ringers and friends who notify Miss S. Knight, 341, Minster Road, Sheerness, by July 1st. Queenborough (6) and Eastchurch (6) open during evening. Let's have a good meeting in ideal surroundings.—B. W. May, Dis. Sec. 1579

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham (6), July 5th, 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 2nd to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent. Take bus route No. 7 from Tonbridge or Maidstone to Forge Gate. 1580

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS** (N.E. Branch) and **BATH AND WELLS ASSN** (Taunton Deanery).—Combined meeting Uffculme, Sat., July 5th. Further announcement next week.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 1604

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Emmanuel, Southport (8), Sat., July 5th. Ringing 2.30. Address by the Bishop of Liverpool 4. Tea 5. Bus Nos. 17, 2, and 10 from Lord Street. Notify for tea, Mr. N. Heaps, 24, The Crescent, Crossens, Southport, not later than July 2nd. All welcome. 1565

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting at Stone, Sat., July 5th. Names for tea not later than 1st to Mr. H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1582

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Worthern (6), Sat., July 5th. Tea at White Horse Hotel for those who send names to Miss P. Fletcher, Kingscote, Dawley Bank, Shropshire, by Monday, June 30th.—E. D. Poole. 1569

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 3rd, please.—G. Blake, Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1584

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting Manchester, Sat., July 5th. Bells: Town Hall (12) and Cathedral (10) from 2; Sacred Trinity, Salford (8), during the evening. Service Cathedral 3.30. Tea, Gravel Lane Schools, Greengate (5 minutes from Cathedral), 2s. 6d. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Miss M. Elkins, 44, Beeston Avenue, Altrincham, Cheshire, by Tuesday, July 1st.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 1609

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Great Tew (8), Sat., July 5th. Service 4. Tea for those who notify before July 2nd.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 1514

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Daventry July 5th. Names to me for tea by Tuesday, July 1st.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1102



**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.** — Peak Branch.—Saturday, July 5th. Buxton. Burbage (6) 3, Fairfield (6) 6.30. No tea arranged. Business meeting 5.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1608

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, July 5th. Ringing at 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1607

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Diocesan Festival, Saltash, July 5th, 2 to 9 p.m. Service Saltash Church 4.30, followed by tea (1s.). Bells: Saltash (6), Stephen-by-Saltash (6), Botus Fleming (6), Landulph (6), St. Germans (8). Notify as soon as possible.—Rev. H. Trehwella, Crantock, near Newquay. 1592

**LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.** — Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Peatling Parva (5), July 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Meeting and cups of tea only, 5. Bring own food and sugar.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1605

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol City Branch.—July 5th, monthly meeting St. Matthew's. Bells (8) 3. Tea and business 4.30. Short service 6. Bring own food. 1602

**SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.** — Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting Trowbridge, July 5th. Bells (12) 3. Usual arrangements. Advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. 1600

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Coleman's Hatch, Sat., July 5th, 3. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1603

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst (6), Sat., July 5th, 6 till 9.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 1598

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Southern District.—Staindrop (8), July 5th, 2.30. Names for tea by July 2nd.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 1593

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Wortley (8), Sat., July 5th, 3. Cups of tea provided. 68 bus, Castle-gate, 1.45, 2.45, 3.45.—H. O. Chad-dock, Sec. 1557

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The Grimsby District meeting at Caistor, which was arranged for Sat., July 5th, is postponed to a date to be fixed in August.—H. I. Migay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 1594

**LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.** — Leicester District.—Lutterworth (8) and Bitteswell (6), Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 1st, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 1606

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Jubilee Festival at Ely, Sat., July 5th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30. Service at the Cathedral 4; address by the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea at St. Mary's Hotel 5. Ringing afterwards. Reports available.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 1591

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Middleham (8), Sat., July 5th. East Witton bells (6) available after tea. Names for tea (4.30) to Mr. H. Parrish, Kirklea, Middleham, Leyburn, not later than July 3rd. All are welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1576

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Summer Festival, Eaton Socon (8), Sat., July 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds. 1588

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting Newport, Isle of Wight, July 5th. Committee 1.15. General meeting 2.30. Tea 4 in Unity Hall. Service 5.15. Bells available: Brading (8), Carisbrooke (8), Ryde (8), Godshill (6), 12-2; Newport (8), 12.30-2.30, and in evening. Tea only for those who inform Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, by July 3rd.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1587

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rossendale Branch.—Sat., July 5th, Bury, St. Mary's (8), 3. Meeting in tower 6. Teas at moderate charge.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 1572

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Watford District.—Langleybury (6) Sat., July 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to K. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley, by 2nd. 1581

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches.—Practice meeting at St. John's Church, Silverdale, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmead, Silverdale, near Carnforth.—J. Skeats and N. M. Newby, Branch Secs. 1603

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Milton Keynes, Sat., July 5th, 5.—R. H. Howson. 1597

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Wotton Branch.—Coaley (6) July 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Names by July 4th to John W. Adshead, Hon. Sec., Police Station, Falfeld, Glos. 1585

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11 (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford). Business meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon Christ Church Dining Hall 1.30; tickets 4s. Application for luncheon tickets, accompanied by remittance, to General Secretary not later than July 4th. Owing to catering difficulties no member or visitor can be guaranteed lunch unless in possession of ticket. Ringing: Cathedral (12), time next notice; Colleges, New (10) 4.5, Magdalen (10) 3-4, Merton (8) 3.30-4.30; Churches, St. Giles' (8), 3-4, St. Ebbe's (8), 4-5, All Saints' (8), 5.30-7, St. Thomas' (6), 3.30-4.30, Holywell (6) 4-5 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30-6.30, St. Aldate's (6) 6.30-7.30.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 1527

**ESSEX ASSN.** — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Colchester (St. Leonard's), Sat., July 12th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by July 8th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Wood View, Thorington. 1586

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting Irchester (8), Sat., July 12th. Advise early for tea to Mr. C. Payne, 2, School Road, Irchester. 1599

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Summer meeting, Saxlingham Nethergate (8), Sat., July 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who let me know by 8th. Shotesham bells (5) available after tea.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 1610

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—200th Anniversary celebrations, Sat., July 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Lambeth (8), 10.30 to 12 noon; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1 to 3.30; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (8), 3.30 to 4.45; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), 3.45 to 4.45; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3.45 to 4.45. Special service St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 5.15. Dinner at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6.30.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1596

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Birling (8) July 12th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1589

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Meeting Nuthall, Notts, July 12th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. T. Harrison, 21, Nottingham Road, Nuthall, by July 7th. 1595

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Martin, Sat., July 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food. Damerham bells also available.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 1612

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Willingham (6) Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (at The Bays).—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1603

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Jubilee Dinner, Oct. 18th, at Slater's, 393, Strand. Tickets, price 12s., available from E. C. S. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5. 1601

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## OBLIGATIONS

Next Sunday is the National Day of Prayer, an occasion probably more than any other day during the year when the bells of our churches should be rung to summon the people to church. The emphasis is on the word 'national'; it is not merely the meeting together of those who worship Sunday by Sunday, but a call, at the request of the King, and with full concurrence of the leaders of the Anglican, Roman and Free Churches, to the whole people. Thus it behoves all who ring church bells to co-operate fully and proclaim the call. Let there be no silent belfries.

The Archbishop of Canterbury in his message states: 'Our need as a nation is for a sustained effort towards a better spiritual life and outlook, a real uplifting all round, and together to a more courageous, disciplined and compelling sense of spiritual obligation.' From time to time during the past year 'The Ringing World' has endeavoured to present, either by letters selected for publication or through its editorial columns, the sentiment that Dr. Geoffrey Fisher so admirably phrases as 'the compelling sense of spiritual obligation.' The uniqueness of ringing demands that in the midst of all the joys and achievements of the Exercise a sense of spiritual obligations should remain constant.

With the advance of science, the introduction of amplified gramophone music is a very real threat to bell-ringing as we know it. If there are no ringers to proclaim the message of the bells then the aids of science will be introduced, because so engrained is the love of bells among the public that many a parish would not hesitate to employ this medium rather than have a silent belfry. Ringers and bells must be an integral part of the family of the Church—not a distant mysterious body performing strange rites in an unseen part of the building. We sense in the holding of Bell Sunday in a Middlesex parish, as recorded in this issue, an attempt to bridge the gap and let the congregation better understand the association of bells with worship. Bell Sunday was followed by the ringers being 'at home' in their belfry and their guests numbered 100. Similar propaganda has been introduced before—a lantern lecture on bells was given in the place of the sermon in a Northamptonshire church—but it is by no means general, and explanatory visits to the belfry are in most parishes infrequent.

Finally, the National Day of Prayer is individual in its appeal. Our minds go back to that first day, with the



deliverance from Dunkirk. Singularly the Sundays coincide in the Church's calendar, being the Fifth after Trinity with the Collect for peace—'that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that the Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness.' This Collect dates back to the days of Leo the Great during the period that marked the decline of the Roman Empire. Attila the Hun descended from Hungary into Italy. Pope Leo went to meet him unarmed, and so overawed was the Hun by the majesty of the Christian character that he consented to depart from Italy. To-day a feeling of frustration is apparent in all directions; that is an inability on the part of human endeavour to combat the modern Hun facing the world to-day with the spectres of famine, suspicion and distrust haunting not only nations but individuals. The guidance of 'the Unseen Hand' is more than ever a national and personal need.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., June 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 9
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GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 6	JOHN PINFOLD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John N. Lindon. Also on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

## TEN BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., June 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

ALAN F. THIRST ... Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 9
AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 5	GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRESFORD, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

CYRIL VALENTINE ... Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
EDNA F. BEDFORD ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
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On Tues., June 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

STEPHEN L. PARRY ... Treble	IVAN KAY ... 5
LILIAN M. DARE ... 2	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... 6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
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Composed by J. O. LANCASHIRE (odd bob and single).

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

FRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	*FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 5
*FREDK. A. COLEY ... 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 6
ALFRED G. HILL ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
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Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

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\* 100th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
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Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Morris' Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN WHITING ... Treble	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 5
GEORGE LATHAM ... 2	*PATRICK ALLEN ... 6
GEORGE GOULDING ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... 7
IVOR WHITING ... 4	CHARLES HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ... Treble	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

\* 25th peal together. First peal of Major in the method by all.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

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## DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb. in C.

HAROLD WALKER ... .. Treble	FREDK. W. STOKES ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ... .. 2	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 6
KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

## NORTHWOLD, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

*CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 5
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... .. 3	†GEORGE SAYER ... .. 7
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

## BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

MARY E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	TOM PAGE ... .. 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... .. 7
JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. A compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. E. Williams) and Mrs. Williams on their silver wedding day.

## HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILFRED HALLIWELL ... Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	FRANK RHODES ... .. 6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT (No. 1378 N.A. 1904 Report).

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

To celebrate the return of the Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Wellesley-Greaves, after a serious illness.

## STAPLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 5
ERNEST SPILLER ... .. 2	LEONARD MANNING ... .. 6
GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 3	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	FRANK THWAITES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN F. BAKER.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire by the ringer of the 3rd. First peal by the tenor man.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS PAT HOLMES ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 6
†MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (13) 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
*MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal of Oxford. † First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. C. Goodman. Fiftieth peal as conductor on Burnham bells.

## CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HUBERT E. COOK ... .. Treble	FREDK. W. SODEN ... .. 5
DANTEL G. COOMBS ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... .. 6
*MICHAEL F. SINDEN ... 3	REGINALD H. JARVIS ... 7
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 4	IVOR HARRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.

\* First peal, aged 16.

## MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*STANLEY R. COCKELL ... Treble	HAROLD SMITH ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 2	PERCIVAL W. HARDING ... 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
HARRY PROUT ... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Major.

## CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
JILL POOLE ... .. 3	J. FREDK. MILNER ... .. 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of London.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	†CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	FREDK. A. COLEY ... .. 6
*FREDK. W. BUDGEN ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	*BRIAN J. E. WHITE ... Teno

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

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Superlative.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
GEORGE SAYER ... .. 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Comprising 1,440 London, 1,120 Rutland, 480 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Norfolk and 320 New Gloucester, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods by all the band. Miss Betty Spice's 200th peal.

BATTERSEA.—On June 1st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6.8 behind): Miss E. Cropley 1, — 2. W. Coe 3, L. Brown 4, F. Bush 5, E. Beauchamp (first quarter) 6, S. Hart (conductor) 7, E. Howard 8. Half-muffled in memory of the Rev. C. H. Maxwell.



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

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.

HENRY H. FEARN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Surprise.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 6
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	NORMAN V. HARDING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The tenor man has now circled the tower.

## SIX BELL PEALS

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*MISS BETTY MORTON ... <i>Treble</i>	MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 4
*ERIC HORNEY ... 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 3	DAVID SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung for the conductor's ninth wedding anniversary and the 14th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Lawrence.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Spliced Charlwood and Neasden; (2) Spliced St. Albans and Wragby; (3) Kingston; (4) Capel; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Sandal; (7) Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALAN J. BROWN ... <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY ARDERN ... 4
*MISS YVONNE BOTHAM ... 2	*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

\* First peal in nine methods. † First peal in nine methods 'insider' Rung on the occasion of the opening of Lyme Park to the public by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(Eastern Division.)

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Consisting of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob with seven different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE BEENEY ... 4
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
WILFRED BOOTH ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in more than one method. First in two Minor by all the company. First peal on the bells.

HINSTOCK, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

Being 720 each of Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford. Tenor 7 cwt.

WALTER LYCETT ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

The first peal on the bells.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*EVAN J. CARTER ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 4
*HAROLD G. BLICK ... 2	*HUGH L. WILLIAMS ... 5
ROBERT E. COLES ... 3	*WILLIAM J. BLICK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the parents of the conductor.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK MUSSEL ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE A. PAGE ... 4
HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	LEONARD HARRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK K. MEASURES ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
*E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	JOHN A. TIMSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal in three methods.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., June 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise and five 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY SURTEES ... <i>Treble</i>	*RAYMOND OLIVER ... 4
JACK LISHMAN ... 2	EDWARD HALL ... 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	*THOMAS W. DODD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. W. DODD.

\* First peal, aged 12; youngest member to ring a peal for the Association. † First peal since demobilisation.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., June 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*MISS BETTY BROWN ... <i>Treble</i>	*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 4
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*JOHN FREEMAN ... 5
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal of London Surprise Minor. † First peal in the method.  
First peal of London Surprise Minor as conductor.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven 720's in 20 methods: (1) Munden; (2) Chester; (3) Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet; (4) London; (5) Wells; (6) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Stamford, Netherseale; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS CUMMINS ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
MISS RHODA BROWN ... 2	JOHN R. KEMP ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal by all the band in 20 Surprise methods, also first peal in 20 Surprise methods for the Eastern Branch. There were 72 changes of methods.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 26th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Morris 1, G. S. Morris 2, H. Poole (conductor) 3, A. Tomlinson 4, H. G. Keeley (first in method) 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, A. Ballard 7, T. Sone 8. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.



**ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. W. White 1, A. Roberts 2, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 3, C. H. Webb 4, J. W. Taylor 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, C. S. Aylett 7, G. Gardner 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by 6th, 7th and 8th.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On June 15th at St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Medway 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, E. White 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, E. J. Fry (first in method) 5, R. O. Fry (conductor) 6.

**BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.**—On June 20th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Doubles, being 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire: Miss R. J. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Duppa 2, P. J. L. Purslow (conductor) 3, W. H. Downes 4, W. H. Lloyd 5, A. E. G. Owen 6. First quarter in more than one method by the whole band (all local ringers). Rung half-muffled as tribute to the late Baron Berwick, patron of living.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Smith 1, A. Crane 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniells 4, F. Stonton 5, H. V. Sear 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, R. Cademy 8.

**CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Norman 1, F. Sweet 2, R. Short 3, M. Farthing 4, W. Kent (conductor) 5, G. Burge 6.

**CHERITON, KENT.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Slingsby 1, F. A. Rye 2, T. J. Anderson 3, C. George 4, F. Verney 5, W. Bottrill (conductor) 6, H. Furringer 7, E. T. Ellinger 8.

**CROYDON.**—On May 4th at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lodge 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, D. Cooper 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, J. Saunders 5, W. Oatway (first quarter as conductor) 6, F. E. Collins 7, G. H. Humphries 8.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church on June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Stone (first quarter) 1, W. Lancaster 2, C. Walklate 3, George Freebrey (conductor) 4, S. Walklate 5, S. Merry 6, F. Lowe 7, A. E. Thompson 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Ward.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Nora Holmes 1, E. H. Baldwin 2, F. A. Staveley 3, C. Toyne 4, J. McCluskey 5, E. C. Stacey (conductor) 6, W. E. Critchley 7, P. J. Daw 8. In honour of Mr. R. Thompson's 72nd birthday, Doncaster's oldest ringer.

**EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.**—On June 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich: F. Pudney 1, O. Laver 2, F. Claydon 3, E. Bailey 4, F. Ridgewell 5, C. Sayward 6, W. Arnold (conductor) 7, E. Bowhill 8; and also 1,260 Grandsire Triples.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—On June 18th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. H. Rollison (first quarter) 1, Beryl R. Cowlin 2, R. W. Percy 3, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 4, Betty Percy 5, G. Beene 6, H. G. F. Reynolds 7, E. Gower 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon F. A. Corbett.

**HASCOMBE, SURREY.**—On June 18th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Myrtle A. Cass (first quarter) 1, Jack O. Glanville 2, Gordon P. T. Peters 3, T. Mark White (first quarter inside) 4, Eric T. Lee (first quarter as conductor) 5.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On June 15th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Major: A. F. Lancaster 1, J. G. Nash 2, E. Pryor 3, R. Charge 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. H. Begrie 6, A. F. Warren 7, A. Turner (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in method by 1st, 6th and 7th.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Callard 1, Miss Q. Pring 2, E. E. Retter 3, A. Holway 4, J. Salway 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6. First of Minor by all except conductor.

**LONDON.**—On June 8th at All Saints', Poplar, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, N. H. Hollingworth 4, L. Bullock 5, L. H. Bowler 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. W. J. Appleton 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10. First in method for 1, 4 and 6. First inside 5 and 8.

**LONDON.**—On June 8th, at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, E. L. Miles 2, W. Ellis 3, E. Birch 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. Potthecary 6, C. D. Nichols (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

**LONDON.**—At All Saints', Fulham, on June 12th, 1,273 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, H. Langdon 2, J. Stephenson (first quarter) 3, M. Chillcott 4, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 5, W. S. Langdon 6, J. W. Paice 7, H. Belcher 8, J. Chillcott 9, G. R. Allsop (first quarter) 10.

**MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On June 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Brewer 1, R. J. Brewer 2, E. C. Welch 3, C. G. Jones 4, R. T. Jones (first quarter as conductor) 5, A. Brewer 6.

**NORTHFLEET, KENT.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. A. Constant (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, Miss J. Butcher 3, R. A. Constant 4, G. J. Butcher (conductor) 5, S. A. Wooding 6, T. E. Taylor 7, J. A. Constant 8. A wedding compliment to ringers of treble and tenor, who were married at Gravesend on June 7th.

**POWICK, WORCESTER.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ivor Cook 1, G. J. Lewis 2, G. Cook 3, S. Yapp 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung for Ivor Cook's 13th birthday. First quarter-peal rung on the bells by a local band.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—At the Church of St. Margaret, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Bobrey (first quarter of Major) 1, F. J. Cheal 2, T. Cross 3, B. W. May 4, T. Jull 5, E. Naylor 6, W. J. Walker 7, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 8.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss Amy Wren 1, Miss Jean Burrows 2, D. A. Bayles 3, Miss Mary Burrows 4, N. J. Arnold 5, T. J. Southam (conductor) 6. First in the method for 1, 2 and 4.

**WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.**—On June 8th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Barker 1, J. Thomas 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, W. W. Cousins 4, W. Buckenham 5, C. V. Ebberson 6, E. H. Mastin (conductor) 7, C. Cousins 8.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Has an outing equalled that of the Witham (Essex) band? At Hitcham, as the bells were just going into Double Norwich, the clapper of the third broke. The local ringers were raising the bells at Baldock when a bump was heard and it was found that the clapper of the 5th was broken.

Mr. J. T. Dyke comments on last week's leading article: No informed churchman regards ringing as an act of worship. Service, yes. Worship, no.

The name of the ringer of the treble in the peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major at Wye, Kent, on June 11th, was Mrs. T. Cullingworth and not as published.

Our Irish correspondent, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, of Jenkinstown, Dundalk, is in difficulties. A Mr. W. E. Cox, of Birmingham, wrote to him, but he is unable to reply owing to having lost the letter. Will Mr. Cox or a friend oblige with his address?

The only surviving foundation member of the Kent County Association is Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough. He called a peal of Bob Minor to celebrate his 80th birthday in his own tower, and a complimentary peal was also rung at Eastwell. The Ashford District also held a meeting in honour of the occasion on June 21st, when members presented him with an umbrella and fountain pen.

Works bands are being discovered. St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, Staffs, is manned by employees past and present of Thomas Bolton and Sons, Ltd., Groghall, Staffs. Working alongside our correspondent, W. Carnwell, is the leader of the Cheadle R.C. ringers and the tower secretary of the Cheadle R.C. tower. At St. Helens on November 15th, 1934, a peal of Bob Minor was rung by all but one employees of Pilkington's Glass Works. The company often ring at practice with nine Pilkington men. Moving to other districts has reduced the numbers.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Oxford's Spliced Surprise peal ringers are losing one of their keenest members in Miss Betty Spice, who is leaving Oxford for Bedford. Fortunately they have two or three other ringers progressing rapidly in spliced ringing. Miss Spice is also in the news with her 200th peal, rung at Great Tew.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. W. F. Judge was taken into Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on Sunday morning, with acute appendicitis. He conducted a peal of Stedman Doubles (his first) at Cassington, Oxon, the previous Saturday.

Twenty-five years have elapsed since the Sunday service ringers at Taxal, Cheshire, rang a 720. The following rang 720 Bob Minor on June 4th: Miss Yvonne Botham 1, G. Cook (first 720) 2, E. Simpson 3, F. Wilde 4, S. Depledge 5, A. Hibbert (first 720 as conductor) 6.

Another 80th birthday celebrated this week is that of Mr. G. Newell, captain of the band at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham, and a ringer at the church for 58 years. In honour, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung on June 21st by G. Newell 1, A. C. Lygo 2, W. White (conductor) 3, F. Spencer 4, S. Loach 5, C. Knapp 6.

The peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,050 changes, rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on June 17th, was composed by John Carter in 1907 and has the back bells in the following four positions and order: Inverted Tittums 9, Handstroke Home 10, Backstroke Tittums 9, and Backstroke Home 10 courses. The peal has only been rung three times and on each occasion it was at St. Martin's for a 50th anniversary and called by Mr. Albert Walker. These were February 12th, 1907 (the late Tom Russam's 50th birthday), February 14th, 1922, and June 17th, 1947 (50th anniversary of the conductor's membership of the College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild).

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Basingstoke's Nine

## THE REV. FELSTEAD'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—I fear Mr. Smallwood's letter this week only goes to prove my statement that a newcomer to the Exercise can see things with a more unbiased eye than many of the old stalwarts. As far as I am aware, I myself have never disobeyed the rules and decisions of the Council. I shall always maintain that the rules never contemplated the situation which has arisen at Basingstoke and that they should therefore be revised. There was certainly no question of finding loopholes.

The rules about Cater ringing presupposed there would be a tenor to cover and I would be only too happy to agree to the non-recognition of a peal in a tower where there were ten bells and only nine were used. It was never contemplated that there ever would be a tower like Basingstoke, but since there is, something ought to be done about it, which means a careful consideration of the new case and new conditions. Until this is done (and it has not been done yet, for the five minutes' discussion at Norwich and perhaps 15 minutes at Exeter cannot be called a consideration), then the situation should be accepted and the peal recognised.

Mr. Kippin's 'crime' is more concerned with his being the first to recognise the peculiarities of the Basingstoke bells than anything else. If I were a betting man, I would be willing to wager that the majority of the old stalwarts would have done the same as Mr. Kippin did if they'd realised how the nine bells had been tuned. Being the first in the field, I believe, means more than anything else (even music) to most ringers!

Again, isn't it rather absurd to talk about bringing ringing into ridicule? A non-ringer (I can remember being one more easily than many ringers) casually listening to bells does not know how many of them there are, especially if changes are being rung, and does not usually care. I would again be willing to wager that Basingstoke people would not have known how many bells were ringing in the controversial peals, and the most that could be expected of them would be the rather vague notion that they sounded a bit different from usual. How silly it all is to talk about stunt performances when the whole history of ringing has numerous examples.

Can it really be fairly argued, for instance, that a peal of Spiced Surprise is not a 'stunt' any more than one on nine bells when there are only nine bells in the tower? According to the rules, the 5,000 changes should be in one method, I believe, but that didn't deter the first performers of Spiced methods, and I gather there was a decision to accept the peal since the rules had not catered for such a contingency. I fail to see how the present conditions are different in their own way. Please, we must be logical and fair to all.—Yours faithfully,  
K. W. H. FELSTEAD.  
Southampton.

## EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid our friend Mr. Cluett is not quite correct in his letter regarding our bells, so for his, and your readers in general, information I append a list of their dates and founders.

- Tenor.—1746, T. Bilbie, Chewstoke.
- 7th.—1530 (approx.), T. Gefferies, Bristol.
- 6th.—1853 (recast), Jefferies & Price, Bristol.
- 5th.—1746, T. Bilbie, Chewstoke.
- 4th.—1778, W. Cokey, Frome (recast 1906, L. and J., Bristol).
- 3rd.—1853 (recast), Jefferies and Price.
- 2nd.—1906, Llewellyns and James, Bristol.
- Treble.—1906, Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

Having read the foregoing list, any further comment as to the quality of our bells is, I think, superfluous.—Yours sincerely,

H. J. SANGER.

Evercreech, Somerset.

## The Dorian Mode

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. David H. Anstey, is in error when he states that the front eight at Basingstoke 'do not give an eight . . . in any musical scale.'

The scale ray to ray is the authentic Dorian mode (one of the 14 Greek modes) which Vaughan Williams and latterly Benjamin Britten have used to good effect.

A large proportion of the Gregorian music now slowly regaining favour in the Roman Catholic Church is written in this mode. It's an acquired taste, however, and it is not surprising that, after 500 years of 'major and minor,' our ears cannot readily attune themselves to these older scales.—Yours faithfully,  
E. W. BROWN.

Herringfleet, Lowestoft

## 'RHYTHM OF THE BELLS'

Dear Sir,—I again read with interest the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of June 13th. A specially attractive point is the 'rhythm of the bells,' a point which is not too well appreciated by some ringers; then there is the 'sing' or harmony, which is something to be listened for and enjoyed which on some rings of bells can be heard better than on others.

What effect a covering bell can have on this when ringing Major methods I cannot imagine. But experience of ringing Kent Minor with a covering bell, in spite of good striking and rhythm, left one wondering as to what method the music produced belonged to. If Major ringing should prove to be the same, it would be as well to discourage it.

Mr. C. H. Kippin must be indulging in a little harmless 'leg pulling,' but really we could do without it. At the same time he does appear to have received a raw deal at Exeter, and the Central Council should endeavour to answer his question.

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MARGARET BEAMISH

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of all the members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, offer to Margaret Beamish very hearty congratulations on her most recent achievement of ringing a working bell to a peal of London Surprise Major before attaining her 12th birthday. Only those who took part in or heard the peal can appreciate what a splendid performance this was, not only in the way she rang the method but also for the excellent striking she maintained throughout. For me, personally, it will remain a happy memory. I am very glad to have been associated with it and grateful for the invitation to go over and conduct it.

HAROLD J. POOLE.

Leicester.

Bishop's Cannings ringers were joined by friends from Devizes and Calne for their annual outing on May 24th. Towers visited were St. Mary's, Reading, Henley-on-Thames, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Windsor Parish Church, St. Peter's, Staines, and Newbury. Tea was kindly supplied at Staines by Mr. W. C. Parker and daughter-in-law.

## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Corlestone, Great Yarmouth.

## Grappenhall's Three Veterans

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I bring to your notice the fine record of the three oldest members of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, viz., Messrs. Samuel Horsfall, Noah Smith and John E. Ashcroft. Mr. Horsfall, who has attained the age of 84, celebrated his golden wedding last week and on behalf of his many ringing associates throughout Cheshire I take this opportunity of wishing Sam and his wife many more years of health and happiness. Until recently Sam was an active member at Grappenhall, where he rang for upwards of 60 years.

Mr. N. Smith and Mr. J. E. Ashcroft both reached the age of 70 last week, and I am pleased to say both are still active Sunday service ringers at Grappenhall. Noah, who has completed 50 years' ringing service, was a participant in an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in honour of the occasion; this unfortunately came to grief after an hour's ringing.

Mr. John E. Ashcroft, who has completed 53 years' service, holds the position of hon. secretary of the Grappenhall Branch, an office which he has filled with distinction and credit for 33 years. Jack, with his quiet, unassuming, efficient handling of his job, has earned the respect and gratitude of his many contacts throughout the diocese.—Yours sincerely,  
WALTER ALLMAN.

Runcorn.

## SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—As announced in your advertisement columns to-day, I have completed my first series of Major Surprise Methods, of which a small edition only is now available. The present series contains 100 methods, and I hope, with the co-operation of the Exercise, to issue a further series in the autumn of this year. If sufficient material should prove to be available, a third series should close the Major section, after which I shall issue such Royal and Maximus extensions as I can obtain.

The methods are given in an adaptation of the place notation which was used by Carter in his table of methods published in 'The Ringing World' some 50 years ago, and which is freely used for the exchange of methods between ringers. I have adopted this notation for two reasons; for economy of space, since it enables a method to be presented in a single line of type; and no less with the intention of not even appearing to trespass on the domain of the long-awaited Central Council Collection, which will give us a wealth of detail that I could not hope to emulate, even if I had the desire. Mine is and is intended to be purely a stopgap production, for the convenience of those who wish to obtain the figures of new Major methods.

I should be very grateful to any readers who forward to me the figures of any methods not included in the first series, with their Royal and Maximus extensions where available; also of any methods rung on the higher numbers.—Yours faithfully,  
A. J. CORRIGAN.

Le Coteau, Ryedown Lane, Bitton,  
near Bristol.

## INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Could any ringers give me information and details of any peals rung at St. Giles', Northampton, other than rung for the Central Northants Association or the Peterborough Diocesan Guild since the bells were augmented in 1895?

I have reason to believe that peals were rung for the Middlesex County Association about 1905. I am putting the peals together in a bound book and I should like a complete list as far as possible.

WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.

30, Lower Mounts, Northampton.



## Middlesex Association

### MEETING AT ISLEWORTH.

The first meeting of the South and West District at Isleworth since before the war was attended by about 35 members and friends on June 21st. An unfortunate accident had occurred at a practice the night before, when the tenor clapper came out and broke the wheel of the treble, so that ringing was confined to eight bells.

However, some good ringing was accomplished in most of the standard methods, some particularly good courses of Cambridge and London being brought round. Ringing was under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Finch (Ringing Master) and Mr. T. G. Bannister (deputy), and special attention was given to the claims of a number of learners, mostly young ladies.

During the ringing the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Grinston) visited the ringing chamber and welcomed the Association on its first visit since his arrival, and expressed the hope that other visits would follow. The secretary voiced the thanks of the Association and of their hope that regular meetings might take place at Isleworth, emphasising the fact that the Association had in the past been mainly instrumental in installing the two trebles when the peal was increased to ten and that in those days Isleworth was the leading tower in the Association.

A business meeting took place in the Church Hall, presided over by Mr. W. H. Coles, vice-president. It was decided to hold, if possible, the next meeting at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on July 12th. It was learned with regret that both Mr. F. G. Baldwin, of St. John's, Hillingdon, and Mr. J. Herbert, of Twickenham, were in the West Middlesex Hospital, and the secretary was requested to write to both, expressing sympathy and good wishes for a quick recovery.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Rogers and the local company for the arrangements made, and, in particular, for Mr. Rogers' efforts that morning in getting the tenor clapper repaired in time for the meeting. The Vicar was also thanked for the use of the bells.

### JOINT MEETING AT STANMORE.

A most enjoyable joint meeting of the Middlesex and Hertford County Associations was held at Stanmore on June 14th. Mr. A. Cutler, the Ringing Master, made sure that everybody had an opportunity to ring something from rounds to Spiced Surprise.

The Rector (Dr. Carpenter) conducted a short service and gave an excellent address full of good and practical advice. Unfortunately rain prevented tea being served in the beautiful Rectory garden, but Dr. and Mrs. Carpenter kindly placed a room in the Rectory at the disposal of the ringers for tea, a social half-hour and ringing on Mr. C. Taylor's handbells. Members welcomed Mr. J. Bennett after his recent illness.

Sympathy was expressed for Mr. Lock, who was indisposed and unable to be present. His place was taken by Mr. A. W. Coles, who, on behalf of the Middlesex Association, gave a welcome to the Hertford County Association. Mr. Hoare, for the Hertford Association, responded.

### A BELL EVENSONG.

To stimulate interest in bellringing, the Rector of Stanmore (Dr. Edward Carpenter) arranged a bell evensong on May 18th. The lessons were read by the Master, Mr. G. J. Leversuch, and the oldest ringer, Mr. George Hughes. Two courses of Bob Minor were rung on handbells instead of an anthem.

The sermon, preached by the Rector, was woven round the team work of ringing. At the close of the service the congregation was rung out to a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples.

On the following Saturday the ringers held an 'At home,' when visitors were invited to the tower and over a hundred guests responded.

## Guildford Diocesan Guild

### CHURCH STRUCK DURING MEETING.

An alarming incident occurred during the Guildford District meeting at Witley on June 21st. Ringing was in progress when there was a loud clap of thunder—described by one of the ringers as a bomb exploding. The church was struck by lightning, causing tiles to be dislodged and fusing the electric light bulbs.

In charge of the ringing was Mr. C. Ernest Smith (District Ringing Master), who ordered the ringers to continue. The touch was successfully brought round.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Holden) conducted the service. There were 22 members and friends at tea and the local arrangements were made by Mr. F. C. Hagley.

### DUNSFOLD MEETING.

Fifty members and very welcome visitors attended the meeting at Dunsfold. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector and the lesson was read by the Rev. K. Davis. Tea was served in the grounds of the Rectory through the kindness of Mrs. Crowhurst, assisted by other ladies of Dunsfold, many of whom are learning to ring.

The most important item of the short business meeting was the election of a list of new members, all of Dunsfold, also a number of old members renewed their membership.

Full use was made of the newly recast peal of six bells, and after tea a contingent left for Hascombe, where also the peal of five bells were recently recast.

### JOINT MEETING AT BENTLEY.

Between 60 and 70 ringers attended the joint meeting of the Farnham District and the Southern Branch of the Ladies' Guild at Bentley. Canon H. Le Fleming (Rector) conducted the service and the choir was composed of ringers with another ringer, Miss Nesta Smith, from Wonston, near Winchester, as organist.

Tea was served by Miss Trotman in the W.I. Hut. The secretary (Mr. G. S. Joyce) was asked to convey the meeting's sympathy to Mr. A. Raggett, the local captain, who is indisposed. Ringing was continued until 9.15 p.m.

### SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Market Drayton with its fine ring of eight was again the venue for the joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on June 7th. This is the third year that the meeting has been held at this tower and it is looked forward to keenly by members of both counties, Shropshire and Cheshire being equally represented by some 50 ringers present this year.

Full use was made of the bells, which were kept going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Major. The striking generally was good and several young members scored their first courses in a new method.

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## St. David's Diocesan Guild

### SHIELD FOR GUILD COMPETITION.

The annual festival was held at Carmarthen on June 21st. The bells of St. Peter's were available to the ringers from 2 p.m. and 65 members attended the meeting.

The service was at 4 p.m., and the Archbishop of Wales, who is president of the Guild, officiated, assisted by the Rev. K. C. Herbert. After the service the ringers were entertained to tea at the Church House, which was followed by the business meeting.

Officers elected for the next 12 months were: Secretary, Mr. C. H. Hawkins (Llanely); treasurer, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas (Carmarthen); Master, Mr. H. Jenkins (Tenby); Ringing Master, Mr. J. Williams (Morrison); auditor, Mr. B. Rees (Burry Port); committee, Messrs. Owens (Carmarthen), Parmenser (Llanely), Scudmore (Llandilo), Langdon (Llangharn), Narbett (St. David's), E. Sage (Burry Port), T. Griffiths (Tenby), G. Morris (Llanstephan), W. J. Harris (Llanbadarn Fawr).

It was then proposed to hold the annual festival in 1948 at Carmarthen.

The treasurer, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, gave a statement of accounts, which showed the Guild in a very satisfactory financial position, and Mr. A. Hoare gave a report of the Central Council meeting at Exeter.

The secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins), in his report, stated that he was very satisfied at the way the Guild was progressing. There had been a lot done and there was still a lot to do to encourage the art of campanology in the diocese. He then made a very pleasing statement that the president, the Archbishop of Wales, had found a friend to present the Guild with a shield for competition, which they hoped would be competed for next year.

The secretary urged members to encourage youth as much as possible to take up the art so that when the older ringers have to give up ringing they will have the satisfaction of knowing that their good work will be carried on.

Five new members were made, and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2 13s. 1d.

A vote of thanks was extended to His Grace for officiating at the service and also for presiding at the meeting, and also to the Church authorities for providing tea.

The ringers returned to the tower to end a very successful meeting.

### VICAR OF BRAY MARRIED

The village of Bray-on-Thames was in a festive mood on June 19th, when the young and popular Vicar and ringer, the Rev. Edward S. C. Lowman, K.C.L., chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, was wedded in his own church by the Bishop of Oxford (the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Kirk) to Miss Betty Jolly, the father of whom, the late Leonard Jolly, was for nearly twenty years churchwarden and a good friend of Bray ringers.

As parishioners and friends were assembling in the historic and world renowned Church of St. Michael, the grand old six, tenor 27 cwt., was rung for 40 minutes, and for one hour after the ceremony, to Plain, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Visiting ringers included Mr. T. J. Fowler, Cookham. Mr. George Martin, Boyne Hill, and Mr. Tom Goodchild, one time member of Bray band, now Boyne Hill.

A peal attempt, which was in the hands of Mr. George Gilbert, in spite of the bells going well, failed after three short attempts. However, to round off the day's ringing, a well-struck 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob Minor were rung by Mary Pemberton (Burnham) 1, Joyce Herne (Burnham) 2, W. Birmingham (Slough) 3, H. W. Barrett (Kingston) 4, F. H. Hicks (Hailsham) 5, G. Gilbert (conductor) (Burnham) 6. All were invited to the Vicarage afterwards. F.J.E.



## Yorkshire Association

### NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL.

Recognition of the privilege of membership comes in different forms. Mrs. Neate, who has recently learnt, when the Northern District visited St. Mary's, Scarborough, provided a large iced cake inscribed: 'Welcome to Scarborough.' The cake was much admired and relished.

Archdeacon G. F. Townley conducted the service.

At the business meeting Mr. E. Hudson was re-elected district secretary, Mr. J. Ewbank was re-elected to the General Committee, and Mr. H. Rowsby was elected to the District Committee. Good wishes were sent to Canon C. C. Marshall, the retiring president of the Association.

Some indication of the keenness of Northern ringers is given in the fact that one member present at Scarborough travelled by bus, cycle and train a total distance of 140 miles.

### WESTERN DIVISION AT MARSDEN.

The quarterly meeting was held on June 14th, and owing to the very inclement weather the attendance was disappointing.

Those attending were repaid through the enjoyment received from ringing and hearing this very fine ring of bells, and it is to be regretted that the local company are unable at present to man these bells regularly for Sunday service ringing. There is indeed scope for proficient instructors in this area, but situated as it is on the borders of the Pennines, it is difficult to get to and it is only on these rare occasions of meetings that much can be done.

### DEDICATION AT CLECKHEATON.

A newly-installed ring of eight bells at St. John's Church, Cleckheaton, was dedicated on June 4th by the Bishop of Pontefract. These bells have been installed as a war memorial and the inscription on the tenor bell reads: 'These eight bells are installed in thanksgiving for deliverance from deadly peril, 1939-1945.'

The bells have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and fitted with modern roller bearings. They are hung in a two tier frame, with the treble, 2nd and 5th on the top tier. The tenor weighs 10½ cwt. in A flat, and both the tone and go of the bells reflect great credit on the founders.

The bells were rung during the dedication by the ringers of Liversedge, assisted by friends from Batley and Mr. B. Newsom, who was present on behalf of the founders.

After the dedication a social evening was spent in the St. John's School, at which approximately 200 were present. An enthusiastic band of learners have been got together and are receiving instruction by the Liversedge ringers. F. H.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

#### GRIMSBY DISTRICT AT ALFORD.

When the Grimsby District met at Alford on June 7th, the Vicar (Canon W. Whitehead) conducted the service and gave an excellent address on the old adage:—

Who ryngs thys belle  
Let hym loke well  
To hande and headde and herte.  
Ye hande for work,  
Ye headde for wyte,  
Ye herte for worshyppe.

Mr. M. Graves, who this year completes 50 years' service as organist and choirmaster, accompanied.

The meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Ringers attended from Grimsby, Burton Latimer, Mablethorpe, Lincoln Cathedral, Kirton-in-Holland, Great Carlton, Ulceby and the local members. By the admission of seven new members from Great Carlton a further tower was added to the district. Owing to indisposition, the local secretary, Mr. Mingay, was unable to attend. The collection, amounting to £1 1s. 6d., was given to the Rupert Richardson Memorial.

## Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild

A very successful meeting of the Southampton District was held at Eling on June 14th, when between 30 and 40 were present. An encouraging sign was a number of keen young ringers from Brockenhurst and Milford-on-Sea.

Good use was made during the afternoon and evening of the ring of six bells, a variety of methods was practised and several rang their first touch in some of the methods.

At the business meeting it was announced that the ring of eight at St. Michael's, Southampton, are to be augmented to ten. The order has been placed with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who are expected to complete the work at an early date. It was also reported that the bells at Andover Parish Church have been overhauled and rehung by the same firm and are to be rededicated by the Bishop of Winchester on July 30th.

The secretary announced an all-day meeting on August Bank Holiday in the Meon Valley.

### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting was held at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, on June 7th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Stevens), who gave an appropriate address, and the choirboys (24), under the direction of the organist and choirmaster, led the singing.

After the service the ringers and choirboys were the guests of the Vicar and wardens to a bountiful tea.

At the business meeting an invitation to hold the next meeting at Claverley was accepted. Further ringing was varied and enjoyable.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The visit of the West Norfolk Branch to North Elmham recently was the first to the tower since before the war. North Elmham was the seat of the bishopric before Norwich, and remains of the ecclesiastical buildings of that time are still to be seen. The Rev. W. G. Bridge, branch chairman, conducted the service and there was attendance of 34.

New members elected at the meeting of the East Norfolk Branch at Ranworth were Sir Edmund Bacon, of Raveningham Hall, hon. member; the Rev. K. O. Morris, hon. performing member; and Mr. A. More, of Matishall. The next meeting will be on July 26th at Norton Subcourse.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

#### NORTHERN DISTRICT AT EARLS COLNE.

Thirty-four ringers attended the meeting of the Northern District at Earls Colne on May 31st, when Miss H. G. Snowden, the District Ringing Master, presided at the business meeting and reported on the Central Council meeting at Exeter. Two old ringers—Mr. A. Saunders (Greenstead Green) and Mr. Turner (Earls Colne)—were welcomed and two new members elected. The next meeting was provisionally fixed for September 6th at Great Easton.

Canon H. Monks (Vicar) conducted the service and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was 17s. 6d. Ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Spliced Surprise Major.

### AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Twelve members of the New South Wales Association on May 30th made a 125-mile journey by car to West Maitland to ring these six cast steel bells (tenor 14 cwt.). The bells went much easier than last time, a number of 120's being rung without undue effort, and the ladies rang in several touches. Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob and Old Doubles were rung and several short touches of Bob Minor.

The service ringing on Sunday was 540 Grandsire Doubles, two men being necessary to ring the tenor. The Rev. Carlos Stretch and his family entertained the party with their usual hospitality.

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### BIRTH

REED.—On June 18th, 1947, at 32, Scotter Road, Bishopstoke, Hants, to Alice (née Scott), wife of Reginald A. Reed, a sister for Katharine (Diana Jane). 1631

### APPEAL.

#### BURNHAM BELL FUND.—

Order placed (Taylors); recast, all rehung new frame; £2,000 needed. Hon. Treasurer, Col. J. M. Wadmore, Woodlands, Linkwood Road, Burnham, Bucks. The above is in addition to £7,000 roof (deathwatch beetle), £3,700 organ (furniture beetle), new church to build, Cippenham (in Burnham parish). Help loyal teen-age band service ringers (all peal ringers). Grateful thanks.—Gilbert (optimist). 1632

### PUBLICATIONS

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. A. Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 'SURPRISE METHODS,' 100 Major Surprise Methods in place notation. Limited edition now ready. Post free 1s., from A. J. Corrigan, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, near Bristol. 1628

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE, by Warner, London, 28 BELLS (26 G, 7½ largest), in octaves of C or G; excellent condition. Set could be split up if desired.—Offers to Rector, St. Kieran's, Campbelltown, Argyll. 1614

### HANDBELLS WANTED

SET OF HANDBELLS required.—Particulars and price to Headmaster, Kingswood Training School, near Bristol. 1620

DEVONSHIRE GUILD (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSN. (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting Uffculme, Sat., July 5th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 1635



**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Branch.—Meeting Crowle, Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting.

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Summer Festival meeting at Farnham, Sat., July 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at British Restaurant. Aldershot, Bentley, Frensham and Seale available after tea.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 1573

**ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Solihull, near Birmingham, on Sat., July 5th. Bells (10) available at 3.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1552

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting Minster Abbey, Isle of Sheppey, Sat., July 5th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided by the local Guild to ringers and friends. Queenborough (6) and Eastchurch (6) open during evening. Let's have a good meeting in ideal surroundings.—B. W. May, Dis. Sec. 1579

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham (6), July 5th, 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Take bus route No. 7 from Tonbridge or Maidstone to Forge Gate. 1580

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—G. Blake, Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1584

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting Manchester, Sat., July 5th. Bells: Cathedral (10) from 2; Town Hall (12) and Sacred Trinity, Salford (8), during the evening. Service Cathedral 3.30. Tea, Gravel Lane Schools, Greengate (5 minutes from Cathedral), 2s. 6d. Business meeting after tea.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 1609

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Watford District.—Langleybury (6) Sat., July 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1581

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Middleham (8), Sat., July 5th. East Witton bells (6) available after tea. Tea (4.30). All are welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1576

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Great Tew (8), Sat., July 5th. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 1514

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting Newport, Isle of Wight, July 5th. Committee 1.15. General meeting 2.30. Tea 4 in Unity Hall. Service 5.15. Bells available: Brading (8), Carisbrooke (8), Ryde (8), Godshell (6), 12-2; Newport (8), 12.30-2.30, and in evening.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1587

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Coleman's Hatch, Sat., July 5th, 3. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1603

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Jubilee Festival at Ely, Sat., July 5th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30. Service at the Cathedral 4; address by the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea at St. Mary's Hotel 5. Ringing afterwards. Reports available.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 1591

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Summer Festival, Eaton Socon (8), Sat., July 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds. 1588

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Mon., July 7th, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1636

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting St. Peter's, Brighton, Wed., July 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4. Notify Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by July 7th. 1648

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Summer meeting, Saxlingham Nethergate (8), Sat., July 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who let me know by 8th. Shoresham bells (5) available after tea.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 1610

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District), **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**, and **DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.** (Derby District).—Joint meeting Castle Donington, Sat., July 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Bondgate Cafe, 5. Names for tea to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield, by July 7th. 1640

**ESSEX ASSN.**—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Colchester (St. Leonard's), Sat., July 12th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by July 8th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Wood View, Thorington. 1586

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting Irchester (8), Sat., July 12th. Advise early for tea to Mr. C. Payne, 2, School Road, Irchester. 1599

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—200th Anniversary celebrations, Sat., July 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Lambeth (8), 10.30 to 1 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1 to 3.30; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (8), 3.30 to 4.45; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), 3.45 to 4.45; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3.45 to 4.45. Special service St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 5.15. Dinner at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6.30.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1596

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Unveiling of Walker Memorial Tablet at Highweek Church, Newton Abbot, Sat., July 12th, 3. Bells (8) 2.15. Tea Courtenay Restaurant 5. Names by July 9th.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121). 1638

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Annual Festival, St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, July 12th. Bells 2. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Number for tea by July 7th, please.—D. G. Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1639

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Balcombe (8), July 12th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lake, 4, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 1622

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Desford, July 12th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Miner's Institute 5. Names must be sent by July 7th to Mr. J. W. Bennett, Manor Road, Desford. 1647

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival, Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. No ticket, no lunch. Ringing before service, and as June 27th.—W. Hibbert. 1649

**LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.**—Lyston District.—Meeting Hoby (5), Sat., July 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, by Tuesday, July 8th, to H. Morton, 13, Forest Avenue, Thurmaston, Leicester. 1641

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual meeting Beverley Minster, July 12th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 2s. 6d.; notify L. Daggett, 82, Minster Moorgate, Beverley, by July 9th. 1651



LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Preston Branch.—Meeting Tarleton, Sat., July 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Branch. Sec. 1626

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Meeting Brighouse, Sat., July 12th. Bells 2.30 to 9. Liquid tea provided. Everybody welcome.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1627

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District). — Quarterly meeting Bentworth (5), July 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. All requiring tea please notify by July 7th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrooke, Brooke Lane, Warsash, Hants. 1642

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Horne Branch.—Quarterly meeting Blewett, Sat., July 12th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Litton bells available 6-8. Tea for those who notify E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 1634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting Overton (8), Sat., July 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 9th to Miss C. Kemp, 5, Southington, Overton, Hants. 1633

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Quarterly meeting Chard (8), July 12th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by July 8th.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton.. 1624

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Next meeting St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, July 12th. Service and tea after. Names to Mr. W. M. Bedford, 52, Greenway, Uxbridge.—J. E. Lewis Cockey (Perivale 5320). 1625

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting Sawley, July 12th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Simpson, Tenbury, Draycott Road, Old Sawley, by July 9th. 1621

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Birling (8) July 12th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1589

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting arranged for Everton, Sat., July 12th, is cancelled.—H. Denman. 1619

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting Keynsham, July 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names essential by 10th.—S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 1617

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., July 12th, 3.—A. B. Peck. 1643

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Meeting Nuthall, Notts, July 12th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. T. Harrison, 21, Nottingham Road, Nuthall, by July 7th. 1595

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting St. Barnabas', Shore, Sat., July 12th. Tea in the School at 2s. 3d. per head. Names to Mr. J. Lee, 9, Bk. William Street, Littleborough. Business meeting 6.30. Nominations for branch secretary to I. Kay, 69, Fir Tree Lane, Bardsley, Ashton-under-Lyne. 1615

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Martin, Sat., July 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food. Damerham bells also available.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 1612

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting Farndon (8), July 12th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea before July 9th.—Geo. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 1646

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, near Sheffield, not later than July 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 1645

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbeach (8), July 12th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 1652

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Dedication of new ring of 6 (war memorial) at Martinstown, near Dorchester, Sun., July 13th, 3.30. Ringing for dedication and evensong only. Meeting following Sat., July 19th; particulars later.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1623

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF TRURO CATHEDRAL.—July 13th to 20th.—Sunday, 13th: Ringing at 9, 10.30, 2.30 and 7. Preachers, 11, Bishop of Exeter; 3, Rev. C. Kingsley Williams, M.A.; 7.45, Bishop of Truro; broadcast service. Monday to Friday: Ringing 6. Service 7. Preachers, Assistant Bishop of Hereford, Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt. Rev. F. S. Guy Warman, D.D., Canon J. Trevor Lewis, M.A., Canon H. R. Jennings, M.A. Saturday: Ringing 2.30.

Preacher, Dean of St. Paul's. Sunday, 20th: Ringing 9, 10.30 and 5.30. Preachers, 11, Dean of St. Paul's; 6.15, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Southeard, Penheard, Truro. 1650

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Willingham (6) Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (at The Bays).—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1603

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—General meeting Kibworth (8), not Market Harborough, July 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting King Richard 5. Names by July 15th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 1637

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting Street, Sat., July 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Notify tea Tuesday, 15th.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 1629

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Goole on Sat., July 19th. Bells (8) available from 2. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Schools (1s. 9d. each) to those who notify Mr. C. Hill, 120, Westhill Street, Goole, by July 17th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1644

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting Catherington, Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea before July 12th.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 1630

PETERBOROUGH DIO. GUILD.—Kettering District.—Quarterly meeting Rothwell (8), Sat., July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tues., July 15th.—G. Watson, 31, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 1616

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Preliminary Notice.—Special meeting Newton St. Loe, Sept. 6th. Address by Lord Bishop of Diocese. Further particulars later.—S. S. Woodburn, Sec. 1618

SUSSEX ASSN.—Cuckfield.—Sunday service ringing 10 to 11 a.m., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Practice Fridays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Visiting ringers always welcome. Nearest station Haywards Heath. Frequent bus service. 1467

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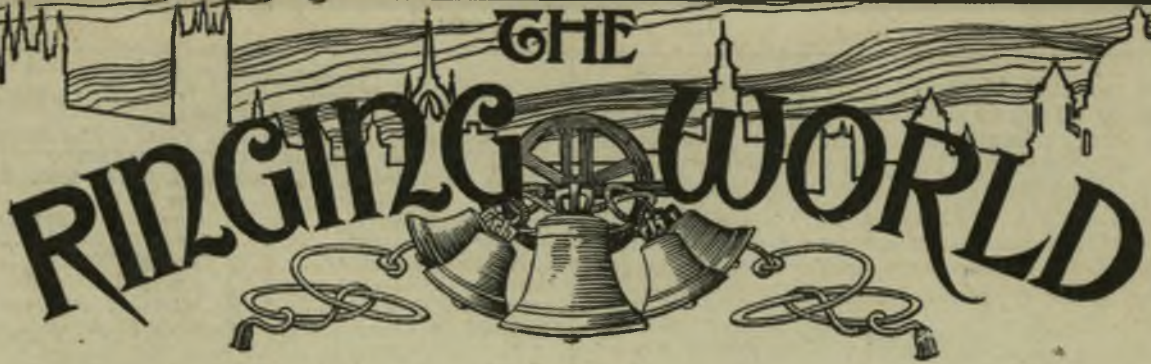
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### TOWER SNATCHING

A somewhat derisive or contemptuous term is 'tower-snatching.' Who invented it we know not, but is there an enthusiastic ringer who will not confess that in his heart of hearts he is a 'tower-snatcher'? When the thrill of entering a new ringing chamber is lost to the individual then it might truly be said that his initial keenness as a ringer has evaporated. With what sense of expectancy does the newcomer climb the stairs of a strange belfry, for no two ringing chambers are identical. Some are palatial with rich apportionments; at the other end of the scale are those meagre boxlike chambers with barely sufficient room to handle the ropes, telling their own story of architects who knew nothing of bells and their ringing.

Charles Morgan in one of his essays writes of the power of the Abbey Church to refresh the spirit of private men; to which he adds 'a power the more gracious because it is shared by much humbler churches, each in its own manner and degree.' These visits to other churches are more than 'the bleak catalogue of photography.' They have something vital to give that develops the spiritual ego. There are some ringers to whom the grandeur of architecture makes but a fleeting impression, but they gain their sense of satisfaction through the peal of a bell by means of a bell rope. To them the bell is something living; a rope to them is as a rein to a horseman, and by its perfect handling that sense of mastery is secured. Each tower and its bells bring a fresh experience, a new delight and in itself a refreshment of the spirit.

In tower-snatching as in most things there are specialists. We know of some who delight in measuring their prowess by the tenors they have turned in. To them a sense of physical delight is an added pleasure. The weights and peculiarities, if any, of the 'go' are recorded with care. No one can deny that there is not something awe-inspiring to see a massive tenor revolving and to hear and almost to feel the vibration of a deep note which is frequently mellowed by age. Such a memory is constant, and the opportunity to ring such a bell by, say, the tenor enthusiasts, is one to be snatched at.

Then there is the spiritual experience of such visits. Ringing chambers react differently. Some we have visited are desolate and uncared for. Forelorn, they create a consciousness of not being part of the real life of the Church; no loving hands have swept them clean, and there is no joy in assembling in such a chamber Sunday by Sunday. There are others like a museum with



the walls covered with peal boards giving messages of emulation to all who ring there of those giants of the Exercise who performed in bygone days. Finally the great joy of going into a belfry where evidence of loving care and attention is everywhere. The ropes in good condition, the same pride taken in keeping clean the furniture and other apportionments as in the body of the church itself. It is indeed the unsaid sermon; the consciousness of the consecrated building is very real; the visitor feels that something far greater than snatching a tower has been achieved. Presence exists in such a room, built up and hallowed by men and women who let all strangers know:—

We love the place, O God,  
Wherein Thine honour dwells;  
The joy of Thine abode  
All earthly joy excels.

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*HERBERT JILLINGS ... Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 6
HOBART E. SMITH ... 2	†LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
HARRY R. ROPER ... 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 9
FRANK L. FISHER ... 5	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WM. J. G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Royal. + 300th Surprise peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDK. A. SALTER ... Treble	FRANK BROWN ... .. 6
GEORGE PADGETT ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
REGINALD A. ALEY ... 4	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 5	RICHARD BOWLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRATT.

To commemorate 50 years' service as a ringer at this church by Mr. H. R. Cobbin (Ringing Master 1912-40).

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT GRANTA TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... Treble	REGINALD A. ALEY ... 6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 7
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
FRANK W. BROWN ... 4	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 5	FREDK. A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal of 'Granta' Royal by all except the conductor, and his first on tower bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

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

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL 6040, CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	*JOHN S. WALTON ... .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 3	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 8
DOROTHY C. BEAMISH ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Royal.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble	*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON... 6
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 7
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 8
*N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY 4	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 9
WALLACE W. COUSINS... 5	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Bob Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH L. BROWN ... Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

Rung in celebration of the Association's jubilee.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Thurs., June 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN SHATFORD ... Treble	†BRIAN AUSTIN ... .. 5
†BRIAN S. COPE ... 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 6
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 7
†MISS ENID WALKLATE... 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. E. WATSON.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EILEEN H. BASTOW ... Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 5
JOHN TOMLINSON ... 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**AL OF PAINSWICK COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 74lb. in G.

CEDRIC CURSON ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
HENRY TOOKE ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association. Composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and the 7568's and 7468's at course-ends.



LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's Variation	Tenor 15½ cwt.
*MRS. OLIVE C. VANN ... Treble	†F. JOHN STIMSON ... 5
WILLIAM J. VANN ... 2	ERNEST W. TIDLER ... 6
A. JOHN TIMSON ... 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7
†DENNIS J. PITSTOW ... 4	*RONALD W. GIBBONS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MARGARET D. PILCHER ... Treble	ERNEST A. JURD ... 5
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 6
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 4	STANLEY E. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.  
On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Transposition.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	HARRY NEWTON ... 5
HARRY C. WALTERS ... 2	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 6
BERNARD MOODY ... 3	DENNIS ROE ... 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	FRED NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... Treble	*CLIFFORD BARRON ... 5
†JOHN F. BUTLER ... 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 6
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST V. CHESTERTON Treble	*FRANK BAILESS ... 5
*GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 2	JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE ... 6
T. HENRY WRIGHT ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
†BRIAN W. NEWTON ... 4	ERNEST E. PICKERING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 100th peal. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major. A silver wedding peal for the conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*RAYMOND LYDSTER ... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5
CHARLES H. WEBB ... 2	GEORGE GARDNER ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	JOHN THOMPSON ... 7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by L. TREVOR.

\* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to R. Lydster.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

H. VON DER HEYDE ... Treble	†C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... 4	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8lb. in F.

*ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5
†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 6
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 4	*JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

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

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Treble	HENRY TOOKE ... 5
*ROBERT C. FRANCIS ... 2	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 6
CEDRIC CURSON ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 4	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... Tenor

Composed by NOIAN GOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

\* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth and to celebrate the birth of a granddaughter to ringers.

## METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., June 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MISS BETTY BROWN ... Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6
*JACK F. HODSON ... 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of London.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On June 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, E. Lankester 3, Miss Vera Look 4, M. Hodgson 5, A. Cutler 6, H. Kilby 7, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Little Bob Major: Miss M. D. Pilcher (first quarter of Major) 1, E. A. Jurd 2, A. D. Mills 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, P. H. Speck 6, J. H. Hunt 7, P. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.



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## SIX BELL PEALS

**BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PETER BAKER ... .. Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD ... .. 4
†IVOR POULTER ... .. 2	FRANCIS MILES ... .. 5
*EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., June 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*

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

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hull, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ERIC SMITH ... .. Treble	STANLEY MURPHY ... .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 2	CLAUDE GIMBLETT ... .. 5
WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., June 20, 1947, in 3 Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS MOLLY NEWTON ... Treble	RAYMOND G. CARLTON... 4
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday and 68th year as a ringer of the conductor.

**KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., June 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of Plain Bob, 600 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 4,440 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PHILIP POWLES ... .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 4
F. PETER ROCK ... .. 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS... 5
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 3	†ROBERT JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

\* First peal, aged 14 years. † First peal.

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, Primrose Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JAMES H. MUSSON ... Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN ... .. 2	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

**DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: (1) Hereward, Double Oxford, Plain and Double Bob; (2) College Bob and St. Clement's; (3) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (4) Childwall and Thelwall; (5) Double Court; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; and (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	CECIL V. EBBEREON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in 14 methods. First in 14 methods on the bells.

**RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): A. Bellamy 1, F. Stubbs 2, H. Richardson 3, A. Gibbs 4, F. E. Whitmore 5, W. Copperwheat (conductor) 6. First 720 Kent inside by 4th ringer.

**GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford and Plain Bob; (3) Double Court and College Bob; (4) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (5) St. Clement's; (6) Oxford Bob; and (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES F. TOVEILL ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 2	*EDWARD GREENACRE ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in nine methods. First peal in nine methods on the bells.

**AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 5½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	MARGARET RIDYARD ... 4
JAMES TAYLOR ... .. 2	ERIC SUMNER ... .. 5
*JACK SUMNER ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

\* First peal.

**EASTWELL, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., June 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

HILDRED S. WICKENS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4
PERCY PAGE ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP 5
*LAURENCE T. POPE ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor in the method by all. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough.

## HANDBELL PEALS

**OXFORD**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., June 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 1-2	BETTY SPICE ... .. 5-6
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3-4	*WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

**WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Tues., June 17, 1947, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*

AT 28, PATRICIA AVENUE,

### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings), one 240 Morris' arrangement Grandsire, 28 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings).

TREVOR REYNOLDS ... .. 1-2	ERIC F. SPEAKE ... .. 3-4
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by TREVOR REYNOLDS.

First peal as conductor.

**OXFORD**

**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

*On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST COLLEGE.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JAMES E. BUCKLEY ... .. 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5-6
BETTY SPICE ... .. 3-4	PETER C. WRIGHT ... .. 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. No. 36).

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal. First peal on handbells and of Major as conductor.

**LINCOLN.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

AT 32, RUSKIN AVENUE.

### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... .. 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 5-6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3-4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7-8
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 9-10	

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by K. S. B. CROFT.



# QUARTER PEALS

**BATTERSEA, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's Church on June 22nd, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: E. Howard 1, R. Cropley 2, Miss E. Cropley (first quarter) 3, F. Bush 4, W. Coe 5, E. Dodds 6, A. Williams (conductor) 7, E. Beauchamp (first quarter) 8.

**CHERTSEY, SURREY.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Shorter 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, R. Andrews 3, R. Lathbury 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, W. Goldstone 6, J. B. Hesse (composer and conductor) 7, T. Warden 8.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.**—On June 23rd, at All Saints', 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Derek Gibbons 1, James F. Clarke 2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3, Margaret Beamish 4, Arthur H. Beamish 5, Leonard Trevor (conductor) 6, James Draycott 7, Harry Harris 8, John Thompson 9, John E. S. Moreton 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by ringers of 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. First quarter as conductor. First quarter on the bells since augmentation.

**CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.**—At St. John the Baptist's on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Lewis (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, E. Marshall 3, H. Arbin 4, W. Vince 5, G. Herbert 6, C. Ward (conductor) 7, W. Langley 8.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On June 22nd at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, C. Potheary 2, F. A. Barker 3, A. W. Coles (conductor) 4, R. Charge 5, G. A. Parsons 6, J. G. Nash 7, A. Warren 8.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 22nd, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,200 Stedman Doubles: F. Corke (conductor) 1, W. H. Coles 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, H. W. Impey 4, T. G. Bannister 5, P. Woodyear 6. Also on same date 1,440 Bob Minor: T. G. Bannister 1, P. Woodyear 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, F. Corke 4, W. H. Coles 5, H. W. Impey 6. Conducted by ringers of 1 and 5 respectively, each calling a 720. First in the method by P. Woodyear.

**DUNSTER, SOMERSET.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pugsley 1, S. Wyburn (first of Stedman) 2, G. Maidment 3, F. A. Adams 4, H. W. Lloyd 5, I. Farmer (conductor) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Haydon 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's Church on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Hamilton (first quarter) 1, P. G. Parrott 2, F. Morris (first inside) 3, R. G. Long 4, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 5, J. E. Warner 6, F. C. Shorter 7, R. E. Last 8.

**HOLYWOOD, N. IRELAND.**—On June 17th, at the Church of SS. Philip and James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Dunwoody 1, J. Edgar 2, N. Savage 3, F. E. Dukes 4, A. E. McGrath 5, H. Brown 6, J. T. Dunwoody (first quarter as conductor) 7, G. C. Galbraith (first quarter) 8.

**LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Yeo 1, N. Yeo 2, G. Yeo 3, Mrs. G. Symonds 4, E. Abrahams 5, H. Price 6, D. Yeo (first quarter as conductor) 7, E. Gillett (first quarter) 8. Rung as a farewell to E. Gillett.

**LONDON.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's, Hollo-way, on June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, E. Pryor 2, A. F. Lancaster 3, R. Newman 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—On June 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett, sen. 1, E. Jones 2, J. Bennett 3, P. Andre 4, W. Packer 5, S. Ball (first quarter as conductor) 6, H. Warnett, jun. 7, R. Boyce 8.

**LEICESTER.**—At All Saints' on June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Ward 1, J. Bennett 2, A. Cattell 3, J. Ward 4, A. Cattell (conductor) 5, C. Cattell 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

**LEICESTER.**—On June 22nd, at St. Margaret's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Morris 1, Mavis Whitehead 2, T. Bent 3, W. Tanser 4, J. Bramley 5, G. Olliffe 6, E. Morris 7, E. Whitehead 8. Rung to mark the silver wedding of the conductor, Ernest Morris.

**LEYTONSTONE, LONDON.**—On June 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise: E. E. Holman 1, A. W. Brighton 2, F. W. Firbank 3, A. Prior 4, H. T. Wilson 5, F. W. Housden 6, E. V. Blake 7, E. D. Smith (conductor) 8.

**LEYTON, LONDON.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary on June 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss A. Castle (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth (first in method) 5, C. Ottley 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, J. Bullock 8.

**MONKS ELIGH, SUFFOLK.**—On June 25th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Whymark 1, I. Emery 2, R. Chambers 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, F. A. Poulson 5, L. Pryke 6. A birthday compliment to I. Emery (aged 76), who comes from Bromley, Kent.

**PLYMPTON, DEVON.**—On June 25th, at St. Maurice's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. J. Farnham 1, G. W. Lavers 2, R. A. Southwood 3, D. G. Rice 4, W. G. Lavers (conductor) 5, D. H. May 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 and on the bells since recasting in 1936.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. T. A. Russell 1, J. Lyddon (first on inside bell) 2, Miss L. R. E. Martin (first quarter) 3, L. W. Rogers 4, C. Brasier 5, A. F. Lewry (conductor) 6, E. S. J. Hatcher 7, F. Hammond 8.

**SIDMOUTH, DEVON.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith 1, R. Woodley 2, R. Teed 3, H. Dyer 4, P. Davis 5, J. W. Cornford (conductor) 6, R. Pike 7, T. Four-acre 8.

**SOWTON, DEVON.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dunster 1, W. Seldon 2, A. G. Betts 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Tapley 5, A. J. C. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (conductor) 7, C. R. Sandford 8.

**TURVEY, BEDS.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cockings 1, G. Ingram 2, C. R. Steed 3, W. Male 4, R. C. Chapman 5, F. C. Lyne 6, V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. Kinchen 8.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hartley 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, J. B. Ford 3, C. M. Meyer 4, P. N. Bond 5, P. A. Carter 6, A. D. Barker (conductor) 7, C. Bartlett 8. Rung to open the centenary celebrations of St. Stephen's, Westminster.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

We frequently receive  
quarter-peals from Aus-  
tralia. Now South Africa  
enters the lists with the following: On June  
7th, at the Church of St. Mary, Woodstock,  
Cape Town, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Riley  
1, V. Meyer 2, A. Collins 3, H. Milford 4, J.  
Wood (conductor) 5, H. Meyer 6. A welcome  
addition.

By calling a peal of Minor in seven methods  
from the treble at Maulden, Beds, Mr. C. E.  
Jeffries has conducted a peal from each bell  
in the tower. Mr. Andrew G. Sinfield has com-  
pleted the circle three times.

Heavy holiday traffic across to the Isle of  
Wight made travelling difficult for the Win-  
chester and Portsmouth meeting at Newport  
on Saturday. Two enthusiasts from Guildford  
reached the Island too late to find the main  
party or participate in the ringing.

Our editorial on insurance has resulted in  
our attention being called to a Bellringers'  
Insurance Scheme issued by the Ecclesiastical  
Insurance Office, Ltd., aimed at covering ring-  
ing accidents. The premium is 1s. per ringer,  
minimum 10s. per tower.

Mr. J. C. Newman has completed 50 years  
as a ringer and steeplekeeper at Feering, Essex.  
On June 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major was rung in  
honour of the occasion by J. C. Newman 1, S.  
Fisher 2, W. Arnold (conductor) 3, J. Papworth  
4, H. Nicholls 5, J. Elliott 6, C. Burton 7, F.  
Fludder 8.

We have received from Mr. E. Weatherby,  
Los Angeles, copies of Drayton Surprise Minor  
to Maximus, Drayton variation of Superlative  
Surprise Royal and Maximus, Drayton varia-  
tion Bristol Surprise Royal and Maximus, Dray-  
ton variation London Surprise Royal and  
Maximus. These copies have been placed in  
the library of the Guildford Diocesan Guild,  
and those interested should apply for details  
to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, hon. librarian, 109,  
Grange Road, Guildford.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Recently at 4 p.m. a  
certain ringer who answers  
to the name of 'Jack,'  
after ringing the 6th at St. Paul's, walked  
into a milk bar in Fleet Street, accompanied  
by another ringer, and, to the consternation of  
the young lady behind the counter, said, 'Two  
pints of bitter, please, miss.'

Truro Cathedral's bells are to be broadcast  
for about one minute next Sunday evening.

From 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and from 6.30 p.m.  
to 9 p.m., the bells of Saffron Walden were  
kept going on June 28th, the 324th anniversary  
of Great Ringing Day. The Vicar (the Rev.  
R. M. Sinker) preached at the service. Next  
year, being the 325th anniversary special  
arrangements will be made to celebrate an-  
other quarter century of the Society.

Readers will be pleased to hear that Mr.  
W. F. Judge is progressing well after his  
operation and was discharged from the Rad-  
cliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on Wednesday. He  
is hoping to attend the Guild Festival.

To reach their century of peals this week—  
Mr. George A. Newton, with a peal of Little  
Bob Major at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, and  
Mr. William Critchley, at St. Chad's, Birming-  
ham. Congratulations!

About 40 years ago Mr. E. Barnett, of Cray-  
ford, rang in his father's (the late Mr. Edwin  
Barnett, sen.) 100th peal as conductor. On  
July 5th he took part in his son's 100th peal  
as conductor, when he called Carter's odd bob  
one-part. Has any ringer any recollection of  
a like incident?

When the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the  
Lincoln Guild met at Deeping St. Nicholas on  
June 28th it was decided to make a donation  
of £20 from the general fund to the Rupert  
Richardson Memorial Fund. The closing date  
for subscriptions to the fund was fixed for the  
last Saturday in September.

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## London Surprise Record

### A LINCOLNSHIRE ATTEMPT.

Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln, writes giving notice that on August Bank Holiday, August 4th, an attempt will be made by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild to ring 14,144 changes of London Surprise Major at Heydour, Lincs.

The composition, by the Rev. H. Law James, is 32 changes longer than the present London Surprise Major record length, and is appended:

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254637	—	—

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635742	O	—
365247	—	—
574632	—	—
643752	—	—

763452	—	—
473652	—	—
375642	—	—
372465	—	4ths
426735	—	—

254763 A

572364	I	—
246753	—	—
426357	—	—
236745	—	I
352764	O	—

532467	—	—
276354	—	—
365724	—	—
735624	—	—
724563	—	4ths

574263	—	—
476253	—	—
473526	—	4ths
532746	—	—
752346	—	—

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274536	—	—
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643527	—	—
342567	—	I

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## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### ASHFORD DISTRICT HONOUR MR. RUCK.

Over forty members and friends attended the meeting at Willesborough on June 21st, arranged in honour of Mr. E. S. Ruck's 80th birthday. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Loughborough), who in his address paid tribute to Mr. Ruck's work for the church during such a long period of 63 years. A full choir attended, with Mr. J. Ruck at the organ.

Tea was served at the Church Hall, kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Ruck. At its conclusion Mr. C. W. Everett presented Mr. Ruck with an umbrella and fountain pen from the district members. Mr. A. Battin said they were all proud of Mr. Ruck, he being the only surviving foundation member of the Association, and congratulated him on conducting a peal of Minor the previous evening.

## Ringer Who Was Mayor

### DEATH OF MR. J. HEMMING.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association has lost an outstanding personality by the death of Mr. James Hemming, a former Mayor of Evesham, on June 23rd, aged 74. Throughout a busy life he retained a love of bellringing.

A market gardener at Hampton, he was a member of the Parish Council from 1904 until the parish was incorporated in the Borough of Evesham in April, 1933. He was then elected an Alderman of Evesham and held this office until 1945. He was Mayor in 1941-42 and also a borough magistrate.

As a ringer Mr. Hemming will be recalled for the 25 years' service he rendered as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. On his retirement he was presented with a grandfather clock with Westminster chimes. Until ill-health intervened he was Ringing Master of Evesham Bell Tower, in which capacity his services will be greatly missed. His widow shares her bereavement with three sons and three daughters.



THE LATE MR. JAMES HEMMING

The Mayor and members of the Corporation attended in robes at the funeral service at Hampton on June 26th. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Hampton (the Rev. V. F. Honniball) and the Vicar of Evesham (Canon T. Charles Jones), in a tribute to his memory, said: 'He was a man of his word, who always had true regard for the interests of the people, and service was to him a kind of rent which he paid for the privilege of living in this world. He had paid it unstintingly.'

The bearers were members of the Hampton band of change ringers: Mr. S. Davis, Cclr. E. A. Andrews, Mr. P. Mills and Mr. W. Newman.

Representatives of ringing associations present included Mr. A. A. Checketts and Mr. H. A. Plumb (Evesham Bell Tower Guild), the Rev. T. Lloyd (Norton and Lenchwick), Mr. O. Attwood (Bredons Norton), Mr. John Hall, jun., and Mr. J. C. Perkins (Bretforfen), Mr. J. W. Heath (Willesley), Mr. Frank Jones (Badsey), Mr. R. Geden (Southern branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association), Mr. L. W. G. Morris (general secretary, Yorkshire Association), Mr. W. C. Dowling (St. Martin's Guild).

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Evesham Bell Tower on the day of the funeral with the bells half-muffled in memory of and in gratitude for his life and work.

## Peterborough Diocesan Guild

### DAVENTRY BRANCH VISIT FORMER MASTER.

On June 21st, a party of members of the Daventry Branch journeyed to Somerset to visit the Rev. and Mrs. Powell at their home at East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham.

An early start was made, and while the driver was steering a course through the beautiful countryside to Bath, members of the party were endeavouring to steer handbells through courses of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

During the hour and half stay in Bath lunch was partaken, and then on to Queen Camel, there to be met by the Rev. and Mrs. Powell, who had arranged for ringing the beautiful toned and heavy ring of six.

At East Stoke Lodge, where light refreshments were generously provided, a pleasant ceremony took place, a cheque and autograph album being presented to the Rev. and Mrs. Powell from branch members as a mark of appreciation of their work in the branch during their 13 years' stay at Staverton.

The five bells at Stoke Church were then rung to various methods until it was time to move on to Martock. The eight bells there were soon in motion and several touches were brought round before tea, which was had at the nearby Church Hall.

After thanks had been accorded to everyone who had helped to make the tour so successful, a start for home was made at 7 p.m.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Thirty-three members and friends from Angmering, Arundel, Chichester, Ewell, Felpham, Lynminster, Storrington, Walberton and West Grinstead attended the June quarterly meeting of the Western Division at Felpham.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Manners), and Miss Manners was the organist. At the business meeting the Divisional C.C. representative reported on the recent meeting at Exeter, and ringers from Chichester, Goring, Lynminster and Westbourne were elected members. Steyning was suggested for the September quarterly meeting, and Easebourne (August) and Fittleworth (October) for practice meetings.

The Vicar and organist were thanked for their help towards making the meeting a success, and their appearance with the ringers during the ringing until the lowering of the bells brought many expressions of appreciation.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

The summer meeting at Hazelbury Bryan attracted an attendance of 32 members. The Guild service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. J. Munro), and the Rev. A. C. Easan read the lesson. Tea followed at the Rectory.

At the business meeting the vice-chairman (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards) referred to a recent loss to the Guild through the death of Mr. E. J. Rowe, of Stourton, an old member and a keen change ringer, who so long as his health permitted rarely missed a meeting. Members stood in silence.

Mention was made of the increased rate of subscriptions from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d., which would take effect in the coming year. Mr. F. Priddle, of Stalbridge, was elected a ringing member. Ringing also took place at Okeford Fitzpaine.

## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.



## Southwell Diocesan Guild

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.

An interesting ceremony preceded the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's on June 22nd, when about 30 ringers and church officers met in the vestry, where Mr. H. R. Cobbin was the recipient of a double presentation to mark his 50 years' service to the church.

After a few introductory remarks by the Rector, the Rev. T. A. Lee, Mr. J. A. Barratt (Deputy Ringing Master) presented Mr. Cobbin with an illuminated address from the ringers, and Mr. F. Trevitt (organist), on behalf of the church officers, presented him with a silver cream jug.

Both speakers emphasised the fact that this was something more than a mere 50 years' membership of the tower, Mr. Barratt pointing out that apart from his many years as Ringing Master, Mr. Cobbin had also been responsible for several sets of ropes, for the augmentation of the peal from eight to ten, and for the recent rehanging on ball bearings throughout.

Mr. Trevitt supplemented this with the information that they had many times to thank 'Bob' Cobbin for his timely help in difficult moments.

Mr. Cobbin, in reply, thanked one and all for their kind remarks, and expressed his one regret that time had left its mark and he could not now climb the stairs as before. He had been barred by his doctor from doing this now for some months, but had received permission to make the ascent again that day, and hoped to be able to continue for some time to come.

It is pleasing to record that his attempted ascent was successful, as was also the touch of Grandsire Caters in which he took part.

### AT BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS.

Barnby-in-the-Willows—remote from noise and bustle, and somewhat inaccessible—attracted a small company of ringers from a fairly wide area on June 21st. The gathering included that well-known personality, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. Indeed, since the Newark Branch was formed, this stout-hearted veteran has attended meetings frequently, setting an example that could well be emulated.

The light ring was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. The ladies were agreeably entertained by the Vicar and Gillian, and were intrigued by the remarkable pew heads, which include a perfect Punch and Judy.

The next meeting will be at North and South Collingham on September 20th, if permission is granted, and the secretary was instructed to invite the Lincoln Diocesan Guild to participate in a joint meeting there as was done in the past when the old North Notts Association held sway in this area.

### NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH.

Four buses were engaged to take the 146 ringers and friends on the association's outing to the Loughborough Bell Foundry on June 14th, and no fewer than 22 towers were represented in the party.

Arriving at the foundry at 11 a.m., the party was welcomed by Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. A. Fidler, who escorted them through the works and explained in detail the various aspects of bell making. Some enjoyed a ring on the light peal in the foundry.

An excellent lunch was served at the Boys' Club Sports Room, the Vicar of Dilhorne, Staffs, presiding. Ringing in the afternoon was enjoyed at Dathern, Shepshid and Loughborough Parish Church. When the company reassembled at tea thanks were expressed to Messrs. W. Carnwell (secretary) and R. S. Anderson for arranging the outing, and to Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. Fidler. The party arrived home at about 10.30 p.m.

## Midland Counties Guild

### OVERSEAL MEETING.

The handy ring of eight at Overseal, a 1914-18 war memorial, was tested by about 25 members of the Midland Counties Guild on June 14th. Ringing was kept going at intervals from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., and although no great variety of methods were rung, good practice was put in by the younger members.

The Rev. J. Bryant conducted the Guild form of service, and after extending a welcome to the members, delivered an interesting address.

Immediately after tea in the C. of E. Schools, Mr. W. H. Curson presided over the business meeting, at which Mr. W. Darby, of Lullington, was elected a member. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Loughborough District of Leicester Diocesan Guild to a joint meeting at Castle Donington on July 12th, and the summer meeting of the Guild to be held at Hoar Cross on July 26th.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) was thanked for his account of the Central Council meeting at Exeter, and the meeting closed with Miss G. Inwood proposing and Miss J. Cochrane seconding a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting, despite the weather, so enjoyable.

### TICKNALL MEETING.

Despite many counter attractions, about 25 members representing 14 towers were present at the meeting at Ticknall. Mr. W. H. Curson presided and two new honorary members—Mr. T. Kirby, Overseal, and Mr. W. Noble, Ticknall—were elected. Thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Pope, and to the ladies who prepared cups of tea were voiced by Mr. J. H. Brittan, seconded by Miss Jill Cochrane.

Touches were brought round in the following methods: Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure Doubles.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY.

When the branch held its annual meeting at Shipton-under-Kirkwood they received words of congratulation from the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master) and Mr. W. Hibbert (Guild secretary). A grant of 3 gns. was made to the General Guild Funds. The officers were re-elected, and Chipping Norton selected for the next annual meeting.

### DEATH OF MR. E. G. HEATH

For over 50 years a ringer at S. Nicolas', Guildford, Mr. Edward George ('Charlie') Heath died on June 28th, aged 75. For many years he was tower secretary and about two years ago he was compelled to resign the post due to health reasons, being no longer able to climb the belfry stairs. His kindly nature endeared him to many.

The funeral was at S. Nicolas' Church on July 1st, and in the evening members of his old company and friends rang half-muffled touches as a token of respect. He leaves a wife and daughter.

## Beverley and District Society

### JOINT MEETING WITH SELBY SOCIETY.

Fifty members from 15 different towers attended this joint meeting at Market Weighton on June 14th and they received a cordial welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. Massingberd Mundy) and Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw.

A well-struck touch of Stedman preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar. During the singing of the psalm and immediately after the words, 'Praise Him on the loud cymbals, two members from each Society joined in ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells. Mr. Frank Wilkinson, 50 years a churchwarden and ringer, read the lesson.

The historic church was explained to the members by Mr. J. V. Harwood, author of 'Market Weighton, its early history and church,' who was heartily thanked.

A splendid tea was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair, supported by Mr. F. Dales (vice-president), Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master), Mr. H. S. Fox and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary) representing the Beverley District, and Messrs. H. Morley, T. Foster, F. Terry and E. Thorley representing Selby District. In his message of welcome the President expressed the hope that this combined meeting would become an annual event.

Attention was called to the annual meeting of the Beverley Society at Beverley on July 12th, and arrangements for the August and September meetings were left to the committee.

Acknowledging a vote of thanks moved by Mr. H. S. Fox and seconded by Mr. T. Foster, the Vicar said a move was on foot to have the bells recast and an addition of two more to complete the octave. This announcement was received with much satisfaction and the hope was expressed that this would soon be accomplished.

Other people thanked included Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, the local company and the ladies for the tea and the most efficient arrangements. There was keen competition for the ropes at the evening's ringing, and apart from the standard methods, Cambridge Surprise was rung.

### BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual shield contest was held at Royston on June 14th, when seven bands competed. The result of the draw and the ringing was as follows:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
1 Friezland ...	45	0	45
2 Liversedge ...	40	0	40
3 Silkstone ...	110	0	Rung out
4 Sandal ...	94	0	94
5 Darfield ...	199	20	219
6 Shelley ...	56	5	61
7 Cawthorne ...	107	4	Rung out

Silkstone rang Plain Bob and Shelley Violet Treble Bob; the others rang Oxford Treble Bob. The test piece was 600 changes, and Mr. H. Chant, Felkirk, and Mr. H. Roberts acted as judges. Liversedge were declared the winners and hold the shield for twelve months.

The weather was rather unkind, but, nevertheless, it was a good contest and a most enjoyable afternoon, nearly 100 being present.

### SURREY ASSOCIATION MEETING AT CHERTSEY.

More than 50 ringers attended the North-Western District meeting at Chertsey on June 21st to sample these fine old bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The fifth bell, cast in 1370, is the origin of the poem, 'Curfew must not ring to-night.' At the service the Rev. C. L. Holthouse gave the address and also extended a warm welcome to the ringers. Tea followed.

Mr. F. Collins (Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting, when Mr. F. Sangwin, Borden, Cornwall, and Miss Lawrence, Alverdon, Suffolk, were elected life members. Wimbledon was voted for the next meeting on September 27th.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The Council's Duty

## TO GIVE THE EXERCISE A CLEAR VISION.

Dear Sir,—I have just read Mr. Smallwood's letter, and I am afraid that my first impression was that good taste was entirely absent from the context, although the two words were frequently used in the phraseology.

Surely, when such a matter is brought up at a Council meeting, it would have been the correct procedure to get down to business and not side-track the issue, whatever the result might have been. This case could easily have been settled by diplomatic action in half an hour.

I do not know how many members agreed with Mr. Smallwood's remarks that 'they were bored by the laboured presentation of the case,' but it seems to me that when a person consents to serve on the Central Council it is his duty to concentrate to the best of his ability on the affairs of the Council and to give his unbiased decision when he is called upon to cast his vote.

The Council were not asked to decide whether the performance was a stunt or not; that is, of course, a purely personal affair. If, after careful consideration, the rules had been revised to state definitely that peals of the description under review would not be officially counted, I think everyone would have been satisfied.

After all, the primary object of the annual Council meeting is to make decisions, so that the Exercise may have a clear vision of modern requirements. If loopholes are discovered—and with rules that are not modernised this must be expected—it is the duty of the Central Council to provide the necessary legislation to meet the circumstances.

I sincerely hope that, in future, if the Council find a disagreeable subject on the agenda, they will really get down to tackling it, cast aside all personal bias, and give the Exercise the lead which it has the right to expect from its governing body.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. HOUSDEN.

Wanstead, E.11.

## 'GUILLOTINE'

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to discuss the drift of Mr. Smallwood's letter on the above in your last issue of 'The Ringing World,' but would like to point out I and other members of our Guild think the third paragraph of that letter, especially the last two lines, is very bad taste and a slur on one of our young and clever exponents of our art. To make a statement such as this on any one, I would say, 'First know your man.'

Having been closely associated with many of our expert committee-men on the Council for over fifty years, I hope I may be forgiven for any remarks I have made on behalf of one of our honoured colleagues.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.

## NOT FIRST CLASS PERFORMANCE.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Felstead appeals, 'We must be logical and fair to all.' May it not be asked in what way the Central Council has not been so? If Hammond, during the Australian tour, had scored 200 against a country 15, would that score count in the first class averages? The Basingstoke 'peal' appears to have been a 5,000 of Major rung with a covering bell. Surely this 'peal' is not Major nor does it conform to the accepted rules of the Exercise for 'first class' performances. What name would Mr. Felstead propose that his performance should have?

F. C. SMALE.

Okehampton.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ridgway 1, A. N. Wood 2, T. Roberts 3, G. Holland 4, W. Yates 5, F. Case 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

## Film Ringing

Dear Sir,—Readers of 'The Ringing World' are indebted to Mr. H. Goodenough for drawing attention to the excellent English film, 'Green Fingers.'

The sound of Whitby Abbey bells is introduced early in the picture. 'Have you seen the ringing? It's very interesting,' says the old fisherman, as he conducts his friend up the 199 steps of the Abbey.

Interesting it certainly proves to be. The old tenor-man (who incidentally appears to be ringing the treble all the time) is obviously the veriest tyro. He makes a brave show, but to keep his bell up and in place is quite beyond his powers. Standing well back, one foot thrust forward, he does manage to catch the tuffing, and even sets up at the end of the touch.

Did I notice a faintly perceptible appearance of surprise and relief at this success, and was there an accomplice perched high above to grab the rope and hold it taut as it ascended? The actor's fumbling attempt at tying up the rope lasts so long that the camera tires and the scene is cut.

This inexperience in such an experienced old ringer is happily and rather uncannily not reflected at all in the sound of the ringing, which is a pleasure to listen to throughout. The end of the touch is ragged, half the bells failing to set up, but in that there is no inconsistency.

We are told that this actor had less than an hour's tuition in the handling of a bell-rope; great praise should therefore be accorded him for his level playing of this part.

Although the ringing sequences are short and merely incidental to the plot, it does seem to me that a little more time might usefully have been given to making sure of the details. They were so nearly right.

However, to the layman these inaccuracies will not be evident, a fact doubtless well realised by the director of the film, who knows his job and does it well.

'Green Fingers' will not do our Exercise any harm. See it if it comes your way. It is beautifully photographed, has a good story and is very well acted. I enjoyed every minute of it.

J. E. B.

## POPULARISING RINGING

Dear Sir,—Our local Women's Institute approached me in an effort to obtain a handbell demonstration to be given at their garden fete. I was successful in getting Stedman H. Symonds, Ernest W. Pye, Edwin Jennings and Albert Catterwell.

The excellent entertainment provided has done much to further public interest in campanology locally, and I afterwards received several requests for a repeat performance. My four fellow ringers came free of charge, and I wish to extend my very sincere thanks to them.

If all petty differences can be discussed and then cremated, what a wonderful spirit of comradeship would exist in our world of ringing. I am acquainted with some Grade A ringers who are allowing their gift from God to rot away because of some minor dispute.

To these four gentlemen who live for bells and all they stand for again my thanks.—Fraternalty yours,

LESLIE MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

## A CROSSWORD CLUE

Dear Sir.—Those of your readers who did not notice it may be interested to know that the 'Times' crossword puzzle of June 24th contained the clue, 'A slip of the tongue would be heard by a multitude in his case.' The solution was 'Bellringer.'

This is, I think, an indication that the general public is not quite so indifferent to bad striking as many change ringers seem to think.—Yours faithfully,

Tiverton, Devon.

E. J. TAYLOR.

## Norfolk Imperial Bob Major

Dear Sir,—With reference to the method published as Norfolk Imperial Bob Major, surely the figures would be better if arranged as follows:—

12345678

21436587

24163857

42618375

24681357

24863175

42836715

24387651

23478561

32745816

23754186

23571468

32517486

23154768

21345678

12436587

14263857

14235678 B

12435678 S

i.e., without the 3rd and 4th lying still at the start and in the 14th and 15th row of the plain lead. In the method as published the 4th place bell at the bob has to be four blows at one place (best avoidable).

I might say I got the figures out as above some time ago, and while on the subject I also sent some figures of a method on the lengthening lead plan to 'The Ringing World' some 26 or 27 years ago, which were published as Netherton Complex Major under my name, and this method has since been rung as Coslany Court Bob Major.

I believe the first plain major method on the lengthening lead plan was published by the late Gabriel Lindoff and he called it Dublin Complex. As these methods are on a different plan to Court methods, etc., I think Complex is a more suitable definition of this class of method. By the way, these methods are more difficult to ring than Surprise (or are they?).—Yours,

ALFRED DAVIES.

Netherton, Worcestershire.

## JAMES HEMMING MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—A scheme is in hand to install a complete new peal of eight at St. Andrews, Hampton, Worcestershire, the church with which the late Mr. James Hemming was associated and where he worshipped all his life. With his death, a suggestion has been made that one of the new bells should be provided by his friends in memory of his years of unselfish work for the community, and a happy note is struck here in the fact that the suggestion first came from a non-ringer. The committee responsible has given immediate approval, and I have been asked to give publicity to it through 'The Ringing World.' This is in no sense a widespread appeal, but there are many ringers up and down the country who knew him intimately and who received kindness and courtesy from him. Should any of these wish to associate themselves with the provision of this memorial bell, donations should be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Bell Fund, Mr. F. Emstone, 80, Pershore Road, Hampton, Evesham, Worcestershire, marking them 'J. Hemming Memorial.'—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON, Gen. Sec.,

Worcestershire Association.

Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

## A TENOR'S YEAR'S WORK

Dear Sir.—It may be of interest to readers, particularly those who have visited our tower, to know that the meter operated by our tenor, and so recording the number of changes rung on the bells, has at the end of the first year reached a total of 80,885.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN ALSOP.

Ebbw Vale, Mon.



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### BIRTHS

REED.—On June 18th, 1947, at 32, Scotter Road, Bishopstoke, Hants, to Alice (née Scott), wife of Reginald A. Reed, a sister for Katharine (Diana Jane). 1631

PEARSON.—On July 3rd, 1947, at Hillbury Nursing Home, Trowbridge, Wilts, to Aileen (née Laurence), wife of Norman Pearson, Vicarage Cottage, Warminster, a sister for Eve (Katharine). 1667

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The permanent address of Mr. James George is now Heather View, Rossmore Road, Parkstone, Dorsetshire. 1590

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—200th Anniversary celebrations, Sat., July 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Lambeth (8), 10.30 to 12 noon; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1 to 3.30; St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 3.30 to 4.45; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), 3.45 to 4.45; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3.45 to 4.45. Special service St. Martin's-in-the-

Fields, 5.15. Dinner at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6.30.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1596

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. No ticket, no lunch. Ringing before service, and as June 27th.—W. Hibbert. 1649

ESSEX ASSN. — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Colchester (St. Leonard's), Sat., July 12th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Wood View, Thorington. 1586

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe (8), July 12th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lake, 4, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 1622

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District). — Quarterly meeting Bentworth (5), July 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnysbrooke, Brooke Lane, Warsash, Hants. 1642

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. — South and West District.—Next meeting St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, July 12th. Service and tea after. Names to Mr. W. M. Bedford, 52, Greenway, Uxbridge.—J. E. Lewis Cockey (Perivale 5320). 1625

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Birling (8) July 12th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1589

SALISBURY GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Martin, Sat., July 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food. Damerham bells also available.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 1612

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Burghclere, July 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names to Rev. C. Legard, Burghclere Rectory.—F. S. H. Marle. 1655

COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., July 12th, 3. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney. Meeting on Aug. 9th at the Campanile, Chichester, to commemorate the mastership in 1747 of John Hardham, tobaccoist, of Fleet Street, and a native of Chichester. Names by July 21st, please, to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 1672

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Dedication of new ring of 6 (war memorial) at Martinstown, near Dorchester, Sun., July 13th, 3.30. Ringing for dedication and evensong only. Meeting following Sat., July 19th; particulars later.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1623

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting Street, Sat., July 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Notify tea Tuesday, 15th.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 1629

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—General meeting Kibworth (8), not Market Harborough, July 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting King Richard 5. Names by July 15th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 1637

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Goole on Sat., July 19th. Bells (8) available from 2. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Schools (1s. 9d. each) to those who notify Mr. C. Hill, 120, Westhill Street, Goole, by July 17th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1644

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting Catherington, Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea before July 12th.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 1630

PETERBOROUGH DIO. GUILD.—Kettering District. — Quarterly meeting Rothwell (8), Sat., July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tues., July 15th.—G. Watson, 31, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 1616

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Martinstown, Sat., July 19th. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please bring own food. Buses from Weymouth via Dorchester, 2, 3.30, 5.40, returning 5.45, 8.55.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 1653

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice, Washington (6), July 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 16th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1654

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Stratford-on-Avon, July 19th. Bells available 3. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30, followed by business in belfry. Names for tea to C. R. Steed, 10, Avon Crescent, Stratford-on-Avon, by 17th.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 1656



**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Bridgwater Deanery. — Quarterly meeting Enmore (6), July 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1664

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Great Budworth, Sat., July 19th. Cups of tea provided.—D. C. Osborn, Hon. Sec. 1666

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—Meeting arranged for Gateshead, Sat., July 19th, cancelled.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec. 1662

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting Tichmarsh, July 19th; from 2.30. Tea if you send by July 15th to G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 1669

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford and Blunham on Sat., July 19th. Bells at 3. Tea at Great Barford at 5. Blunham after tea.—C. J. Ball, Sandy. 1671

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Joint meeting with Yorkshire Association (Eastern District), Goole, July 19th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 9d. Notify C. Hill, 120, Weatherill Street, Goole, by July 17th. 1673

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern Branch.—Chaddesley Corbett, Sat., July 19th, 3-p.m. Tea 5.30.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1674

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting Staplehurst (8), July 19th, 3. Names for tea to me by July 16th.—R. Tappenden, Sec., Gun Green, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1675

**BATH AND WELLS DIO. ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting Chew Magna, July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1677

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—Next meeting Flixton, Sat., July 19th, 3.30. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1678

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—Meeting Huntsham, July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Conveyance from Tiverton, Town Hall, 2.30. Names, please.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 1689

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Quarterly meeting Bakewell, July 19th. Bells 3. Committee 3.45. For tea, please notify Wm. Alexander, Stanton View, Bakewell, by the 16th.—W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec. 1684

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxtan (8), Sat., July 19th. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin. 1688

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Annes, Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1685

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Wotton Branch.—Stinchcombe (6), July 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Names by July 15th for tea to John W. Adshead, Hon. Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos. 1683

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting Crondall (6), Sat., July 19th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot, by July 17th.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 1682

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting Frampton-on-Seven, July 19th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15; bring own food. Notify by 10th.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Gloucester. 1680

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury Branch.—Meeting Long Melford (8), Sat., July 19th, 3. Business in belfry 5. Own arrangements for tea; cafes locally. Bus from Sudbury every 15 minutes.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 1679

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Special meeting, July 26th, at Cheltenham Parish Church, for presentation to W. Yeend, by Rev. Hope, at 8 p.m. Bells available 6.30. Quarterpeal attempt 5.—C. Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Gloucester. 1661

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Lewisham District.—Meeting Shoreham, Sat., July 26th, 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea (2s.) by Tuesday, July 22nd, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 1659

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Hersham (8), Sat., July 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, by July 23rd.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 1660

**OXFORD GUILD.**—S. Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting.—Letchworth, Oxon (6), Sat., July 26th, at 2.45. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by July 22nd to H. Badger, Dis. Sec., 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 1657

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Margate, Sat., July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, by Sat., July 19th.—B. J. Lack, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1658

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting Surfleet, July 26th. Bells 2.30 (Plain Bob and Stedman). Names to Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, by July 19th. 1670

**LADIES' GUILD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Joint meeting Monhen Hadley, Sat., July 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea. Names essential for tea by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. E. E. Davis and T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs., 57, Hollways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1676

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting Helmsley (8), Sat., July 26th. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Ricketts, Church Street, Helmsley, Yorks, by Thurs., July 24th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1690

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Cary Branch.—Meeting Horsington (6), July 26th. Service 4.30. Number for tea by 21st.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat. 1687

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Andover bells rededicated, July 30th. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Institute 5.15. Names to E. P. Woolgrove, 9, Mead Hedges, Andover, by 26th. 1686

**UNIVERSITIES ASSN.**—Owing to difficulties of accommodation there will be no ringing week this year.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 1668

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WIRRAL BRANCH.

A record gathering of 83 ringers and friends was present at St. Nicholas', Burton, on June 21st. (The previous best was 76 at Capenhurst in 1923.) Fourteen of Wirral Branch's 18 towers were represented, together with friends from the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association.

Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Tyndale), who also gave the address. A picnic tea was afterwards enjoyed at the Village Institute.

Mr. J. Cooke presided at the business meeting and requested the company to stand as a silent tribute to the late Mr. W. Wilcox, a life member of the Guild, who died a fortnight previously. He had been Ringing Master of the branch, but had retired from active ringing in 1931.

Next meeting will be held at Oxtan on July 19th.



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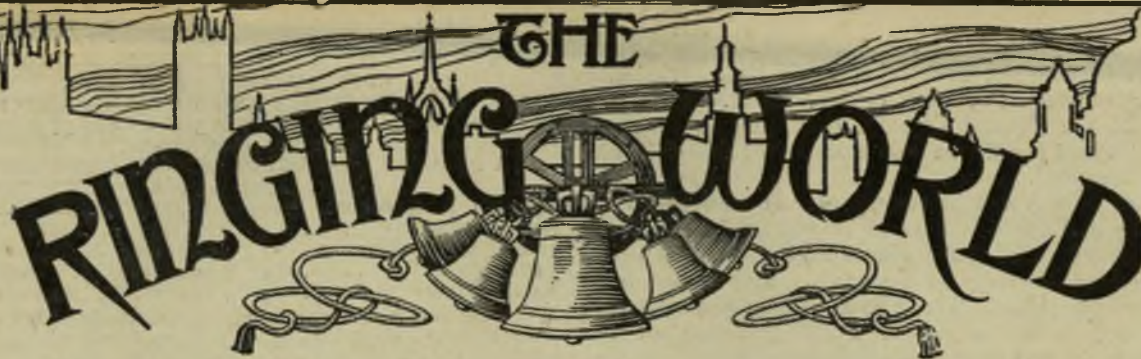
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### TRADITION

This week the thought uppermost in the Exercise is the bi-centenary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. There was a memorable gathering in London on Saturday to pay tribute to the contribution the Cumberlands have made towards the advancement of our art. What was indeed striking was the number of young people present, recruits of this ancient society, who are endeavouring to capture some of the tradition associated with the Cumberlands. Tradition is not a thing to be ignored; it is a priceless asset inasmuch as it invariably sets a standard.

Associated with the formation of the Cumberlands is a wealth of legend of the connection of the ringers of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, with the victor of Culloden. Mr. J. Armiger Trollope describes in 'College Youths' as a pretty little tale the story of how, as the Duke passed by St. Leonard's Church on his return, he was welcomed by a merry peal, which so pleased him that he sent and congratulated the ringers and presented them with the medal which is still worn by the Master. To show their gratitude the ringers altered their name to that of the Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Trollope adds that the society was not founded until September 6th, 1747, and, according to contemporary newspapers, when the Duke returned he did not come by the old North Road nor through the City, but went straight to Kensington to report to the King.

There is no question that the Duke was a popular figure in London, and nowhere more so than among the Spitalfield weavers. Mr. Trollope, however, expresses grave doubts whether the Duke had any interest in bells or ringing, as is shown by his attitude at Carlisle in 1745, when his army attempted to confiscate the bells of the cathedral as 'a perquisite to the train of artillery.' Be that as it may, the word Cumberlands is an honoured one among ringers and the society has attracted into its ranks men who have been outstanding personalities.

The days of animosity between the College Youths and the Cumberlands are now gone. Both societies have capable and experienced leaders and draw their membership from the territorial associations. There is a school of thought which argues that the territorial associations should be all-sufficing, but the pull of tradition is strong, and these societies—the College Youths and the Cumberlands—who are the Alma Mater of much of the performance ringing, have a rightful and legitimate place among ringing associations. In a sense they are the Oxford and



Cambridge of ringing, each rejoicing in its individuality and exclusiveness. The view of Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, that it is an excellent thing that there should be this exclusive rivalry, is one generally accepted.

Tradition is of value in two ways. It weaves an air of romance and there is a sense of elation in being the direct descendants of those giants of our art and being responsible for carrying on the torch. The second is in the matter of example. Those feats of past years have to be emulated, if not surpassed, if the tradition of the society is to be worthily upheld. In the matter of performance the Cumberlands and College Youths have to look to their laurels in face of the challenge from Birmingham, Leicester and Lincolnshire. Of late years the Cumberlands have given particular heed to the matter of recruiting in attracting to their ranks young ringers of promise; it is the only way they will be able to maintain that rivalry with the Ancient Society of College Youths.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., July 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CYRIL WARD ... .. Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	ARTHUR T. LOWMAN ... 8
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 3	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 9
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 4	JOHN WALDEN ... 10
JOHN FREEMAN ... 5	HERBERT LOWMAN ... 11
JACK F. HODSON ... 6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.  
\* First peal on twelve bells. Rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Lincoln on the occasion of the Royal Show.

## TEN BELL PEALS

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Mon., June 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	*BARNABAS G. KEY ... 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	†DAVID HINGLEY ... 7
TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 8
HOWARD HOWELL ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	JOHN LUCK ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. W. HUGHES.  
\* 150th peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. H. C. Perks, organist at the church for over 50 years.

MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE TOWN HALL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

ALEC CAIRNS ... .. Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 6
FRANK REYNOLDS ... 2	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 3	ALBERT FORD ... 8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... 9
WILLIAM PYE ... 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON No. 13 C.C.C. Conducted by A. FORD.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ... Treble	FRANK SADLER ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	*HARRY A. PLUMB ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 8
JOHN HALL ... 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 9
RALPH HARRIS ... 5	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of and gratitude for the life and work of James Hemming.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., June 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

LEONARD TUFFREY ... Treble	ALAN F. THIRST ... 5
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.  
\* 100th peal. Rung for the 106th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral.

EWHRURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERIC T. LEE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 3	NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 7
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Treble	*ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 2	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 6.
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 3	*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
JOHN G. CARTLEDGE ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*RAYMOND P. WOOD ... Treble	†HAROLD F. WOOD ... 5
CECIL H. WOOD ... 2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* 50th peal. † First peal of Surprise.

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## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
ALFRED G. HILL ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

The conductor's 150th peal on the bells.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. MEERS ... Treble	ALLAN SHORT ... 5
MADELINE M. LYON ... 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	FRED PRICE ... 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	FRANK MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

## SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

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

Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. R. Stevens to the living of Kirklington. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

## NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCs.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*THOMAS ROGERS ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of London.

## SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

*GEORGE BEACH ... Treble	FRANK BRAITHWAITE ... 5
FRANCIS W. DALE ... 2	THOMAS SOUTHWICK ... 6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3	*BERT SUTTON ... 7
HAROLD ROBSON ... 4	*HERBERT SUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal. + First peal in the method. A compliment to the Vicar, Canon G. F. Townley, on his preferment to the Archdeaconry of York.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*RICHARD RIPPINGALE ... Treble	ERNEST W. PYE ... 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 3	ROBERT YOUNG ... 7
*RALPH BIRD ... 4	CHARLES H. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

\* First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Smith.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

HERBERT G. ANDREWS Treble	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5
*JOHN DAVY ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First touch of Major in the method.

## HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
DEREK R. JUDD ... 2	TONY PRICE ... 6
KENNETH L. BROWN ... 3	GEORGE W. MORRIS ... 7
JACK KING ... 4	FREDK. A. FINCH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.

A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. H. W. Reindorp, who is leaving the parish.

## THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY ... Treble	CHARLES THORLEY ... 5
*JAMES THORLEY ... 2	*LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... 6
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3	*ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 7
*THOMAS D. LEASK ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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

## THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR GIBBS ... Treble	HARRY RICHARDSON ... 5
ARTHUR BELLAMY ... 2	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
H. JAMES TURNER ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

## BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;**

Composition C.C. Collection 39a.

Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

CECIL R. LONGHURST ... Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 6
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal of Little Oxford Bob Major.

CARDIFF.—On June 24th, at St. John's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. W. Heath 1, J. Worral 2, F. Hannington 3, L. Hulbert 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, W. Dare 7, A. Rowley 8, W. Coombes (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Betts 1, W. Seldon 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, F. E. Retter 4, J. Arbury 5, A. J. C. Holway (first inside) 6, G. E. Retter (conductor) 7, J. Salway 8.



ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 30, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*† MARGARET D. PILCHER <i>Treble</i>	* HAROLD A. NOBES ... 5
* ERNEST A. JUKD ... 2	* PHILIP H. SPECK ... 6
* AUBREY D. MILLS ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
* STANLEY E. COOK ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung for the induction of Canon Windsor Roberts.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., July 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WALTER ALLWOOD <i>Treble</i>	TOM BROTHWELL ... 5
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.  
First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob by all the band and for the Association. Rung as a tribute to the many men of Sheffield who gave their lives in the Battle of the Somme on July 1st, 1916.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. E. S. POWELL <i>Treble</i>	* MISS MAUD CLARKE ... 5
MRS. POWELL ... 2	WALTER H. POOLE ... 6
* MISS FRED A. POOLE ... 3	HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 7
* TREVOR E. MARKS ... 4	WILLIAM E. TURNER <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

\* First peal of Major.

LINCOLN.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK F. HODSON <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 5
NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	CYRIL WARD ... 7
HAROLD MARCON ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
First peal in the method for all the band and for the Guild. Rung on the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester to the Royal Show at Lincoln.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.	
WILLIAM WELLING <i>Treble</i>	A. JAMES GLASS ... 5
TONY PRICE ... 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 4	NORMAN V. HARDING <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth receiving the Freedom of Windsor.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

* HARRY W. HOWARD <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3	† GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 7
† ERIC J. GILBERT ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Bristol.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5824 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 6
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.  
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Carter's Odd Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

100th peal as conductor. G. V. Murphy's 200th for the Association.  
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WALTER SOUTHGATE <i>Treble</i>	RONALD G. BUGG ... 5
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 6
ERNEST H. SCARFE ... 3	GEORGE A. WATERMAN ... 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.  
The first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN <i>Treble</i>	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5
ERIC A. DENCH ... 2	H. WALTER SMITH ... 6
ALBERT WIFFIN ... 3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... 7
RONALD SUCKLING ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted PHILIP A. CORBY.

A 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ERIC T. LEE <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

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WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.  
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(Preston Branch.)

On Sun., July 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRADLEY <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD RAMSBOTHAM ...	5
*MISS RUTH BRADLEY ...	JAMES BLACKBURN ...	6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ...	JOHN CHARNOCK ...	7
THOMAS BARKER ...	ARTHUR HATCH ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN CHARNOCK.

\* First peal. A farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. Maurice H. Garner, who is leaving on preferment to Weymouth.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. MAY ...	5
FRANK BLONDELL ...	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ...	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	7
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ...	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

## DODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

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

Consisting of 10 six-scores Old Doubles (3 callings), 10 six-scores Plain Bob (4 callings), 10 six-scores April Day (3 callings), 1 Morris' Arrangement 240 Grandsire, 10 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

VICTOR A. PERRY... <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	4
JAMES H. WEBB ...	ERIC NOBLES ...	5
*ERNEST G. ORLAND ...	STANLEY M. RUDDLESSEN <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal of Doubles on working bell. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the re-dedication of the bells on June 24th, 1847.

## DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed. June 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL VALENTINE ...	4
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ...	GEORGE H. RANGLES ...	5
*WALTER ALLMAN ...	HARRY W. HOWARD ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* 50th peal. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except conductor. First peal of Cambridge Minor on the bells.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES <i>Treble</i>	C. HENRY HARDING ...	4
RONALD J. SHARP ...	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	5
CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ...	BRIAN SIMMS ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

## CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being eighteen 120's of Grandsire, four 240's each of Pitman's and Morris' and eight of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD WRIGHT ... <i>Treble</i>	†JOHN WHITING ...	4
LESLIE BARRY ...	†IVOR WHITING ...	5
*WILLIAM SIDWELL ...	PATRICK ALLEN ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.'

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS. — On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Lewis 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, E. Marshall 3, C. Ward (conductor) 4, W. Vince 5, G. Herbert 6, W. Langley 7, F. Smerdon (first quarter) 8.

## CASSINGTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

BETTY SPICE ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ...	4
JAMES HIGGINS ...	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	EDWIN G. MOORE ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

## HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES F. HATCHLEY <i>Treble</i>	DAVID TARGETT ...	4
FRANK J. HAZZARD ...	EDWARD CHIVERS ...	5
RONALD G. BECK ...	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE,

The ringer of the 2nd is totally blind.

## PRIORS MARSTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

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

Consisting of 42 extents (10 callings).

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES H. WEBB ... <i>Treble</i>	VICTOR A. PERRY ...	4
*STANLEY M. RUDDLESSEN ...	*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	5
†FREDK. W. HUTT ...	†WILLIAM T. STEEL ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.

## WEST DERRY, LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being one extent of Oxford Single and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... <i>Treble</i>	THOS. W. HAMMOND ...	4
HARRY HANCOCK ...	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ...	5
FRED WOODWARD ...	WM. RAWSTHORNE ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOS. S. HORRIDGE.

Rung for the centenary of the above church.

## WENDRON, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDRON,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb.

*A. JAMES VINCENT <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. SANDERS ...	4
*MISS MARION L. LIDGEY ...	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	5
*MISS JOAN E. WITHEY ...	*DOUGLAS J. WHEAR ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by the REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal.

## WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, APOSTLE AND MARTYR,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ... <i>Treble</i>	MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	4
*FREDK. R. HARRIS ...	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	5
E. PETER ROCK ...	LESLIE EVANS ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Leslie Evans has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

## PAULTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor.

*GEORGE CLARE ... <i>Treble</i>	†FREDK. SAVAGE ...	4
†ALEC MUNDY ...	†EDWARD CHIVERS ...	5
RONALD G. BECK ...	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.



## DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*MISS NANCY M. EVANS <i>Treble</i> ...	MISS D. C. OSBORN ...	4
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 2	*DAVID SMITH ...	5
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 3	*A. GORDON LAWRENCE <i>Tenor</i> ...	

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the Rev. J. M. Lloyd, Rector.

## STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Norwich, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRIAN SIMS ... .. <i>Treble</i> ...	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	*CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ...	6

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First Surprise peal.

## STANDLAKE, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

GORDON COSTAR ... .. <i>Treble</i> ...	THOMAS W. BOND ...	4
*MISS LOTTIE PIMM ... 2	HENRY C. FARMER ...	5
BERTRAM D. COSTAR ... 3	BERTIE R. JOHNSON ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by HENRY C. FARMER.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor. A welcome to the Rev. B. J. Wigan, M.A., after his induction to the living the previous day.

## CHISELDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Marlborough Branch.)

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM E. FARMER ... .. <i>Treble</i> ...	WILLIAM E. COURT ...	4
B. H. THOMPSON ... 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	5
*SEWARD C. ARCHER ... 3	*CYRIL C. WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation to six, and by local band.

## TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being two 720's of Capel, two of Sandal, and one each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS MAVIS BOTHAM ... <i>Treble</i> ...	†ERIC SIMPSON ...	4
MISS YVONNE BOTHAM ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER ...	5
STANLEY ARDERN ... 3	ARTHUR HIBBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' In honour of the coming of age of Miss Yvonne Botham and Miss Frances M. Laffin.

## HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. RIMMER ... .. <i>Treble</i> ...	W. CORE ...	4
MISS M. RIDYARD ... .. 2	R. CRITCHLEY ...	5
J. RIDYARD ... .. 3	A. MAWDSLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

Rung to celebrate the christening of the Rector's granddaughter.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On June 25th at All Souls' Church, 1,260 Grand-ire Triples: R. Parkinson 1, E. Webster 2, J. Kay 3, J. W. Kay 4, E. Ford 5, A. Critchley 6, C. Brownlow (conductor) 7, J. McGreavy 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8. Rung for the wedding of A. Johnson, a local ringier.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## OXFORD

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor-size 15 in C.

*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 1-2	BETTY SEICE ...	5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	7-8

\*†FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 9-10

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

\* First peal on ten handbells. † First peal of Royal.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Bob, two of Court Bob and three of Plain Bob.

TREVOR REYNOLDS ... .. 1-2	ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	3-4
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... ..		5-6

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

First peal in three Minor methods 'in hand' by all and for the Society.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., June 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

In ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ...	7-8

GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9-10

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Referee: Albert Walker.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

In THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS', CHILVERS COTON,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

LEONARD TREVOR ... .. 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5-6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3-4	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Mon., June 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 105 methods:—

- (1) Beeston, Melandra, Leesowe, Pevelin, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford, Berwyn and Mendip Treble Bob.
- (2) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham, Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
- (3) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
- (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (6) Capel, Sandat, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight.
- (7) Windermere, Fredsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Waver-tree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	3-4
JACK BRAY ... ..		5-6

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

Witness: Albert Lambkin.

215 changes of method. 50 bobs and 36 singles. The extent of regular and symmetrical methods that can be rung in seven true extents, as known at present. Extents 1, 3, 4, 5 are by A. G. Driver, and 2, 6 and 7 by C. K. Lewis.



## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,*

At 26, IRON MILL LANE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK ...	1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	5-6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ...	3-4	EDWIN BARNETT ...	7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.  
\* First peal on handbells.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

At ST. PETER'S HALL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 17 in A.

BRUCE B. ROGERS ...	1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ...	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ...	3-4	*FRANCIS S. WILSON ...	7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* 50th handbell peal.

## HOVE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., June 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,*

At 18, SECOND AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. R. G. CROSS ...	1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ...	5-6
FRANK H. HICKS ...	3-4	*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

\* First Major handbell peal away from trebles.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., July 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor size 17 in A.

CHARLES MARSHALL ...	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ...	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ...	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Specially rung to mark the 80th birthday of Josiah Morris.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*TOM W. SHEPPARD ...	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ...	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., July 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

At 5, MONKSWOOD AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

ERIC A. DENCH ...	1-2	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ...	5-6
BETTY SPICE ...	3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7-8

Composed by J. Cox. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., July 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,*

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

*PETER J. STANFORTH ...	1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	5-6
JILL POOLE ...	3-4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First Surprise peal on handbells.

BRISTOL.—On June 28th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss A. Brown 1, A. L. Gale 2, L. C. O. Warren 3, E. J. Brown (conductor) 4, T. Harris 5, W. Parker 6, J. Carman 7, R. C. Seager 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' on June 28th, for the induction of the Rev. P. D. B. Miller, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Kearvell (first quarter on tower bells) 1, A. Diserens (conductor) 2, R. G. Burton (first quarter) 3, A. Wiggins 4, A. Bailey 5, L. Osborne 6, H. Osborne 7, V. Cherrill (first quarter) 8.

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Behind the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Chiseldon, Wiltshire, the first on the bells since augmentation to six, is a story of fine achievement. Since 1914 Mr. Seward C. Archer has taught numerous people to ring, and now at the age of 69 he has rung his first peal.

The immortal trio—Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray and George E. Fein—have reached their objective of 105 methods in hand. Congratulations will be sent from all over the country to Cleatham, Lincs. The Ladies' Guild passed a special resolution of congratulation to Mrs. Bray at Manchester.

The peal record at St. John's, Erith, for 1947 reads: 12 attempts, 11 peals, 10 methods (Superlative, Eardley, Yorkshire, Belgrave, Belvedere, Pudsey, London, Cambridge, Ipswich, Bristol 2), 7 conductors.

An attempt to ring the first peal of Major on the steel bells at St. Clement's, Hastings, came to grief on July 5th after 2 hours and 50 minutes through the tenor rope fraying out on the wheel. Mr. A. Pat Cannon reports that the bells did not go too well.

The composition of Mr. Ernest Morris of Stedman Cinques rung at Lincoln Cathedral on July 2nd has the bells in the Tittums and handstroke Home positions at alternate course-ends throughout the peal.

In honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. Josiah Morris, a peal 'in hand' was rung in St. Margaret's belfry on July 1st. Mr. Morris, who was born at Weymouth, is at present spending a holiday with his younger son George. He rang his first peal at Loughborough Parish Church over 50 years ago and took part in the record peal of Double Norwich Major at South Wigston in 1904, of which he and Thomas H. Taffender are the only survivors. Since his 75th birthday he has rung close on 80 peals.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, were opened by a band of

ringers from Sydney. Ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, who had rung peals in England and Australia, were very disappointed in not being invited to attend.

Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, informs us that no closing date for subscriptions to the Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund has been fixed. The date mentioned in Belfry Gossip last week apparently refers to the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

Another veteran recorded this week is Mr. J. Holme, who on his 83rd birthday (June 13th) rang at St. John's, Silverdale, Lancs, a date touch, being 960 Kent Treble Bob, 960 Oxford Treble Bob, 27 Plain Bob. The ringers were A. F. Housley 1, T. Dobson 2, J. Holme 3, D. Holden 4, G. Lockwood 5, W. Bolton (conductor) 6. Mr. Holme has now completed 66 years in the belfry and is a regular attendant.

When the Rev. Malcolm Melville took a copy of 'The Ringing World' into the office of 'The Times of Malta' to show that their photograph of Lija bells being dedicated had been duly acknowledged, the news editor said: 'Oh yes, "The Ringing World." I've seen that paper several times. It gets about the world a bit.' Apparently he is a friend of Robert Robinson, a ringer from Portsmouth, who is now master of a tug at Malta.

The East Norfolk Branch meeting at Norton Subcourse has been postponed until August 9th and is not on July 26th as stated in our issue of July 4th.

Early accounts of the Oxford Guild Festival last Saturday indicate that the attendance surpassed all previous gatherings. One enthusiast informed us that he rang in every tower that was open, but he would not have achieved it without a first class hustle. His rival was the man from Wrington, Somerset, who rang one less. Tower snatching with a vengeance!

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# CUMBERLANDS CELEBRATE THEIR BI-CENTENARY

MEMORABLE GATHERING ..... OLD LEGENDS RECALLED ..... CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT AND  
MORE VARIETY IN HIGHER NUMBER PEALS ..... CONCERN OVER ST. MARTIN'S STEEPLE

THE high regard with which the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is held within the Exercise was manifested on Saturday, when the 200th anniversary dinner was held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Tributes were paid to the great contribution the Cumberlands had made to the advancement of ringing by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, and by other speakers.

It was a memorable day for Mr. G. H. Cross, the veteran Master, and his officers. During the day the bells of St. Mary's, Lambeth, Southwark Cathedral, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster, were available. The sudden death of the Rev. Eric Loveday, Vicar of St. Martin's, prevented these historic bells, which for years have been associated with the Cumberlands, being used.

Evensong at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was attended by the company, and the Rev. Kennedy Bell, who officiated at the service, extended a welcome to the 80 members of the Society present. Handbells were rung during the service in the vestry.

## THE COMPANY.

The arrangements for the dinner left nothing to be desired. The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided, and supporting him on the top table were Mrs. Cross, the Rev. H. Cecil (St. Leonard's, Shoreditch), the Rev. A. Taylor (St. Bride's) and Dr. A. B. Perry (St. Martin's-in-the-Fields), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (secretary of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Cecil (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. T. W. White (Editor of 'The Ringing World').

The company included two past masters, Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. J. Parker, Mr. G. W. Steere (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. T. G. Bevan (senior steward) and Mrs. Bevan, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (junior steward) and Mrs. Hawthorne, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild).

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. C. Snowden, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Harrington, Mesdames J. R. Hawkins, J. D. Matthews, F. Smith, C. J. Matthews, E. E. Davis, the Misses H. Snowden, A. E. Arkell, J. Britten, M. Lidbetter, D. Lidbetter, J. Mattinson, D. Townsend, B. Frost, A. Holden, S. E. Harris, P. Holmes, Radley and D. Colgate.

Dr. E. L. Taylor, Dr. Stedman Poole, Messrs. F. C. W. Knight, P. Bond, N. Harding, E. Barnett, P. Page, F. J. Russell, H. W. Russell, A. A. Hughes, A. V. Good, W. C. Hughes, E. Upton, G. Goodship, E. A. Young, W. T. Cook, J. S. Hawkins, G. Radley, W. J. Robinson, A. Pearmain, T. Fox, J. F. Smallwood, E. W. Furbank, G. A. Sparks, E. Dodds, G. Dodds, D. Charnley, A. G. Williams, A. Ball, E. J. Beer, S. Sandford, H. R. French, B. Lufkin, C. Vessey, G. Carter, P. Gray, W. R. Winterton, T. H. Francis, W. Bottrill, J. Bennett, D. Cooper, F. W. Garner and J. A. Geerts.

After the loyal toast the Chairman announced the passing of the Rev. Eric Loveday, suddenly in Australia. The company stood as a silent tribute to his memory.

The secretary read apologies and these included messages from Mr. George Williams, now over 91, who joined the Society in 1885, Mr. E. Keable, who was in hospital at Colchester, Arthur Hughes, Major Satow (in Austria), Canon Fitz-George and Mr. George Gilbert, who had fallen downstairs and hurt himself rather severely. A telegram was also



MR. G. H. CROSS,  
Master of the Society of Royal  
Cumberland Youths.

received from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who were holding their annual festival that day, reading 'Congratulations and happy day to all, from Hibbert.'

## RINGING: SERVICE NOT WORSHIP.

Mr. W. Ayre, proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said if it had not been for the Church as represented by the clergy, where would their art be? The Church had provided them with their instruments and, generally speaking, the clergy had been very patient and long suffering towards them. The old idea was that the tower was separate from the Church and that when the ringers had finished their work they departed from the church and were not seen again until next Sunday or a practice. That was because of the lack of co-operation between the clergy and the ringers. Now there was more appreciation of each other and they were not looked upon as drunkards as they used to be. There was still room for them to do their part because ringing was service for the Church and not worship.

This Society in London was particularly indebted to three towers—St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Bride's and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. He coupled with the toast the Rev. H. Cecil, Vicar of St. Leonard's, and the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's.

The Rev. H. Cecil prefaced his reply with a word of congratulation to the Society on reaching his 200th year. 'We all hope that your work will continue and that in 200 years' time the bells of Shoreditch will be rung by the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths.'

The Church in these days, he said, did not appear to be in too much favour with the ordinary people. It made it pleasant to find a strong band of men and women who had not only a good word for the Church, but had continued to ring for years. There was a time when the arts and sciences looked to the Church as their mother. With the growth of civic consciousness these had gradually departed from the Church to the State or local authority and the art of bellringing was one of the few that were left.

## THE DUKE AND SHOREDITCH.

'I myself like to believe that the tradition that we hear between your art and my church has a certain amount of truth. I was only reading the other day that it is recorded that when the Duke of Cumberland returned to London after Culloden it was the bells of Shoreditch that rang out in celebration of that great event and that the ringing band named themselves after him and he presented a medal to the Society in 1747. There is another in connection with the oil painting of the Duke which is in St. Martin's. It is said that it was originally in St. Leonard's and a band of ringers came along and purloined it and took it to St. Martin's. As St. Martin was kind enough to share his cloak with the beggar we might stand a chance of getting our picture back (laughter).'

'There is another fact. In the year 1807 your Society added two bells to our ring. I believe it was rather a ghastly business. When all the money had been paid for the bells the treasurer bolted and the money had to be collected again. The bells of St. Leonard's have been silent since 1939. We hope that when the architect says you can ring you will come back to Shoreditch again. The work of repairing the church has begun. We have a new roof, but it will be a year or two before we are completed. I think we all look forward to a resurrection following the crucifixion through which we have passed, and when we call our people back to worship the Royal Cumberland Youths will be there and by the ringing of the bells send a hearty invitation to our people again.'

The Rev. A. Taylor said there was no couplet associated with the bells of St. Bride's as there was with the bells of St. Clement's and of Shoreditch. He thought it might be 'Step inside, said the bells of St. Bride's,' which might apply to all bellringers. He had seen the big bell at the Kremlin and stood under the big bell at Tokyo and listened to the bells at Burma. It was something to be thankful for that there was this association between the bells of the Church and the people. The bells were the inarticulate expression of the voice of the community.

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who said he was in the middle of a holiday in the West Highlands of Scotland and the following night he was going back there to his second home. He was afraid he would not receive a very warm welcome if he told them he had been to a function that in a way was of honour to the Duke of Cumberland. When in Scotland he belonged to the Episcopalian Church, which suffered great monetary loss by the troubles of 1745. Some good, however, did come out of the evil of those times, and General Wade provided a series of good military roads.

He was not going to be so foolish, as a College Youth, to say anything about the history of the Royal Cumberland Youths, for they knew far more about their Society than he did. There were two points which rather interested him. At one time, at the beginning of the 19th century, their Society was not content to stick to the plain methods on the higher number of bells; in fact an examination of their peal book looked as if their Society tried to find a new method each time. He wished to-day that ringers would do something of that sort. When an eight-bell tower got the addition of two bells they started on Grandsire or Stedman Caters and rang nothing else. There were hundreds of methods which could be rung with very little effort by



a good band and were also good musically. He hoped the Cumberlands would encourage their members to vary their methods.

#### KEEN RIVALRY.

Another thing he noticed in his slight incursion into their history was the keen rivalry between their Society and his. He did not know whether they would permit him to quote a song written for the Cumberlands in 1802:—  
The College Youths do boast of what peals they have rung,  
Saying by the Cumberlands such never could be done;  
Their band the select eleven thousand and eighty rang complete,  
But the Cumberlands rang twelve thousand and completely they did beat.

Next Treble Bob Maximus they at Overy's did ring,  
And with twelve men only to beat their complete thing,  
For with twelve men only they rang and brought them round,  
Saying never with the Cumberlands will such a twelve be found.

Seven thousand one hundred and four we then did ring,  
And with twelve men only to beat their complete thing,  
On March the twenty-second eighteen hundred and two,  
In five hours and thirty minutes rang the peal right through.

That showed the state of rivalry between the two Societies at that time, in which their Society, according to their own story, beat his Society. 'We don't bear you any grudge,' added the President of the Central Council.

There was some complaint a few years ago on the grounds of why have two Societies. Why should College Youths not join the Cumberlands and Cumberlands become College Youths? 'Personally, I think it is an excellent thing that there should be this exclusive rivalry. Several times when talking about ringing I have drawn an analogy between ringing and rowing. If a rowing coach told a crew that their finishing was like a peal of bells it would be the greatest insult they could get (laughter). A member of the Cambridge crew cannot row with the Oxford crew, but the two can row together for Leander at Henley even if they are beaten by Jesus in the Grand. I have no use for Mr. Horner and one big union (laughter). I hope our two Societies will retain their respective identities and work on the common ground for our art of change ringing.

#### COLLEGE YOUTHS' CONGRATULATIONS.

This afternoon our Society held a meeting at the Bell Foundry at Whitechapel and they passed a resolution sending the congratulations of the Ancient Society of College Youths to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on attaining their 200th birthday and their very best wishes for the future' (applause). He was asked to convey it to them, although it possibly might have come better from their Master. He coupled with the toast the name of the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross.

Mr. G. H. Cross, who was warmly received on rising to reply, thanked Mr. Lewis for his kind words in regard to the Society. They knew of his good work on the Central Council, although sometimes he thought Mr. Lewis told them too much about striking. He was afraid that he personally said too little about that. They met at Southwark that afternoon and he was very annoyed at the standard of striking.

With regard to the Society, it was formed between 1745 and 1747, and the first actual account of the Society was in September, 1747, but, as the Rev. Cecil said, there was a legend that the bells were rung when the Duke of Cumberland came through Shoreditch and that he became a ringer. But what he rang they had not been told. It was also said that he

gave the Society the medal he was wearing as Master, but although he looked, he could find no date on it.

In any case, their Society was one of the oldest. The College Youths were formed in 1647 and the Norwich Scholars in 1727 and they were finally dissolved in 1914, when all their old property and pewter pots were shared among the surviving members. It was very sad to him because as a youngster he was very proud to drink hot rum and beer from a pewter pot.

With regard to their performances, in the 18th century the Cumberlands did put up some splendid peals. There was the 12,000 Treble Bob, which stood until 1911, when it was beaten at Ashton-under-Lyne. Another peal was the 7,000 at Southwark and the 5,200 at St. Mary-le-Bow. In those days they did not have such people as Mr. Hughes to hang bells and there must be great credit given to ringers of those days. Another performance was the peal of Court Bob Royal rung at Shoreditch in 1801 and conducted by George Gross. Another peal was that of the Norwich Scholars in 1778, who were all members of the Society of Cumberland Youths. The great ringers of those days were George Partrick, George Gross, John Reeves, Charles Purser, William Lyford and Henry Shipway.

In the latter part of the last century they had some fine ringers, including Mr. George Williams and Mr. James Parker, who had come from Yarmouth to be with them. In later years the Society owed a great deal to Mr. J. D. Matthews and to Mr. Frank Smith, and it was a pleasure to have their widows with them that day. He was very pleased to say that they had many young ringers who had joined the Society, and he hoped that they would stick with them so that they could ring better methods. Perhaps one day they would ring the first peal of Pudsey Maximus in London.

'The Visitors' were honoured on the call of Mr. W. R. Winterton, who mentioned especially Dr. Perry, the Senior Warden of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to whom all Cumberlands who rang at St. Martin's were greatly indebted. He gave them a new set of ropes, and the speaker expressed the hope that he would find the means to give them a little neat this winter in their little room almost suspended in the stratosphere. The greatest thing Dr. Perry had done was to arrange practices, which had been of tremendous benefit to St. Martin's and all Cumberlands, and the fact that it was 15 years since there had been a regular practice showed how difficult it was. One difficulty was the close proximity to Charing Cross Hospital, but some time in the next 20 years Charing Cross is to be moved.

#### ST. MARTIN'S STEEPLE.

Dr. A. B. Perry, in reply, said it was close in 60 years that he had been associated with St. Martin's, and for 46 years he had held office. It might interest the Cumberlands that there was a record, which was unfortunately destroyed in the blitz, that in the year 1647 St. Stephen's, Bristol, Society, came for the purpose of visiting the belfry. It was his duty to say to their Society that they owed them a debt of gratitude. He was sorry to tell them that only on Wednesday that week he had been served with a notice by the London Surveyor that he would have to have the spire inspected. He did not know what it would mean; it might be that they would not be able to ring for a week or two.

Mrs. R. F. Deal proposed 'The London and Provincial Societies,' and said the toast of kindred societies was nearest to their hearts. They had to remember that the kindred societies struggled for years with their youngsters, sometimes lost them, but in a great many instances produced fine ringers and eventually sent them with their good wishes to them, and without them their Society would not exist. 'To-day I want on behalf of the

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## Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford

The annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on June 21st. After a short service in church an adjournment was made for tea in St. Margaret's Schools, followed by the general meeting, Mr. G. E. Oliver presiding.

The committee's report and the treasurer's statement were passed. The report showed an increase in the number of peals rung, 32 as against 11 in the previous year, while the accounts showed a slight decrease on the year's working. There were 35 new members enrolled during the period under review. The officers were elected en bloc.

Places chosen for the coming meetings are: Cannock, September 27th; Bilston, January 10th; Wombourne in April; and Lichfield in June. Also a bi-quarterly meeting for practice at Codsall on August 16th next. Mr. C. Wallater gave a summary of the proceedings at the Exeter meeting of the Central Council.

Mr. F. Bennett announced that arrangements are being made to hold an open ringing meeting at Claverley on August 23rd.

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The June meeting was held at Ossett on June 28th. The bells were rung up in peal soon after 3.15 p.m., the slight delay being due to weddings.

Tea was held in the Church Halls, followed by the business meeting. The president was chairman and he was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Barton, M.A.) and members from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Elland, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Pudsey and Rothwell, also friends from Dewsbury.

Two new members were elected, Messrs. M. Lockwood and T. Duffin, of Ossett.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by Mr. J. McGlenn and seconded by Mr. W. H. Senior. The Vicar acknowledged the thanks, saying it was always a pleasure to welcome visiting ringers. The vote of thanks to the local company and ladies for serving at the tea tables was proposed by Mr. G. Benfield and seconded by Mr. H. L. Jones.

The next meeting is due to be held at Sherburn on July 26th.

#### CUMBERLANDS BI-CENTENARY

(Continued from the previous column)

Royal Cumberland Youths to thank you all. Wherever we go we know we are welcome, and where there is a peal of bells we are sure of friends.'

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in reply, said when he looked round the room he wondered if it was a Cumberland dinner or a dinner of his Society, as they were represented by the Master, treasurer and junior steward. 'You have given us a very happy evening, a good meal and delightful company. How different to those bad old days when, speaking as a College Youth, the relations between our two Societies were not, putting it mildly, of the friendliest. To-day you are welcome in our towers and we have often seen your genial secretary at St. Paul's.'

The concluding toast of 'The Press' was ably proposed by Mr. J. E. Bailey, with special reference to 'The Ringing World' and its three editors. Mr. T. W. White replied and expressed the indebtedness of the company to Mr. G. W. Steere, the hon. secretary and treasurer, on the excellence of arrangements.

The artistes were Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre, duet; J. A. Geerts, entertainer; Dorothy Townsend, soprano; Russell brothers, handbells; and V. S. Harrington, pianist.



## The Rings of Pembrokeshire

Pembrokeshire possesses only four rings of bells, but is a county that holds much for one interested in old churches. Almost in every part of the county one can find a church. Most of these have square battlemented towers. One of the oldest bells in the county is that at Gurfreston Church, which is stated to date probably from 1350.

The four rings are at Haverfordwest (the county town), Pembroke, St. David's and Tenby, representing a fair distribution over the area. They are all rings of eight. There are in addition three other rings hung dead.

St. Teilo's, Penally (two miles south-west of Tenby), has a slim square battlemented tower at the west end with a set of five bells. They are crowded in line on a small wooden frame and have canons and wooden headstocks bolted to the frame. They are sounded by a chiming rack with wires attached to the clappers. The approach to the bells is via a vertical wooden ladder attached to the wall.

St. John's, Pembroke Dock, has a ring of eight hung dead. The tenor has weight 9 cwt. 3 qr. 32 lb., and is inscribed to commemorate the Coronation of Edward VII. The ring was completed by Mears and Stainbank in 1932.

St. Andrew's, Narberth, has a ring of six hung dead. Taylors completed the six in 1890, tenor 9 cwt. approx. Robeston Walthen has its two original bells in the original oak frame, cast about 1670.

At one time there was a peal of bells on Caldey Island, at the Monastery. Some years ago the monks there at the time moved to Gloucestershire and took the bells with them. There is now no peal there. These bells once were to be heard clearly in Tenby, 2½ miles across the sea.

St. Mary's, Haverfordwest, has a peal of eight bells hung on ball bearings in a 17th century bell cage. An original peal of five, which was rung to welcome Cromwell when he visited the town in 1645, was recast as six in 1765 by Thomas Bayly, of Bridgwater, who added two new ones. No. 6 bears the inscription, 'I do my best for Haverfordwest.' Only one peal has been rung here—Superlative by a visiting party in 1927 ('The Ringing World,' vol. 22, page 630). At present a band is learning and can ring Grandsire Doubles.

St. Mary's, Pembroke, has a ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. Many have tried to ring a peal here, but all have failed. The bells are in bad condition and are now never rung. Change ringing has never been practised. Details are:

Treble.—Carr, Smethwick, 1897.

2nd.—Rudhall, Gloucester, 1784.

3rd.—Jeffries and Price, Bristol, 1845.

4th.—(No founder mentioned), 1765.

5th.—Thomas Biggins, 1763. Recast Carr, Smethowick, 1897.

6th.—Rudhall, Gloucester, 1809.

7th.—Rudhall, Gloucester, 1765.

Tenor.—Carr, Smethwick, 1897.

St. David's Cathedral is in the extreme north-west corner of the county, 15 miles from a railway. The Cathedral, of purple sandstone, is surrounded by part of the ruins of the city walls. It is in a restored octagonal tower forming one pillar of a gate in these walls that a modern peal of eight has been hung. In 1930 the tower (ruined and roofless) was restored and a concrete floor put in to hold the bells. As the tower is not high, the bells are separated from the ringers only by this floor, and the noise is tremendous. The conductor has, to shriek his calls. One

## Record Peal of Spliced Minor

### 105 METHODS IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

In our peal columns we record the remarkable performance of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. George E. Feirn in ringing in hand a peal of Spliced Minor, containing 105 different methods and involving 215 changes of method.

The peal was rung on June 30th, which day was also Mr. Bray's birthday. Mr. Albert Lambkin was the witness and he checked each change of method. In this performance four new methods have been rung, viz., Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham and Dunholme Alliance, and we hope at a later date to publish them and the figures of the seven extents, four of which were prepared by Mr. A. G. Driver and three by Mr. C. K. Lewis.



**MADE HISTORY IN HANDBELL RINGING.**—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray with Mr. George E. Feirn on the right, after their record performance of 105 methods in their spliced Minor peal, posed specially for a photograph for 'The Ringing World.'

This peal surpasses the one in 104 methods rung at Bigby on tower bells on July 19th, 1939. If it had not been for the war starting soon after the Bigby peal, Mr. Feirn writes that he is certain that band would have rung the 105 methods then.

peal—Grandsire Triples, March 28th, 1932—has been rung there by a South Wales visiting band. Change ringing has never been practised. The bells, tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb., were cast in 1930 by Mears and Stainbank.

St. Mary-the-Virgin, Tenby, has a ring of eight, tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp. Since John Carter visited Tenby about 1900 and helped the original change ringing band, there has always been change ringing there. The church is of magnificent proportions and seats 1,800. The tower is on the south-east side and is surmounted by an octagonal spire 157ft. from the ground, forming a well-known local sea mark. The bells were augmented in 1888 and have a wooden frame and plain bearings. The dates are: 3, 4, 5, 8, 1789; 1, 2, 6, Barwell, Birmingham, 1888. Five peals have been rung here, three of Grandsire Triples, one of Double Norwich, and one of Bob Minor. The present band can ring Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor. (Visitors are always welcome—writes Mr. Jenkins, Nythfa, St. Mary's Street.)

The county has, therefore, heard only seven peals—and most methods are still unring there, but the newly-formed St. David's Diocesan Association is doing much to help ringing in the county. As far as is known, no handbell peals have been rung in the county—a chance for 'first' enthusiasts!

L. H. J. and B. D. P.

## St. Martin's Guild

A fine afternoon, an excellent peal of ten bells and an ideal belfry in which to ring them, coupled with a goodly number present, a short service with the accompaniment of a good organ, followed by an excellent tea, all combined to make the quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild at Solihull on July 5th a very enjoyable event.

At the business meeting Mr. Vice-President Albert Walker occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Master, Councillor Paddon Smith. The following new members were elected: As life members, Messrs. A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh), A. F. Thirst (Isleworth), J. J. L. Gilbert (Handsworth, Sheffield), and Miss Madeline M. Lyon (Leamington Spa); as ordinary members, Messrs. A. J. Morrall (Sutton Coldfield) and F. Morgan (Birmingham).

It was decided to hold the next bi-quarterly meeting at King's Norton on August 9th and the quarterly meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, October 4th.

The Secretary announced receipt of a letter from Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln, giving notice that a band composed of members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild would make an attempt to ring a peal of 14,144 London Surprise Major on August Bank Holiday next at Heydour, and thus beat the present record held by the St. Martin's Guild. It is interesting to note that the previous record was rung at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903, and consisted of 14,112 changes.

An appeal for a donation towards the cost of new ropes for the bells of St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral was made by Mr. W. E. Box, and on the proposition of the treasurer, seconded by Mr. G. E. Fearn, it was agreed that a donation of £2 2s. be made from the Guild's funds. A subsequent collection from amongst those present resulted in a further 30s. being raised.

The Chairman also brought before the meeting the proposed memorial to the memory of the late Rupert Richardson. As every member knew, Rupert Richardson had done a great amount of good work in the interest of change ringing; he had also been a good friend to the St. Martin's Guild, and he hoped they would all support the appeal now being made. After some discussion it was agreed to make a donation of £3 3s. from the Guild's funds to head the subscription list in the charge of Mr. Walker.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. E. Haynes, to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the local ringers under the able guidance of their secretary, Mr. V. Rigg, for so generously providing tea, and to their enthusiastic ladies for serving it, was carried with acclamation. It was good to see Mr. Roland Bragg at the service and to find that in spite of his incapacity he had lost none of his former cheerfulness and happy disposition. His many old friends in the Guild wish him a speedy recovery.

During the afternoon and again in the evening the bells were kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire Caters to Cambridge Royal.

**INGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Stannard 1, W. Stannard, sen. (conductor) 2, J. G. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands 4, J. W. Banks 5.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Truro Peal

Dear Sir,—After reading the letters from the Rev. Roberts and Mr. Lanxon, I think ringers should know the other side of the story.

In the first place, I did not write the letter as Diocesan Ringing Master, and I do not agree that it is an offence to write to 'The Ringing World,' which is the ringers' own paper. If I have broken a rule, many of our life members have done the same thing. If we are going to keep strictly to rules, we shall find that two ringers who rang in the peal are not members of our Guild, and one is Mr. Lanxon.

As regards the peal, these are the facts: A few weeks before Easter Mr. Lanxon asked if I would mind him approaching the Dean and Chapter for permission to ring a peal on Easter Monday. I agreed, hoping it would encourage him to come on Sundays and for practice, but I am sorry to say we have not seen him.

Two weeks after the peal failed a few Cathedral ringers, including myself, were ringing with the Rev. Roberts, and some other ringers who were in the peal, at a combined practice held at Camborne, but not a word was mentioned to us that a date had been fixed for another peal attempt at our tower.

A few days before the peal was to be rung I received a letter from Mr. Lanxon saying he had obtained permission from the Dean and Chapter to start for a peal on the following Saturday. This was five weeks after the date was fixed. If Mr. Lanxon had said it was to be a jubilee peal I should have asked him to include at least one of our band.

We had been promised a ringers' meeting in the Truro Branch, which has gone dead, but it seems as if the peal must come before everything else. The Rev. Roberts, when arranging peals at the Cathedral, always consulted me, and in some cases I took part in the peal with other members of our band.

Asking the ringers for their advice before granting permission to people who wish to ring a peal is not losing authority over the bells. In case there is any doubt, I may mention that this week a person was sent to me by the Bishop regarding the ringing of our bells, and this morning the Sub-Dean phoned, asking me if it would be all right for St. Stephen's ringers to come and ring our bell's on Monday.

I would like ringers to know that in the Dean and Chapter we have the finest men that any ringers could wish to serve under. There is always that personal touch inside and outside the Cathedral, and that's why besides being ringers we are members of the Cathedral Fellowship.

I am sure we are not looked upon as an uncertain few.—Yours faithfully,

Truro. W. H. SOUTHEARD.

## WHICH COUNTY?

Dear Sir,—They seem to have moved Gresford since I rang a peal there a few years ago! In those days it was in Denbighshire, but it seems to be in Flintshire now! The error is pardonable, as county boundaries do funny things in that part of the world. A portion of Flintshire is entirely cut off from the main body of the county. Gresford is very near the odd bit, but is in Denbighshire. I think!

P.A.C.

## THE WRONG LINE

Dear Sir,—Many years ago I used to get my 'Ringing World' through a newsagent who ticked off her weekly order on an alphabetical list which she sent to her wholesaler. Imagine my disappointment on being informed one week that it had not arrived. 'I am sorry,' she said, 'I must have got on to the wrong line when I made out my order. Will "The Racing Pigeon" do instead?'—Yours sincerely, H.M.S. Wolfe. MALCOLM MELVILLE.

## The Diocese and Church Bell Ringers

Dear Sir,—I hope you will give me space to say how much I flatly disagree with certain statements in your leading article under the heading of 'Frivolous.'

As my former estimate that eight ringers out of every ten are non-worshippers has never been disputed, may I ask how the majority of Sunday ringing can be designated an act of worship?

The standing of ringing to-day within the Church would seem to rest on the fact that the Bishop is usually president of his Diocesan Association and that many clergy (not all) are well disposed towards ringers. Let me make the point that there is, I believe, no official mention of ringing in any diocesan handbook so far as I am aware.

A common fault of the whole Exercise is to regard progress in terms of peals rung and also to refer to ringers as belonging to towers rather than churches.

If we were half as particular over the truth of our standing within the Church as we are over the truth of a peal or service touch we should see ringing in true unity with the Church, to the mutual advantage of both—and it goes without saying that if the Church is again to become a dominant power in the life of this nation, then there must be above all loyalty on the part of every individual, whether bishop, priest, deacon, ordinary layman—or bellringer.

As a churchman, my own attitude to ringing at present is governed by I. Corinthians, chapter 8.—Yours faithfully,

Headington, Oxford. RICHARD A. POST.

[NOTE.—The Guildford Diocese Year Book gives details of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.—Editor.]

## GRAPPENHALL VETERANS

Dear Sir,—May I, as a dear friend to the three veterans of Grappenhall whilst serving in the Royal Navy and stationed in that district, send my congratulations and wishes for many years of health and happiness to Messrs. Samuel, Horsfall, Noah Smith and John E. Ashcroft?—Yours sincerely,

Duston, Northants. ERIC NOBLES.

## AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. T. Dyke's comments on your leading article in the June 28th issue, I am an informed churchman who regards my ringing as an act of worship as I do my singing in the choir; and, just as singing by congregation and choir is often their best method of expression of worship, why should not ringing be also, even if it only be 'tenoring' Caters or Triples?—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Trearddur Bay, Anglesey.

## SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I express, through the medium of your columns, my apologies to those whose orders for the First Series of 'Surprise Methods' have been delayed? The first printing was sold out in five days from the issue of the announcement in 'The Ringing World,' a demand that I had neither expected nor provided for. However, as stated in this week's advertisements, a second impression is now ready, and all orders will have been despatched before this letter appears.

Owing to the severe limitation of paper supplies, I shall be unable to print a third impression, so that early application should be made for the present supply.

In the dispersal of my ringing papers during the war I have lost my copy of the 1907 'Collection of Methods,' and if any of your readers can allow me to purchase a copy of it I shall be greatly obliged to him.—Yours sincerely, Bittou, near Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

## Truro Diocesan Guild

## ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.

June 14th was a great day for Crantock, a little parish on north coast of Cornwall a few miles from Newquay, for the six bells (tenor 9 cwt.) of the ancient collegiate church, famed for its wood carving and painted glass, had been hung for ringing and were to be rededicated.

The dedication was performed by Canon R. Roberts, Chancellor of Truro Cathedral. The church was full and in the congregation was Mr. D. Bradford, representing the firm of Gillett and Johnston, by whom the work was carried out. During the service a few rounds were rung by ringers from Truro Cathedral under the direction of Mr. W. H. Southeard.

Tea was provided for ringers by the parishioners, and ringing went on almost without a break from 3.15 to 9 p.m. The 'go' of the bells is excellent, and although the tower is small and they are hung in two tiers, they can all be heard distinctly both inside and out, and there is a good circle of ropes.

Besides Truro Cathedral there were ringers from St. Enoder, St. Columb Major, St. Columb Minor, Towednack, St. Endellion, St. Hilary, Camborne, Carbis Bay, St. Issey, St. Erme, Redruth, Penryn, Illogan, Withiel, Luxulyan, Perranzabulo, St. Dennis, Kenwyn.

A parochial band is being formed and has held its first practice.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

A joint ringing meeting of Bangor and Portmadoc towers was held at Portmadoc on June 17th, and with the invaluable assistance of Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Smith, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, some good practice was obtained in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob.

## DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

## JOINT BRANCH MEETING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.

Buckfast Abbey again proved to be a popular venue for the Devon Guild of Ringers on June 21st, the visit being a joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques and Stedman Caters being rung as well as rounds for the younger visitors, several of them having their first opportunity of having a pull on twelve bells.

Tea was served in the Abbey Schoolroom, after which the Rev. H. E. Bennett, Rector of Plympton St. Maurice, who is chairman of the South-West Branch, voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of his bells, to the authorities for the use of the Schoolroom, to the Ladies' Committee for the tea arrangements, and to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh for the use of his bells.

The visitors subsequently adjourned to Buckfastleigh Parish Church, where a variety of methods was rung.

## FOXEAETH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Many ringers have no doubt in the past enjoyed a pull on the tricky but delightful octave at Foxearth, Essex. The intense storm which swept our district recently has struck Foxearth a blow. The graceful and slender 80ft. spire was struck by lightning and ripped completely off the tower by a following whirlwind which cut a path through the village and neighbouring villages too. The Vicar has told me the bells are undamaged, but from what I saw of the tower I felt it would not be wise to ring them. A local fund for restoration has been opened by the Vicar.—Yours faithfully, A. A. FITCH.

Sudbury.

POWICK. WORCS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Cook 1, G. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, G. Cook 3, S. Yapp 4, H. Cole 5, V. Lloyd 6.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ASHTON - UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—At St. Peter's Church on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Robinson (age 12) 1, R. Wimpenny 2, D. Ogden (first quarter) 3, J. T. Walmsley (first inside of Doubles) 4, R. Edwards (first as conductor) 5, B. F. Trueman (first quarter) 6.

**BARMING, KENT.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. E. Ward 1, Miss Danphe J. Jordan 2, C. F. Mills 3, R. Palmer 4, P. C. Wright 5, R. L. Sills (conductor) 6.

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—On July 6th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. A. Lucas 1, T. C. Belton 2, A. Hough 3, H. Duncombe 4, A. A. Lucas 5, C. R. Belton 6, G. P. Garner (conductor) 7, R. Pickering 8.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—On June 28th at St. Michael's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Warnes 1, H. I. Collins 2, H. E. Hammond 3, R. Martin 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. G. Felton 6, L. W. Wiffin 7, A. Wiffin (conductor) 8. A compliment to Mr. Norman Howard on the occasion of his wedding, son of the late Mr. C. H. Howard, for many years Master of the Essex Association.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. H. J. Prince (first of Triples) 1, F. Soden 2, M. Collett (first inside) 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (conductor) 7, H. A. Hall (first quarter) 8.

**CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.**—At the Church of St. Martin, on July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.5.8 covering): M. Hosking (first quarter) 1, J. E. Withey 2, W. J. Sanders (conductor) 3, W. A. Darlington 4, G. M. Bray 5, E. Randall 6, S. A. Reed 7, A. J. Vincent 8.

**CHARING, KENT.**—On St. Peter's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Pack 1, Miss J. Burton 2, F. Good 3, W. Gosling 4, A. Waddington (conductor) 5, Miss M. Smith 6.

**FARINGDON, BERKS.**—On July 3rd, 1,428 Stedman Triples: W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 1, C. J. Gardner 2, E. J. Berry 3, H. W. Bishop 4, I. H. Trueman 5, E. C. Hughes (first quarter in method) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger (first in method on working bell) 1, G. Green 2, I. Halls 3, P. Green 4, W. Ainger 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (first of Stedman as conductor) 7, F. Payne 8. A wedding compliment to Miss W. Carter, sister of the ringer of the 6th.

**HASTINGS.**—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on June 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. J. Bradfield 1, C. A. Levett (conductor) 2, V. Williams (first in method) 3, S. C. Driver 4, J. E. Penneils 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. S. Piper 7, J. A. Downing 8.

**HOLWELL, HUNTS.**—On July 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: R. Wilmer 1, H. W. Pratt 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, O. Norman 4, W. Papworth 5, G. Manser 6. First 720 for 1, 4 and 5.

**CARRICKFERGUS, N. IRELAND.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Adamson (first quarter) 1, J. Palmer 2, L. J. Roper 3, A. E. McGrath 4, H. Brown 5, J. T. Dunwoody (conductor) 6, W. Pratt 7, J. Weir (first quarter) 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—At the Church of St. Andrew, on July 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss Joan Peacock (first quarter) 1, A. Reeve 2, J. Carrott 3, F. Fleetwood 4, J. Armstrong 5, E. Furbank 6, F. V. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, W. Lee 2, A. Heyward 3, A. G. Jones 4, D. Cox (first quarter as conductor) 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**—On July 6th, 1,080 Cambridge Royal: W. Tillet 1, A. S. Boar 2, G. Pipe 3, W. P. Garrett 4, W. J. G. Brown 5, Mrs. Pine 6, O. G. Barnard 7, F. W. Pye 8, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 9, C. W. Pipe 10.

**LINCOLN.**—On July

6th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,280 London Surprise

Major: N. E. Chambers 1, G. Benfield (first quarter of Surprise) 2, H. Marcon 3, J. F. Hodson 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, K. S. B. Croft (conductor) 6, S. Chambers 7, J. Freeman 8.

**LEYTON, ESSEX.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, A. W. Brighton 2, A. J. N. Bovaek 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman 5, E. Furbank 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, C. A. Hughes 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Peter Holman, son of the ringer of the fifth, after a peal attempt, which failed owing to the breaking of a rope.

**LONDON.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, on June 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Charge 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. A. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, L. H. Bowler 6, R. H. Begrie (first in the method) 7, J. Bullock 8.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Wing 1, A. E. Rushton 2, H. Burton 3, A. J. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, D. Newman 8.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Keeley (aged 12, and first quarter) 1, N. Adams 2, H. G. Keeley 3, J. Morris 4, Rev. C. C. Cox 5, G. S. Morris (conductor) 6, C. W. H. Powell 7, C. E. Tett 8. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Josiah Morris.

**MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): Miss V. E. Callis (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Mabbutt (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. G. Callis 3, C. W. Partridge 4, W. G. Callis (conductor) 5, J. Mabbutt 6.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Dadds 1, Miss B. Solly 2, Mrs. V. Castle 3, L. Tryman 4, C. Hunt 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. G. Gadsden (conductor) 7, T. Darch 8.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On June 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, Miss M. Bennett 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, S. E. Cook 4, F. W. Burnett 5, A. V. Bennett 6, W. Tate 7, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 8.

**RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.**—On July 6th at St. Andrew's Church, 1,200 Doubles, consisting of 240 Winchendon, Grandsire, Plain, St. Simon's and St. Nicholas': A. Walpole 1, E. Long 2, G. Walpole (conductor) 3, D. Fenn 4, H. W. Barrett 5.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Northen (first quarter) 1, A. Prior (conductor) 2, E. Furbank 3, E. Blake 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Crampson 6, E. Smith 7, H. Roome 8.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, G. Nichols 3, G. Manser 4, John Perkins 5, G. L. Perkins 6. Arranged for Mr. Manser (Louth).

**SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On June 29th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: G. Church 1, F. Bennett 2, — Thomas 3, T. Toms 4, F. Page 5, F. Howse 6, B. Challen 7, H. Statham (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Oxenham (first quarter of Triples) 1, L. H. May 2, P. Mayne 3, R. J. Bowden 4, E. Richards 5, J. Upton 6, L. E. Parris (conductor) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

**USK, MON.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hobbs 1, L. Jones 2, A. Edwards 3, S. Kear 4, R. Clench 5, A. Hawkins 6, D. G. Clift (conductor) 7, E. W. Luff 8. First quarter by the ringers of 1, 3 and 5. First quarter 'inside' by 4.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On July 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Upsall 1, W. Jarvis 2, F. Wigmore (conductor) 3, H. Piggin 4, L. Bush 5, J. Phillips 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means 9, F. Moyes 10. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. A. W. Narborough, headmaster of St. Peter's School for 25 years.

## Llandaff and Monmouth

## TWO AUGMENTATIONS PROPOSED.

The 30 members who attended the quarterly meeting at Llangynwyd on June 28th were amply rewarded for their efforts to get to this remote village by the enthusiastic welcome they received from the local band and parishioners. There was plenty of ringing to suit all before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Daniel Richards).

After the service the visitors were entertained to a bountiful tea by the local ringers and their wives, which was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, and the Central Council representatives gave a comprehensive report on the proceedings at Exeter. The meeting heard with satisfaction two welcome items of news, one that work was about to be started on the job of restoring and augmenting Abergavenny bells and that the six at Blaenavon were to be recast and augmented to eight. Chepstow was proposed for the next Monmouthshire meeting and Pontypridd for the next Glamorgan meeting. Votes of thanks terminated the business.

More ringing after the meeting brought to an end a very enjoyable day. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 2s. 6d.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Hingham on June 28th was attended by 42 members. In the absence of the Rector, the branch chairman (the Rev. Blyth) conducted the service. Tea was served in the Fairland School and the business meeting followed. Elected as probationer members were John R. Elliott, Hubert G. Peel, Sydney C. Long, Allan C. Haines, all of Hingham.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of his bells, to the organist and to Mr. Long for making the arrangements.

## RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE

On June 28th, the Christ Church, Mitcham, and St. Leonard's, Streatham, bands combined for the second time in their annual pilgrimage.

The route chosen this year was through some of the most beautiful scenery in Surrey and Sussex. Ringing and refreshments were enjoyed at Warnham, Chichester Cathedral and Chiddingfold.

Many old friends renewed acquaintances during the day: Mr. W. H. Joiner, of Hastings, Mr. W. Smith and Mr. C. Potheary, who for many years were members of the Parish Church, Mitcham, band, were among the party, and also Mr. J. Parslow, Mr. G. Pidwell and Mr. E. Jones, old friends of the Christ Church band.

At Chichester the party had the unexpected pleasure of meeting Mr. C. J. North, a member of the St. Leonard's band at the beginning of the present century.

## OUTINGS

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association visited the following Suffolk towers: Newmarket, Clare, Long Melford, Sudbury (St. Peter's and St. Gregory's), Lavenham, Bury St. Edmunds (Norman Tower and St. Mary's) and Mildenhall. Altogether 63 ringers and friends took part in the trip.

Portsmouth Cathedral in the Thames Valley district on June 7th. Ringing took place at Alton, Egham, Staines (St. Mary's), Henley-on-Thames, Caversham (St. Peter's) and Wokingham. Organiser, Mr. F. W. Burnett.

St. Laurence's, Reading.—On Whit Monday, ringing at Saffron Walden. Great St. Mary's, Cambridge R.C. Church, Bury St. Edmunds, Ipswich (where the Stedman Cinques brought beams of joy to the faces of those who were ringing and hearty congratulations from the remainder).



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## ACCOMMODATION

TREVA GUEST HOUSE, CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL, has a few vacancies due to cancellations; situated near beach, lovely view; moderate terms; ring of 8 bells at church.—Apply Mrs. G. Cave-Day. 1694

## PUBLICATIONS

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. A. Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 'ONE HUNDRED SURPRISE METHODS' in Place Notation. 2nd impression now ready, post free 1s.—A. J. Corrigan, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, near Bristol. Three copies 2s. 6d., six for 4s. 1704

## MISCELLANEOUS

Keep all your ringing records in one loose-leaf book. 'DELIGHT' Ringers' Record Books are made to last a lifetime.—Details from William H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 1681

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Goole on Sat., July 19th. Bells (8) available from 2. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Schools (1s. 9d. each). Business meeting for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1644

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Martinstown, Sat., July 19th. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please bring own food. Buses from Weymouth via Dorchester, 2, 3.30, 5.40, returning 5.45, 8.55.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 1653

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Joint meeting with Yorkshire Association (Eastern District), Goole, July 19th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 9d. 1673

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Chaddesley Corbett, Sat., July 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1674

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting Staplehurst (8), July 19th, 3. Names for tea to me by Gun Green, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1675

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting Huntsham, July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Conveyance from Tiverton, Town Hall, 2.30. Names, please.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 1689

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Quarterly meeting Bakewell, July 19th. Bells 3. Committee 3.45.—W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec. 1684

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting Crondall (6), Sat., July 19th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 1682

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury Branch.—Meeting Long Melford (8), Sat., July 19th, 3. Business in belfry 5. Own arrangements for tea; cafes locally. Bus from Sudbury every 15 minutes.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 1679

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—July 19th, fete at the Vicarage 2.30. Monthly practice 6. Please come to both. 1700

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Practice meeting St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Tues., July 22nd. Bells available 6—9 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1713

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Mid-Week meeting Bedford, St. Paul's, Thurs., July 24th. Bells 3-5.30 and 6.30-9. Tea in St. Paul's Church Hall, 5.30, for those who notify Mr. S. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford, by July 21st. Monthly meeting July 26th, Stagsden (6), 3. Tea 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1707

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Margate, Sat., July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, by Sat., July 19th.—B. J. Lack, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1658

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Special meeting, July 26th, at Cheltenham Parish Church, for presentation to W. Yeend, by Rev. Hope, at 8 p.m. Bells available 6.30. Quarterpeal attempt 5.—C. Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Gloucester. 1661

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Hersham (8), Sat., July 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, by July 23rd.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 1660

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Meeting Shoreham, Sat., July 26th, 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea (2s.) by Tuesday, July 22nd, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 1659

OXFORD GUILD.—S. Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting.—Tetsworth, Oxon (6), Sat., July 26th, at 2.45. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by July 22nd to H. Badger, Dis. Sec., 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 1657

LADIES' GUILD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Joint meeting Monken Hadley, Sat., July 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea. Names essential for tea by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. E. E. Davis and T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs., 57, Hollways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1676

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting Helmsley (8), Sat., July 26th. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Ricketts, Church Street, Helmsley, Yorks, by Thurs., July 24th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1690

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Branch.—Meeting Horsington (6), July 26th. Service 4.30. Number for tea by 21st.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat. 1687

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Summer meeting at Hoar Cross (6), July 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by 22nd to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 1723

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice, Hailsham, Sat., July 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Notify F. H. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, for teas by Thursday, 24th. No names, no teas.—J. A. Downing, Hon. Sec. 1724

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Next meeting Hitcham (6), Sat., July 26th, 5.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1718

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sat., July 26th. Bells available from 3. Cups of tea provided; members carry own food.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 1719



**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech District.—Meeting Northwold (8), Sat., July 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1721

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Ipplepen, Newton Abbot (8), Sat., July 26th. Usual arrangements. Names by July 23rd.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 1705

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting Horwich, Sat., July 26th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1706

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting Colerne (8), Sat., July 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea 5.—H. Marsh, 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham. 1708

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Westonsuper-Mare, Sat., July 26th. Bells 6.30.—E. J. Avery. 1714

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, July 26th, 3. Names for tea to T. W. Dobson, 181, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool, by 24th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec. 1717

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—St. Werburgh's (6), July 26th, 3. Tea and business 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 1715

**CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.**—Langdon Hills (6), July 26th, 3.30 to 9. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food. Ringing only. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec. 1771

**EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.**—Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), July 26th. Bells 3.30. Will all members please try to attend. Business, dinner. Bring own food.—J. W. Price. 1710

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting Newcastle (10), Sat., July 26th. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1691

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Marbury (6), July 26th, 2.30. Names by 22nd.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 1692

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Moulton, July 26th. Usual arrangements. Bring own food.—R. S. Cowley. 1695

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Harlaxton, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. Walton, Harlaxton, by 22nd.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 1693

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Ross District.—Meeting Goodrich, July 26th, 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 1702

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Bennington (8), Sat., July 26th, 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by short business meeting. Names for tea not later than 23rd to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 1701

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S, THORPE BAY, ESSEX.**—Dedication of new ring of eight bells (John Taylor and Co.), by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, on Thurs., July 31st, 8 p.m. 1703

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Next meeting at Burgh-le-Marsh on Sat., Aug. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, White Hart Hotel, 5. Names for tea by Mon., July 28th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1722

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.**—Meeting St. Andrew's Parish Rooms, Penrith, 2, Mon., Aug. 4th. Names for meals before Sat., July 26th.—S. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1720

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Aug. 4th. Privett, 11 to 2; West Meon, 2 to 4 and after tea; East Meon, 2 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Tea for those who notify by July 29th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh. 1712

**GUILDFORD GUILD** (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSN.** (N.W. District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead, Mon. Aug. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Duke's Head. Numbers for tea to G. Mariner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Aug. 1st.—A. H. Smith. 1709

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting at Chichester, Aug. 9th. Names by July 21st.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 1716

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 29th, 1,269 Grandsire Triples as farewell to G. Gaylord joining H.M. Forces: G. Gaylord 1, R. Moors 2, A. C. Jeanes 3, H. J. Gaylord 4, T. E. Marks 5, W. H. Poole 6, T. J. Setter (conductor) 7, J. E. Saunders 8.

## Ringers' Outing

St. Peter's, Bournemouth.—On May 31st, to Winchester, Whitchurch, Newbury, Trowbridge and Amesbury. The drive through Hungerford and Marlborough in glorious weather was especially enjoyed.

Stowmarket.—On June 28th, to Great Waltham, Bishop's Stortford (for lunch), Braughing, Barkway, Royston and Barley (Norfolk Surprise). A splendid day and great success.

St. Barnabas, Great Tey, and friends (70 in all).—On July 5th, St. Mary's, Woolwich, Canterbury (lunch), Ashford and St. George's, Wrotham. A most enjoyable day.

Keresley, Coventry, and friends from Meriden, Stoke and St. Mary's, Warwick.—On June 28th, Bladon, near Woodstock, Kidlington, Abingdon (lunch), Radley (bells would greatly benefit from the attention of a bellhanger), East Hendred (with its third a half tone sharp), West Hendred, Ardington, Wantage (tea) and Chidrey (where the portly one of the party was unable to get his avoirdupois between the organ and the pillar). The portly one left at Coventry with the best wishes of all for his 77th birthday to be celebrated the next day.

Helmington.—On June 28th to St. Albans, Uxbridge, Old Windsor, Egham (the cream of the day), Staines St. Peter's and St. Mary's. Owing to illness Mr. T. W. Last (captain) was unable to join the party. Wishes were expressed for his complete recovery.

Goring-by-Sea and Heene (Worthing).—On June 21st to the Isle of Wight. Ringing at All Saints', Ryde, Godshill (also an excellent tea) and Brading.

## VISIT TO COTSWOLDS.

June 14th was the day chosen by a small party of ringers from the Claverley, Wolverhampton and Stourbridge districts for a visit to the Cotswold country. It was an unfortunate choice in one respect, as it rained for almost the whole time, but in spite of this the party fully enjoyed ringing on the bells at Chipping Norton, Shipton-under-Wychwood, the fine peal at Witney, Burford and Northleach. Methods rung during the tour were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. The remainder of the ringers join in sincere thanks to the car drivers and especially to the leader of the party, whose organising efficiency made the outing such a success.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION CAMBRIDGE BRANCH.

A meeting held at Barrington on June 21st was attended by members and friends from Cambridge, Ely, Great Staughton, Harpenden (Herts), Harston, Meldreth, Sawston, Sudbury (Suffolk), Trumpington and Willingham.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Button), followed by tea and a short business meeting, at which the Vicar also presided.

Some good practice was obtained on the six bells until about 7 p.m., when a move was made to the five-bell tower at Foxton. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Sawston.

## SUFFOLK GUILD

A very successful meeting of the Mildenhall District was held at St. Mary's, Lakenheath, on June 28th, attended by a goodly company, coming from St. Albans, Sudbury, Sawston, Elvedon, Mildenhall, Ingham, Bury St. Edmunds, Chevington, Hockwold and Horringer.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. E. Marshall), after which the whole party adjourned to the Bell Hotel for tea. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Elvedon at an early date if possible. Ringers expressed their thanks and enjoyment of the visit, and it gave the local band much pleasure in welcoming them. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.



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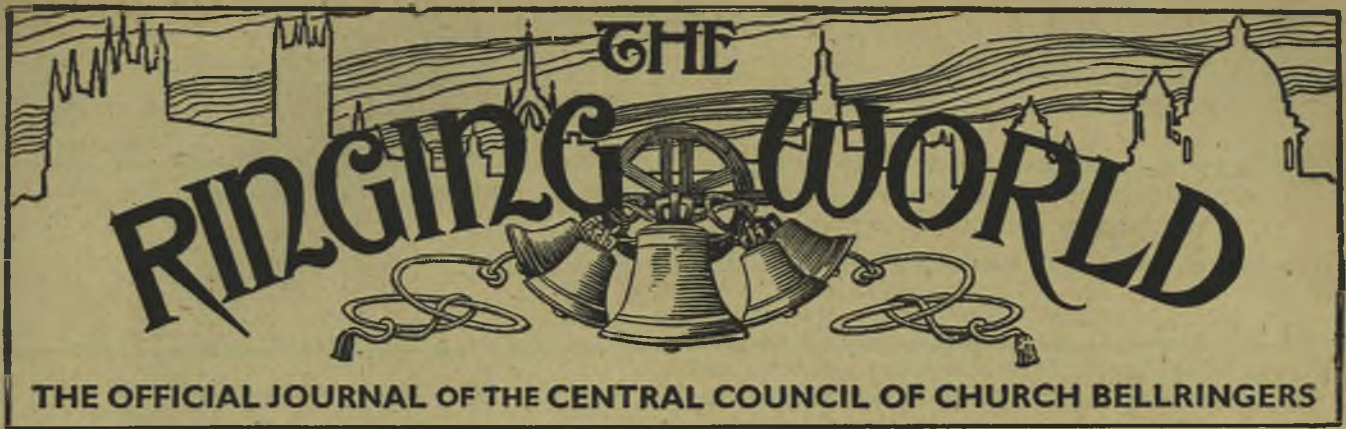
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## REVERBERATING

'We have all been impressed by the length of time during which the reverberating hum of a great bell will linger on the air,' writes 'The Age,' Melbourne's daily newspaper, in an editorial on bells. The phenomenon intrigued the fancy of Charles Lamb, and Lord Frederic Hamilton, in his 'Here, There and Everywhere,' comments upon it most entertainingly. It has been the subject of scientific research, and we know there are competent pens within the Exercise who could give the correct answer to this question from Australia.

The immediate concern of 'The Age' is not so much an enquiry into physics as into the realm of romanticism. Whence do bells derive their distinctive genius for spanning the tyrannical chasms of time, they ask intriguingly, and quote the autobiography of Frank T. Bullen, in which he states that in his early days before the mast, nothing made him so homesick as the sound of bells. As the ship lay at anchor in some unfamiliar port, the bells from a nearby belfry would send his mind flying back across the oceans and across the years; his rough and roving sea life would be left worlds behind, and the surge of emotion would be almost uncontrollable.

This annihilation of both space and time is even more pronounced to-day by the introduction of broadcasting on a world-wide basis. 'The Age' reminds us of the poet of the African jungle expressing his sensations as his wireless set reiterated the chimes of Big Ben:—

Who shall appraise the hidden tears,  
Born of the loneliness that sears,  
As once more, sonorous and deep,  
We hear the chimes that never sleep?  
It sounds to us across the foam,  
The beating heart of all that's home;  
The very core of England's heart  
That holds us close, though far apart!

Other poets have come under a similar spell. Longfellow, in his 'Golden Legend,' describes Prince Henry and Elsie standing in the twilight on the terrace of the old castle at Vautsberg on the Rhine. Suddenly they catch the strains of distant bells and Elsie asks the Prince what bells they are. He replies that they are of Geisenheim and ring out the curfew, and then, with a touch of sentiment (and who can escape the spell?), adds:—



Dear Elsie, many years ago,  
Those same soft bells at eventide  
Rang in the ears of Charlemagne  
As, seated at Fastrada's side,  
At Ingleheim, in all his pride,  
He heard their sound with secret pain.

In fantasy, the vibrant hum of the bells is deathless. Another essayist, Mr. Arthur Scammell, in his 'Cheap-side to Arcady,' points out that, long after the last stroke of the bell is heard in the building beneath the tower, the sound survives in the belfry in a protracted diminuendo. These lines are not for the practical ringer whose outlook is bounded by the accuracy of his peal and the mechanical perfection of the bell. Most of us have a grossness of our perceptive faculties and are unable to find any logic in Mr. Scammell's argument, but to the poet the tower may be alive with the thin ghosts of all the joyous and mournful notes that have endeared and embittered the sound of bells to human hearts. Thank you, Melbourne 'Age,' for this incursion into the realm of fantasy, and giving to your readers a new interest in British bells that ring out from your cathedral in the traditional British manner of change ringing.

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On Tues., July 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 7
*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY 9
PALL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN

\* 50th peal on twelve bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

GEORGE A. SPARKS ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... .. 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 8
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 9
FRANK DEWEY ... .. 5	CLIFFORD BIRD ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method and of Caters. Rung as a send-off to the Rev. A. R. Freeman to the rectorate of St. Margaret's in the city, after four years on the staff of St. Peter Mancroft.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5033 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

*MISS BETTY BROWN ... <i>Treble</i>	†WALTER TOMLINSON ... 6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
†STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 9
JACK F. HODSON ... .. 5	†CHARLES BROWN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Stedman and first on ten bells. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ Fiftieth peal. First peal in Stedman as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet E. Mayer and Mr. Sydney A. Chambers.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE LATHAM ... .. <i>Treble</i>	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 6
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM COX ... .. 7
GEORGE GOULDING ... 3	THOMAS WITTS ... .. 8
FRANK T. WAITE ... .. 4	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 9
EDWARD EVANS ... .. 5	CLIFFORD LAUNDER ... <i>Tenor</i>

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*EILEEN H. BASTOW ... <i>Treble</i>	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 5
*JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 3	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 7
FRED SEAGER ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Five Parts.

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

*SYLVIA COKER ... .. <i>Treble</i>	CECIL A. SMITH ... .. 5
FRED HAYES ... .. 2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY... .. 6
†DOREEN COKER ... .. 3	WALTER LEE ... .. 7
ROWLAND BIGGS ... .. 4	RALPH COLES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF LINGOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 4	PETER LAFLIN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MARGARET D. PILCHER Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES... .. 5
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 2	WALTER C. ROSE ... .. 6
STANLEY E. COOK ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 7
PHILIP H. SPECK ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

## HARPENDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR DAY ... .. Treble	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 6
DENIS A. BAYLES ... 3	*ROLAND NEWSON ... .. 7
ALAN WHITE ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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OLAVE BROYD ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. BRIGHT ... 5
CECIL BARKER ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG ... .. 7
JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... 4	CHARLES H. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

## CHATHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS ... Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 5
*TREVOR A. CROSS ... 2	THOMAS BEAUMONT ... 6
FREDERICK RICHARDSON 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT... 7
FREDERICK A. CLURETT 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung on the 1,000th anniversary of the building of the church, also for Princess Elizabeth's and Lieut. Philip Mountbatten's engagement.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... Treble	*HAROLD F. WOOD ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Princess Elizabeth on her engagement.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	GEORGE H. RANDLES ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal of Major and of Surprise on the bells.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church on June 22nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. G. Fenn 1, W. H. Joiner 2, J. A. Downing 3, R. H. Dove (first in method) 4, J. Pennells 5, S. G. Smith 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, G. S. Piper 8.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., July 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN SCOTT ... .. Treble	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 5
JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 7
*ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Major.

## ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6
JILL POOLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 4	FREDK. J. MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A compliment to Sheila Jenney, granddaughter of Harold G. Jenney, on her 19th birthday.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER M. GODDARD ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
JACK BRAY ... .. 2	FRED JEFFERY ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
*ARTHUR CROWDER ... 4	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung in honour of the royal engagement.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., July 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ARTHUR D. COOK ... .. Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5
*ALBERT WALKER ... .. 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

\* 600th peal.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

## CARBROOKE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDK. C. JOHNSON ... Treble	*FREDK. G. WILLIAMS ... 4
ALBERT E. DIXON ... .. 2	GEOFFREY W. SMITH ... 5
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE ... 3	THOMAS A. A. POTTER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK C. JOHNSON.

C.C. Collection, 28, 29, 37, 36, 34, 35, 49.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Mr. F. Bryant and Miss B. Hewson (sister-in-law of the conductor).

## ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

DR. E. L. TAYLOR ... Treble	DR. A. M. CUNNINGHAM 4
DR. W. L. B. LEES ... 2	DR. J. D. OGILVIE ... 5
DR. F. S. POOLE ... .. 3	DR. P. SPENCER-PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by DR. J. D. OGILVIE.

This is the first peal ever rung by doctors only, and is dedicated, 'In grateful memory of the doctors, nurses and personnel of all the medical services, who gave their lives in the late war.'



## BRAFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Antelope, London, Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

RONALD C. NOON... ..Treble | \*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS 3  
PHILIP JONES ... .. 2 | \*ERIC NOBLES ... .. 4

GEORGE CARE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

\* First peal of Doubles in seven methods. In honour of the engagement of Princess Elizabeth.

## HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... ..Treble | RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD... 4  
MARK W. MARSHALL ... .. 2 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5  
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL... 3 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD,

First peal of Minor in the method by all the band and on the bells.

## FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ... ..Treble | \*REGINALD T. JONES ... 4  
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 2 | JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 5  
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 3 | WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Minor.

## DUBLIN.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 13, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 extents of Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

\*WARREN JONES ... ..Treble | NAT SAVAGE ... .. 4  
ADA C. DUKES ... .. 2 | FRED E. DUKES ... .. 5  
JOAN ROWE ... .. 3 | ARTHUR DARLINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED E. DUKES.

\* First peal. First peal by all in two Doubles methods and the first in two Doubles methods in Ireland. Rung as a compliment to Princess Elizabeth on her betrothal to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten. Also as a wedding compliment to the ringers of the tenor.

## MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

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

Comprising two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 lb. net.

\*THOMAS W. PRATT ...Treble | \*C. WILLIAM NUTT... .. 4  
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2 | †FREDK. A. MERRICK ... 5  
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3 | REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor and on an 'inside' bell.

## MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb. net.

ERNEST MORRIS ... ..Treble | CECIL E. CARR ... .. 4  
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2 | WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 5  
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 3 | ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells recently augmented from four to six. The 123rd tower in the Leicester Diocese in which the conductor has rung peals.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LENTON, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 13, 1947, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

\*K. WAGSTAFF ... .. 1-2 | P. NIX ... .. 3-4  
\*L. BERRY ... .. 5-6

Conducted by K. WAGSTAFF.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 20, 1947, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT ALEXANDRA ROAD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent, three of Oxford and one of Plain Bob.

ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 1-2 | ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 3-4  
OLAVE BROYD ... .. 5-6

Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

First peal in three methods as conductor.

## SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 8, 1947, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 1-2 | ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 3-4  
OLAVE BROYD ... .. 5-6

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

## A PEAL OF FELSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6  
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

## CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., July 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. WIGHTMAN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2 | WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 5-6  
\*FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 3-4 | GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

Witness: Miss A. Wightman.

\* First peal on handbells.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5-6  
CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 3-4 | \*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7-8

EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Caters. Specially composed and rung to mark the 80th birthday of Josiah Morris, father of Ernest and George Stedman Morris.

## HOVE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 1-2 | R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 5-6  
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4 | \*DAVID GALLOP ... .. 7-8

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

\* First peal.

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**ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.** — On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Turner 1, Mary P. Hilliar (first quarter in method and first as conductor) 2, H. Atwell 3, H. Robbins 4, J. Hilliar 5, S. Poole 6, V. J. Wills 7, W. Cook 8.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.** — On July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Layton (first in method) 1, Margaret Pitstow 2, Jill Brittain 3, Winifred Adams 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, M. E. H. Pitstow 6, A. J. Adams (conductor) 7, E. T. Woolloff 8. Birthday compliment to 2, 4 and 7.

**BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.** — On July 10th, 1,320 Doubles, being 480 of Grandsire and 840 of Plain Bob: B. Cape 1, B. Austin 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, P. I. Chapman 4, G. E. Watson (conductor) 5. First quarter of Doubles by 1, 2 and 3.

**BENHILTON, SURREY.** — On July 9th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Insp. C. W. Ridgway 1, P. C. A. F. Lancaster 2, ex-Supt. E. Hilton 3, Sergt. C. Willmington 4, S. C. Gosden 5, P. C. N. Bagworth 6, ex-P. C. W. Claydon (conductor) 7, ex-Sergt. F. Miller 8.

**BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.** — On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Grant 1, E. G. Swift 2, W. A. Swift 3, G. Winter 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. G. Mortimer 6, S. G. Grant (conductor) 7, G. Oram 8.

**BRIGHTON.** — At Varndean School for Boys, July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (handbells): J. R. Clapperton 1, J. T. Murphy 2, J. W. Reynolds 3, M. O. Ades 4, S. E. Armstrong (conductor) 5-6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**BURFORD, OXON.** — On July 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: M. Collett (aged 13) 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, F. Soden 3, B. S. Nichols (conductor) 4, F. W. Soden 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, W. A. Godwin 8. First quarter of Major by all except 2 and 8. In honour of the engagement of H. R. H. Princess Elizabeth.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.** — At St. Paul's on July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heath 1, S. Wiltshire 2, R. Tigwell 3, T. Davison 4, W. Page 5, H. Marsh 6, T. C. Lovelock (conductor) 7, J. Martin 8. In honour of Canon Cornwell's installation as Archdeacon of Swindon.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.** — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bettridge 1, Barbara Thrush (first quarter) 2, P. J. Woodgyer 3, Joan S. Sansom 4, J. B. Sansom 5, H. Belcher (conductor) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.** — At the Church of St. John on July 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: T. Merritt 1, G. Winter 2, E. G. Swift 3, W. A. Swift 4, F. W. Hale 5, R. Swift 6, W. G. Mortimer 7, S. G. Grant (conductor) 8.

**DUNSTER, SOMERSET.** — On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pugsley 1, Mrs. F. W. Housden 2, F. W. Housden 3, G. Maidment 4, H. W. Lloyd 5, I. Farmer (conductor) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Haydon 8.

**ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.** — On July 11th, at the Memorial Tower, 1,280 Kent Major: W. Stannard (conductor) 1, A. S. Atkins 2, J. G. Stannard 3, D. Rowland 4, J. W. Banks 5, A. W. Bowers 6, W. Paul, sen. 7, T. Paul 8. First quarter by all except the conductor.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.** — At Christ Church on July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Waymark 1, R. Oliver 2, R. Percy 3, G. Beeney 4, E. Gower 5, F. Dallaway 6, H. Reynolds (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Erridge 8.

**FULHAM, LONDON.** — At All Saints' on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Badrick (first quarter) 1, J. H. Allsop 2, W. J. Paice (conductor) 3, W. S. Langdon 4, G. R. Allsop 5, J. Stephenson 6, H. M. Page 7, F. H. Asprey (first quarter) 8.

**HARWELL, BERKS.** — On July 8th, 1,232 Double Norwich Major: Miss M. R. Cross (first as conductor) 1, C. Lay 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, L. Blond 4, J. Nobes 5, H. White 6, B. Brown 7, A. R. Pink 8. First in method by 2, 4, 6 and 7.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.** — On July 10th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Bettridge 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, W. W. Webb 3, D. Thomas 4, W. A. Lewis 5, J. B. Sansom (conductor) 6, E. R. Gladman 7, B. A. Rose 8.

**IBSTOCK, LEICS.** — On July 10th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): Miss Ivy Jordan 1, H. O. Over 2, J. H. Dean 3, W. T. Goodby 4, R. E. Manton 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6. In honour of Princess Elizabeth's engagement.

**KETTERING, NORTHANTS.** — On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Cope 1, B. Austin 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, P. I. Chapman 4, C. W. Bird 5, J. Bell 6, G. E. Watson (first in method as conductor) 7, H. Clark 8. First in method by 1, 2 and 3. In honour of the royal engagement.

**MATLOCK, DERBYS.** — On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Scott 1, G. W. T. Smith 2, B. Allsop 3, R. Greatorex 4, H. W. Gregory 5, G. H. Paulson 6, H. E. Taylor (conductor) 7, N. Hotchin (first quarter) 8.

**ROSTREVOR, N. IRELAND.** — At Kilbroney Parish Church, on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Pratt 1, A. E. McGrath 2, W. A. Patterson (first quarter) 3, J. T. Dunwoody 4, F. E. Dukes (conductor) 5, H. J. McGrath (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire Doubles by 1, 2 and 4.

**STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.** — On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Powell 1, R. Mores (first of Doubles) 2, J. Drew (first as conductor) 3, H. Pester 4, B. Warr 5.

**SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.** — At St. Mary's on July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Drinkwater (first quarter) 1, Bob Challon 2, G. Church (first on inside bell) 3, F. Marsh 4, M. Thomas 5, F. Howe (conductor) 6, H. Stallham 7, B. Challon 8.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.** — At St. Thomas' on July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Watson (first quarter) 1, Miss F. L. Wright 2, G. C. Cookson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, F. W. Gibbs 5, R. Smith 6, J. W. Smith (conductor) 7, D. W. Turner 8.

**WANDSWORTH, SURREY.** — On July 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. S. Langdon 1, H. R. Newton 2, H. Belcher 3, R. Green 4, W. H. Pasmore 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, R. F. Deal 7,

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

A heavy postbag can be expected by that Birmingham veteran, Mr. Albert Walker, on ringing his 600th peal at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on July 16th. Two days previously Albert rang his first of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Mr. E. Jennings of Braintree, Essex, has called his 100th peal.

We do not as a rule feature 720's, but congratulations on two firsts—Arthur Rogers (15) and John Cottingham, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Elland, Yorks, on July 3rd. It was Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Varndean School for Boys has its own Ringing Society, which has now been in being a year. Tower bells are rung at Brighton churches and it is hoped shortly to score the school's first quarter on tower bells.

Mr. T. Jull, of Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, celebrated his 75th birthday by ringing the fourth to a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford, 180 Plain Bob) at St. Bartholomew's, Bobbing, on June 29th. Ringers: B. W. May 1, Miss D. Dobbie 2, S. Dobbie 3, T. Jull 4, G. Gartman 5, W. H. Dobbie (conductor) 6.

Dragged from his supper table to complete the band for handbell practice, Mr. David Gallop found that a course of Bob Major developed into a peal of 5,040 changes. He stuck to his task in spite of badly blistered hands on heavy bells. A product of Oxford University, he should go far.

Featured in the national newspapers is the dispute between 70-year-old Mr. W. Smith, who has been ringing at St. John-the-Baptist's, Knowle, since 1895, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Sharp). The bells were only silent on one Sunday and were rung on July 20th. These disputes make sad reading for all who love church bells, and we trust that a happy solution will be quickly discovered.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Dublin honoured the royal engagement by a peal of Doubles in two methods. They take risks in Eire, for No. 2 had never rung Bob Doubles before, and No. 3 had never attempted Grandsire. The morning was spent looking up the rules, and in the afternoon the peal was rung and went off very well. The day was the 13th of the month!

The Ladies' Guild has decided to publish at an early date a list of names and addresses of members. Will Cupid keep quiet for the next few months to save author's corrections!

Congratulations to Miss Betty Brown, aged 14—a pupil of Mr. Fred Stokes, of Blankney, Lincs—who rang Caters for the first time in a peal of Stedman Caters at Ewerby, Lincs, on July 12th. Her only previous ten-bell experience was a course of Cambridge Royal at a Lincoln Cathedral practice. Miss Brown's father shared her success, ringing the tenor to this peal.

Mr. William H. Male, of Warwick, who a few months ago accomplished Holt's Six-Part peal of Grandsire Triples on his violin, has now tapped Holt's Ten-Part on the piano in the key of F sharp. This was on July 3rd, in three hours and three minutes, and was the fourth attempt. The 'peal' was read from the figures in the same way as the previous one on the violin.

Forty towers in a week's ringing tour in Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Berkshire was the record of the following members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. Eric Nobles, K. R. Holtom, Sydney G. Osborne, Stanley Ruddlesden, Victor Perry and E. Orland and a visitor, E. J. Rowe (Gospel Oak). The company express their indebtedness to all incumbents and to steeplekeepers, many of whom had everything in readiness.

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# OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL

ENTHUSIASM FROM ALL DISTRICTS ..... 191 NEW MEMBERS .....  
SUBSCRIPTION PROBLEM ..... CANON COLERIDGE'S WONDERFUL  
RECEPTION

Except on the occasion of the 50th anniversary, there was a record attendance at the 63th annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Oxford on July 12th.

The festival opened with a service at the Cathedral, conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester (Dr. G. B. Allen), who is a vice-president of the Guild. The preacher was the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. K. E. Kirk), who is the Guild's president.

The Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) presided at the business meeting, held in the Chapter House, supported by Capt. A. B. Poyntz (Deputy Master), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Hibbert (hon. secretary), Canon G. F. Coleridge (vice-president) and the Bishop of Dorchester. Visitors included Messrs. G. E. Fearn, H. Fearn, J. Harvey and several other Birmingham ringers, G. E. Lewis (Worcester), J. Hemming (Evesham), S. T. Holt, C. Gardiner, R. B. Speed, F. Newman, J. Caple, Capt. Samson, Miss Mary Davis and others from Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Bristol, London and other centres.

The meeting decided to send a congratulatory telegram to Princess Elizabeth on her engagement, the hope being expressed that the bells in all towers in the diocese would be rung on the occasion of her wedding. Later in the day the following reply was received: 'Please convey the Princess Elizabeth's sincere thanks to all who joined in your message on the announcement of Her Royal Highness' engagement.'

A telegram of congratulation was also sent to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on their bicentenary meeting.

## 191 NEW MEMBERS.

The Master's report stated the notable increase of membership (191 were confirmed) was an indication of the general enthusiasm of branch secretaries and tower foremen in all parts of the Guild. Oxford continued to be the centre of progressive change ringing, where practice in almost any method could be had for the asking. Good, steady progress was being made from many other towers in three counties. Of these he should like to mention Winslow, Eynsham (under the leadership of Mr. Harry Floyd) and the keen band at Sunningwell.

Several restorations had been carried out, notably at Bloxham, where the noble ring of eight bells could again be heard; Deddington, where two trebles had been added to make another fine ring of eight.

In the South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch, Mr. F. Woodward has retired from the secretaryship after very many years of hard and painstaking work. His successor is Mr. H. Badger, of Thame. Great keenness was being shown in several towers in this branch, including Shabbington, where the bells had been pronounced safe to ring after 30 years of chiming and where a keen young band was under instruction. Congratulations were extended to Miss Stella Davis and Mr. Farmer on having each completed a full year of office as secretaries of the Newbury and Witney and Woodstock branches respectively, in each case with conspicuous success.

The report contained a reference to the death of Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary for nearly 30 years, stating: 'We continue to miss his inspiring leadership at Guild meetings most sorely, but we can feel thankful that his son, and successor in the office, is a chip off the old block.'

Miss Marie R. Cross presented the librarian's report, which mentioned that there had been a steady demand for the loan of books, especially for the bound volumes of 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' which were presented

by Canon G. F. Coleridge. If any member had any ringing books which were no longer required, would he inform the librarian before disposing of them elsewhere? There were still a large number of old books which the Guild did not possess, especially the type of 'The Bells of Gloucestershire' and 'The Bells of Cornwall.'

## NEARLY 100 PEALS.

The secretary's report said it had been a sad year owing to the resignation of Canon Coleridge from the Mastership and the death of the secretary, and he must leave other pens to portray the valuable work his father did from 1917 until his death in March, 1946.

Nearly a hundred peals were rung during 1946, with Walter F. Judge well in the lead as conductor and with G. Gilbert still going strong with his lassies at Burnham. Two outstanding performances were the 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, conducted by Walter Judge, and a peal of Stedman Triples at East Isley, conducted most admirably by James Higgins, of Oxford, aged 15 years; also seven different Surprise Major methods were rung and the first peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The hon. treasurer's report stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £491 16s. 8d., of which £415 17s. was in the Restoration Fund. The appeal to Parochial Church Councils resulted in £34 7s.

Officers elected were: Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg; Deputy Master, Capt. A. B. Poyntz; trustees, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. W. Everts and Mr. A. D. Culium; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert; librarian, Miss M. R. Cross; committee, Messrs. C. J. Hibbert, G. Caudwell, W. Dixon, J. T. Fowler, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins, G. Holfield, W. F. Judge and A. Pink and Miss D. R. Fletcher; Central Council representatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Locke and Mr. F. D. Boreham.

It was decided that the festival should again be held at Oxford next year. The meeting agreed to 15 guineas restoration grants to Cuddesdon, St. Paul's, Wokingham and Slough.

After a long discussion on suggestions that the increased cost of printing the reports should be met by members paying 6d. for every peal they rang, or that the subscription to the Guild be increased from 1s. 6d. to 2s., the question was referred to a special sub-committee.

## THE LUNCHEON.

A company of 258 sat down to luncheon at Christ Church Hall, which was attended by the Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Dorchester, both of whom welcomed the ringers and expressed the hope that the Guild would prosper.

The Master presided and the toast list included 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. W. Hibbert and responded to by Mr. J. Harvey (St. Martin's Guild) and Mr. R. Speed (president of Cambridge University Society). 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild,' proposed by Mr. J. Hemming (Worcestershire and Districts Association) and replied to by the Master.

Canon Coleridge, now in his 91st year, was present, and all were pleased to observe that he had recovered from his illness when on his way to the Central Council meeting. Having the chance of a ride home to Crowthorne, he left immediately after lunch, and as he walked down the long hall the company rose and with a spontaneous gesture of love and affection for a grand old English gentleman sang 'For he's a jolly good fellow.' The Canon, very much moved, wished the meeting a very happy day and the Guild long life and prosperity for the future.

# The Ladies' Guild

## NEW DISTRICTS BEING FORMED.

The annual meeting was held at Manchester on July 5th, when 38 members attended from Bowden, Burton-on-Stather, Caister-on-Sea, Duffield, Ealing, Epsom, Flixton, Halstead, Hyde, Leicester, Leeds, London, Macclesfield, Norbury, North Mymms, Nottingham, Pebmarsh, Scunthorpe, Stockport, Todmorden and Wallasey.

The bells of Manchester Cathedral and Town Hall afforded the members a good opportunity of trying their skill on heavy bells, and at the Cathedral rounds, Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung by Guild members entirely.

Evensong at the Cathedral was conducted by the Precentor, the Rev. W. Megicks, and the lessons were read by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, president of the Lancashire Association, and the Rev. Canon H. F. Woolnough.

After tea, attended by 63 ringers, the Rev. F. F. Rigby welcomed the Guild to Manchester on behalf of the Lancashire Association, to which Mrs. R. F. Deal replied.

Through the unavoidable absence of Miss E. Steel, president of the Guild, the chair at the meeting was taken by Mrs. R. F. Deal, vice-president of the London District. The retiring president, Miss E. Steel, had notified the secretary that she would not seek re-election, but the members felt they would wish her to be present when she handed over the office which she had held for 20 years, and she was therefore re-elected. Mrs. G. W. Fletcher was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Steel representatives on the Central Council.

A long discussion took place regarding the new districts in course of formation, and it was eventually decided to form a North-Eastern and North-Western District in place of the present Northern District, a Midland District to replace the North Midland District, and to restore the former Lincolnshire District. The London District would revert to the original title of Central District. It was left to the members of the Southern and Central Districts to discuss divisions with the newly-formed branch in Sussex and Kent, and to report at the next meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in London and if possible to arrange a reunion dinner the same day.

## HIGH WYCOMBE'S TWINS

High Wycombe's twin sisters—the Misses Sylvia and Doreen Coker—are in our peal columns. At the age of 15 they first visited All Saints' belfry in the summer of 1945, and by the following spring were hunting the treble to Grandsire Doubles.

Then Sylvia injured her arm in the playing field and for nearly 12 months she dared not touch a bell rope. All this time she continued to attend the weekly practices watching her sister's progress and keeping in step so far as possible on handbells.

Eventually came the day when she was allowed to handle a bell rope and the sequel is to be found in our peal columns.

## 5,152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. K. LEWIS.

First rung at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, July 12th, 1947, conducted by John Worth.

23456	M	W	H
52436	3	—	—
35426	3	—	—
42356	3	—	—
53624	—	—	—
43526	2	3	—
32654	—	2	—
34256	2	3	—
23456	3	—	—

4th Pl. Bob



## A Doctors' Peal

### BAND TRAVELLED 562 MILES.

After two unsuccessful attempts and one postponement, a peal of Bob Minor has, for the first time, been rung by a band of six doctors at Abbots Langley, Herts. On June 12th, during the week following Victory Day, last year, Bob Minor was rung for 55 minutes; and on September 18th, Kent Treble Bob Minor for 2 hours 19 minutes. The dedication is that originally decided upon at the first attempt.

At no time since this peal was mooted some 18 months ago were more than nine doctors known to be active ringers, and the loss of Dr. J. Moreland-Smith, who stood in the last attempt, and who died in April, while the present one was being arranged, has been very keenly felt.

Another difficulty, which appeared to be almost unsurmountable, has been the distance apart of those available; the ringer of the treble has only recently retired from practice in Sevenoaks, but has travelled up from Tintagel, Cornwall, on each occasion to take part.

The rest of the band came, in the order of ringing, from Romford (Essex), Abbots Langley, Wareham (Dorset), Ash (near Canterbury, Kent) and Great Baddow (Essex). It is estimated that the band travelled a distance of 562 miles from their homes to reach the tower. Is this a record for a six-bell peal?

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### JUBILEE FESTIVAL.

Ringers from a wide area gathered in Ely on July 5th for the Association's jubilee festival. After ringing at St. Mary's Church, a service was held in the choir of the Cathedral, the Bishop of Ely giving the address.

Tea was served at St. Mary's Hotel, when the ringers were joined by the Bishop, Canon Covey-Crump, the Rev. J. B. Rowsell (Vicar of St. Mary's) and the Rev. H. M. Boswell (Vicar of Wilburton).

Canon Covey-Crump, who was the first general secretary (now 83 years old and still going strong) recalled the inaugural meeting of 50 years ago, and wished the Association every success in the future.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at being present, and spoke of his interest in the Association's work in the diocese. On behalf of the ringers, the Rev. J. P. Pelloe (Vicar of Wisbech) expressed thanks to the Bishop for his interest and for giving the address.

After tea ringing was resumed at St. Mary's, and the bells of Littleport and Wilburton were also available.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Diocesan Festival was held at Saltash on July 5th, about sixty being present, including the president, Miss E. Symons, the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Clark, and several members of the Devon Guild. There were five towers available, Saltash, St. Stephen-by-Saltash, Botus Fleming, Landulph and St. German's, all with six bells except the last, which has eight. St. Stephen is about the finest six in England and ought to be better known; with a tenor of 16 cwt. the tone is glorious and the 'go' of the bells perfect.

A service was held in Saltash Church, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Prior, who had already welcomed the ringers in the belfry. The lesson was read by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, secretary of the Guild, and the sermon preached by the Rev. H. M. Brown, Vicar of Torpoint, who is himself a change ringer. The arrangements for the tea and the ringing at Saltash were made by Mr. H. Batten, the captain of the Saltash ringers.

It was an experiment holding the Diocesan Festival on the extreme edge of the county, but it was justified if only that it attracted some of the Devon Guild, for the Truro Guild is an offspring of the Devon Guild and the two Guilds ought to mingle from time to time.

## RECORD PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 Changes SEVEN EXTENTS IN 105 METHODS

*Rung at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on June 30th, 1947*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

FIRST EXTENT			FIFTH EXTENT			THIRD EXTENT		
by A. G. Driver			by A. G. Driver			By A. G. Driver		
23456	Mendip		23456	Newdigate		First part	Second part	Third part
—35642	Barham		42635	Marple		23456	Stonehouse	Iver
42563	Waterford		—35642	Old Oxford		42635	Bramfield	Hayes
26435	Kentish		63254			64523	Harm'sw'th	Bramfield
63254	Mendip		26435			56342	Stonehouse	Harm'sw'th
54326	Beeston		42563	College Bob IV.		S 32564	Little Bob	Little Bob
—42635	Berwyn		54326			45632		
—23564	Mendip		—63542	Humber		26345		Little Bob
64352	Beeston		42356	Willesden		53426	Crayford	Crayford
52436	Berwyn		34625	Braintree		S 26435	Lamberh't	Elacombe
36245	Berkeley		—25634			54326	Wordsley	Lamberhurst
45623	Barham		34562			63254	Blaxhall	Mitcham
—52364	Berwyn		62453			42563		
64235	Melandra		53246	Humber		S 35462	Crayford	Crayford
35426	Barham		46325	Braintree		62543		Crayford
26543	Berkeley		—25346	Clarence		43256		Wordsley
43652	Mendip		63425	Charlwood		56324		Stanhoe
—35264	Oswald		54263	Neasden		24635		Stratton
56342	Edinburgh		26354	St. Albans		S 35642	Ringstead	Harm'sw'th
64523	Leasowe		46532			S 62354	Little Bob	Little Bob
—42356	Berwyn		—25463			S 45362	Ringstead	Hayes
56234	Pembroke		—34256	Clarence				
34625	Leasowe		62534	Marple		34256		
25463	Barham		45362	Wragby				
63542	Mendip		23645	Taxal				
—34256	Peveril		56423	Morning Star				
56423	Pembroke		—62534					
23645	Mendip		—56342					
45362	Barham		64523	Marple				
62534	Berwyn		35264	E'ston				
—23456			23456					
SECOND EXTENT			FOURTH EXTENT			SIXTH EXTENT		
By C. K. Lewis			By A. G. Driver			By C. K. Lewis		
First part	Second part	Third part	23456	Nelson	Nelson	23456	Capel	
23456	Poynton	Candlesby	35264	Bourne	Rostherne	56342	Oxford	
64523	Elsham	Bigby	42635	Ely	Ely	—35642		
S 35624	Bastow	Bastow	—42356			—63542	Sandal	
—63524			25463	Skipton	Foth'gay	42356		
56432			63542	Nelson	Nelson	56234	Oxford	
45263			34625	Knutsford	Bourne	25463	Carisbrooke	
—24356			56234	Ely	Ely	34625	Oxford	
32645			—56342			—63425	Ockley	
S 63254	Benington	Freiston	—56423	Chepstow	Hull	54263	Donottar	
26435	Denton	Bassingham	23645			25346	Sandal	
42563	Benington	Butterwick				—46325	Oxford	
54326	Dunholme	Bassingham				34562	Wath	
35642	Bassingham	Dunholme				25634	Oxford	
S 62354	Bastow	Bastow				62453	London Scholars' Pleasure	
36425						53246		
43562						—46253	Oxford	
54236						—24635		
S 25463	Chelford	Candlesby				62345	Duke of Norfolk	
34625	Elsham	Bigby				53462	Pontefract	
56234	Langton	Bigby				42326	Kingston	
—42356						—36245	Oxford	
SEVENTH EXTENT			HENLOW, BEDS.—On July 6th, 1,272 Bob			Minor: C. Dear 1, J. W. Gibson. R.A.F. 2,		
By C. K. Lewis			WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's			on July 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Lankester 1,		
23456	Double Bob	Cumberland	Mrs. E. Lankester 2, Mrs. M. Hodgson 3, A.			Cutler 4, M. Hodgson (conductor) 5, L. H.		
56342	Windermere	Frodsham	Bowler 6.					
64523	Plain Bob	Plain Bob						
—64235								
—64352								
45623	Canterbury	Canterbury						
52436		Ennerdale						
23564	S. Clements	S. Clements						
S 54236	Killarney	Killarney						
—62543	Childwall	Childwall						
35463	S. Clements	S. Clements						
24635	London Bob	Lytham						
56324	College	Killarney						
—43562		College						
25643	D. Oxford	Thelwall						
62354	Thelwall							
36425	S. Clements	S. Clements						
S 45362	Wavertree	S. Clements						
23645	Wavertree	Reverse B.						
34256								



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Council Guidance Wanted

## ON DELINQUENT PEALS.

Dear Sir,—May I most heartily endorse and add to Mr. F. W. Housden's remarks in your recent issue. The Exercise naturally expects to have the Council's guidance on obscure and difficult points, however debatable or tedious they may be, and, in shirking the issue of the three 'delinquent peals' (varied and rung under diverse sets of circumstances as they obviously were) without considering each one on its merits and in relation to the existing rules, I feel that the Council failed to do its job.

Stunts there are and always will be, in ringing as in everything else. Some, no doubt, are quite unnecessary and serve no useful purpose, others (such as the peal of Stedman Sextuples and that conducted from outside a tower some years ago) are extremely clever and interesting performances, whilst yet others are born of necessity or owing to peculiar local circumstances, and it is with the latter I am principally concerned.

Since I first wrote you regarding the Basingstoke 'peal' over a year ago, I have received many letters from ringers in various parts of the country, several of which I regret I have been unable to answer, but all of which at least imply that there is certainly no lack of interest in this subject. A most significant factor, I find, is that all those ringing friends who disagree with my views hail from such districts as London, Birmingham or Leicester, where, from the word 'go,' anyone with reasonable aptitude and keenness is assured of a comparatively successful ringing career and not from any tower where to start any change ringing at all involves a long, bitter and uneven struggle against powerful local influences and prejudices such as a well-established 'stoney' band.

I wonder if Mr. P. J. Johnson and those other gentlemen who talk so glibly of what the public want and do not want have ever in actual fact made any unbiased auditory test in this connection. I have and, as a result, am perfectly satisfied that the majority of non-ringers have, for instance, a distinct preference for Doubles, Minor and Major with a cover rather than without, but do not care a very great deal anyway. I suggest that Mr. Newman's dislike of Kent Minor with a cover is not actuated by any true musical consideration at all, but is solely because, as a ringer, he first became used to hearing it without.

No, sir, in my submission our art is brought into ridicule far more by the Council's inconsistent rejection of a peal which is similar to one it has recognised previously and by illogical rules which veto a peal on nine bells in the diatonic scale, but accept one on five which are cracked or out of tune. Does Mr. Smallwood seriously consider that a thorough overhaul of such a farcical situation (and there are others as ludicrous) is not required?

Finally, in fairness to Mr. Felstead, I would point out that, although he may be a comparative newcomer to the Exercise, several of his supporters are by no means as 'raw,' and, whilst perhaps they are in a minority, minorities have very frequently throughout the ages proved to be right, in the end.—Yours faithfully,

T. R. BUTLER.

27, Lynwood Gardens, Orrell Park,  
Liverpool, 9.

## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Corleston, Great Yarmouth.

## The Rings of Pembrokeshire

Dear Sir,—Referring to the above in this week's 'Ringing World,' as regards Haverfordwest bells, to say only one peal has been rung on the bells is not correct. Prior to the peal of Superlative as quoted, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in which your humble took part, and conducted by Mr. A. J. Pitman, on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1926 (see 'The Ringing World,' April 9th, 1926). It was the first peal on the bells, which were rehung in 1923 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. JONES.

Newport, Mon.

## LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—If the footnote to the peal of Little Bob Major rung at Balcombe on June 29th is complete as published, it is not correct. The first peal in this method was rung for the Hertford County Association at King's Langley on February 22nd, 1936, conducted by Walter Ayre.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. B.

Crayford, Kent.

## ALSO IN CHESHIRE

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Little Oxford Bob Major rung at Balcombe, Sussex, on June 29th, and recorded in this week's 'Ringing World,' does not seem to be correct.

A peal in this method was rung for the Chester Diocesan Guild at Malpas on Nov. 3rd, 1936, and no claim was made that this was the first in the method, although it was the first for the Chester Guild.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS.

Upton-by-the-Bache, Chester.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

## BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL'S INTEREST.

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool took part in the ringing at the monthly meeting of the Wigan Branch at the Church of Emmanuel, Southport, on July 5th, and gave an address at the choral service. In his address the Bishop said how English bellringing was, and how appropriate this meeting was, it being on the eve of the Day of National Prayer.

After the service tea was held in the schools. Here the Bishop told of an old ringing book which had been presented to the Cathedral. It was a record of peals rung by the Liverpool Youths, who used to ring at St. Peter's, the old Pro-Cathedral of Liverpool. He brought the book with him, and members admired the beautiful penmanship. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. G. Newton and seconded by Mr. J. Ridyard.

Although there were not as many present as expected, it was a good meeting, with methods from rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent and Double Norwich and Cambridge. The next meeting will be at Ha'sall on August 9th.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

## FIRST POST-WAR CONTEST.

Six teams entered for the first post-war contest of the Association, held at All Saints' Church, Almondbury, Huddersfield, on July 5th. The adjudications of Mr. E. Betts were as follows:—

Friezland, 15 penalties, 138 faults, 153.

Longwood, 20 penalties, 210 faults, 230.

Silkstone, 10 penalties, 174 faults, 184.

Shelley, 20 penalties, 200 faults, 220.

Liversedge, 0 penalties, 95 faults, 95.

Meltham, rung out.

Liversedge were declared the winners and received the challenge cup from the Rev. T. A. Youngmire, curate of Almondbury, in the absence of the Vicar.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Liversedge on September 27th. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and all concerned was proposed by Mr. E. Earnshaw, seconded by Mr. H. Roberts.

## OBITUARY

## MR. JOSEPH WOODS.

The death is announced with regret on July 10th of Mr. Joseph Woods, of Padeham, in Blackburn Royal Infirmary after a very short illness.

Though not a prolific peal ringer, he was a regular service ringer, an excellent striker and a stalwart attendant at branch meetings, where he was always ready to pour oil on troubled waters. He learnt to ring at Helmshore, Lancs, and took part in the first peal of Bristol for the Lancashire Association. His last peal—Double Norwich—was on June 11th at Church, Lancs, at which tower he was for some years a member of the band.

His character was admirably summed up by the inscription on an anonymous floral tribute placed on his grave, which read, 'To a real British gentleman.' Representatives of the three towers to which he had been attached acted as bearers and at all towers the bells were rung muffled.

Only 58 years of age, the last call, 'This is all,' came very suddenly. We remember him with affection and sympathise with his wife and two daughters in their bereavement.

L.J.W.

A memorial peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung at Church, Lancs, on July 19th.

## MRS. H. BEER.

Mrs. Harriet Beer, widow of the late Mr. W. Beer, who was for many years a ringer at St. George's Parish Church, Gravesend, died on July 9th. Mrs. Beer took a great interest in ringing and was an honorary member of the Kent County Association. The bells of St. George's Church were rung half-muffled in the evening of July 14th as a mark of respect.

## THE LATE MR. C. R. WALKER

## TABLET UNVEILED AT HIGHWEEK.

The tablet, which has been erected in the belfry of Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, by the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers, in memory of the late Mr. Christopher R. Walker, of Kingskerswell, one of its members, was unveiled on July 12th in the presence of members and friends from Okehampton, Teignmouth (St. James'), Newton Abbot, Paignton, Dartmouth, Ashburton, Totnes, Buckfastleigh, and Plympton St. Maurice, as well as visitors from Willesden, Middlesex, and Beeston, Notts.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Durling (Rector), who was assisted by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch). The tablet was unveiled by the Rector, and in an appropriate address the Rev. W. R. D. Mills remarked that the late Mr. Walker always did his best, whether it be in connection with bells or music or otherwise.

The bells were rung before and after the service, touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and Stedman Triples, rounds for the less experienced ringers, and call changes by the local ringers. Handbells were also rung over the grave of the late Mr. Walker and the late Mr. C. R. Lilley, this consisting of two courses of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. A. L. Bennett 1-2, J. F. Lilley 3-4, A. Newman 5, C. F. Austin 6, and E. J. Taylor 7-8.

After tea, Mr. A. L. Bennett, branch secretary, voiced the thanks of the branch to the Rector and church authorities of Highweek for allowing the tablet to be erected in their belfry; to Mr. J. Case for doing the necessary fixing; to those who had subscribed; and to Mr. H. V. Jones, the Buckfastleigh U.D.C. surveyor, for the advice he had given.

The Rev. J. A. Durling, in his reply, expressed his great pleasure at having the tablet erected at Highweek. He thanked the branch officials for the efficient manner in which the memorial had been carried out. The tablet is of bronze with cream lettering, and is mounted on a mahogany block.

A.L.R.



## Devon & Somerset Combine

### JOINT MEETING AT UFFCULME.

An event of great interest in the West was the joint meeting held at Uffculme, Devon, on July 5th, of the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. The meeting was arranged by Mr. C. G. Dymond, and the interest aroused was evidenced by the attendance of 70 members and visitors from 25 towers affiliated to the two associations.

The Devon members were pleased to meet again the Rev. E. S. Powell, who was their president from 1924-1932, and Mrs. Powell, and Mr. F. C. Small, general secretary of the Guild. Among the visitors were ringers from Walsall and Daventry.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by service, conducted by the Rev. H. Alexander (Vicar), and the lesson read by the Rev. E. S. Powell. The Vicar in his address also drew attention to points of interest in this grand church and invited all to visit the gardens and grounds of the Vicarage.

After the service tea, arranged by a local committee, was laid on the lawn and full justice was done.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, elected to the chair, then read a letter from Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, expressing regret at his inability to be present. The Chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Uffculme for the use of the bells and taking the service and to all who had helped make this such a pleasant meeting, said the attendance must be very gratifying to those who had made the arrangements.

Mr. Arthur Reed (secretary, Taunton Deanery), in seconding, said that the meeting was the result of hints passed on by members visiting each other's quarterly meetings, and was envisaged at a meeting held at Ashbrittle last year, and that they had been looking forward to it for months, and hoped that at some future date the event would be repeated.

Mr. A. G. Selley (Ringing Master, N.E. Branch), in associating himself with Mr. Reed's remarks, said that big things usually had small beginnings, and suggested a definite date and place and then proposed that another meeting be arranged on the first Saturday in July, 1948, and that the venue be Milverton in Somerset. This was carried unanimously. Touches on handbells by Somerset and Devon men jointly and separately ended the meeting.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Bob Major, and the Somerset men are to be congratulated on a splendid touch of Double Norwich, many present not often having the opportunity of listening to this grand method.

The meeting was marked throughout by a grand spirit of friendliness, which can do nothing but good, both from a social and ringing point of view. The duty of Ringing Master was ably carried out by Mr. Poole, of Yeovil. The bells are a grand ring, tenor 24 cwt.

## Kent County Association

### AT HAWKHURST.

Ringing took place in the bomb-damaged Church of St. Lawrence, Hawkhurst, which possesses a peal of eight, and methods ranged as far as Superlative Surprise. The service was held at the Church of All Saints some 1½ miles away in the centre of the village and was followed by tea and the business meeting.

Mr. V. Kinch, of Leigh, and the Rev. I. G. Jones, of Hawkhurst, were elected as practising members, and the Vicar, the Rev. Harrison Thornton, was elected an honorary member. There being no other business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to Mr. W. Gorringe, the local captain, for making the arrangements, and the lady helpers for serving the tea. Members then adjourned to St. Lawrence's Church for further ringing.

### AT EAST PECKHAM.

East Peckham Church has a pleasant ring of six, which were usefully employed by the members on the occasion of the quarterly meeting on July 5th. At the service members were given an impressive address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Starky, and after the service they were entertained to tea by Mr. T. Saunders, the local captain, and the local band.

At the meeting that followed Messrs. F. Acott, G. Acott, E. Drawbridge, J. Harris, W. Harris and L. Cutcliffe were elected members of the Association and the Vicar was elected an honorary member. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service, to the organist, and Mr. Saunders, the local band and the ladies who had provided the tea.

### ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

About 80 members and friends from most of the towers in the district and some from the Canterbury and Maidstone Districts visited this fine old Minster Church at the Isle of Sheppey on July 5th.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. H. Brasier), who is an honorary member of the Association and was ably assisted by the young members of the local Guild. The organist was S. Evans (the young Master), and the lesson was read by G. Rooke (a local ringer). The remainder of the male members assisted with the distribution of books and also took the collection for the Benevolent Fund, which amounted to £1 9s. 1d.

The Vicar, in his address, welcomed the ringers to the Minster and also stressed the importance of this branch of church work. He also thanked his own local Guild for their loyal co-operation in the work of the church.

Tea at the Blue Bird Cafe was kindly given to the members of the Association by the parents of the local Guild.

Upon taking the chair for the business meeting, the Vicar said that it was 17 years since their last visit and he hoped that they would not leave it so long before coming again.

The secretary reported that he had received two notices of motion from the Lewisham District to come up for discussion at the annual meeting. Mr. G. H. Spice, the general secretary, explained these to the members and further action was postponed to the next meeting to be held at Rochester Cathedral in October.

It was decided to hold a bi-meeting at Hoo on the second Saturday in August. Mr. E. Allen proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local Guild for making the meeting such a great success.

More ringing was enjoyed after the meeting on the Minster bells, while others made their way to Eastchurch and Queenborough.

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Meeting Shoreham Sat., July 26th, 3. Service 4.15 Tea 2s. 1658

LADIES' GUILD and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Joint meeting Monken Hadley, Sat., July 26th Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea.—Mrs E. E. Davis and T. J. Lock, Hon Secs., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1676

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting Helmsley (8) Sat., July 26th.—Edward Hudson Hon. Dis. Sec. 1696

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Summer meeting at Hoar Cross (6) July 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal 1722

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Bennington (8) Sat., July 26th, 3. Short service 4.30 Tea 5.15, followed by short business meeting.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6 Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 1701

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**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech District.—Meeting Northwold (8), Sat., July 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1721

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting Colerne (8), Sat., July 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea 5.—H. Marsh, 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham. 1708

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Harlaxton, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 1693

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Arksey July 26th, 3. Tea available. 1738

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Re meeting Hershaw, July 26th. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no service, and it has been impossible to arrange tea as had been expected.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 1734

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S, THORPE BAY, ESSEX.**—Dedication of new ring of eight bells (John Taylor and Co.), by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, on Thurs., July 31st, 8 p.m. 1703

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Barkway, Sat., Aug. 2nd. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 30th to C. A. Bysouth, Barkway, Royston.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 1740

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Whaddon (6), Sat., Aug. 2nd, 5.—R. H. Howson. 1736

**DEVON GUILD.**—Ringing practice (Stedman and Major), Heavitree, Sat., Aug. 2nd, 3. Tea. Visitors invited.—Frederick C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1733

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Worth, Sat., Aug. 2nd, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1729

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol City Branch.—Aug. 2nd, monthly meeting. Christ Church, City (10), 3-4; St. James' (10), 4 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, Church House. 1732

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning (8), Sat., Aug. 2nd, 6 to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1725

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Eye District.—Meeting at Eye, Sat., Aug. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Yaxley (6) from 7 to 8.30. Names for tea must reach me by July 30th.—W. A. Lock, Dis. Sec., Reed Cottage, Yaxley, Suffolk. 1743

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Claybrooke, Aug. 2nd, 3. Cups of tea; bring own food.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec. 1741

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sandhurst (6), Aug. 2nd, 3. Service 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Half travelling expenses (not exceeding 2s.) will be paid to members attending. There will be an interval from approximately 5 to 6 for tea, followed by the business meeting. 1730

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Sawston (8), Sat., Aug. 2nd, 3. Service? Tea 5 in the Church Institute.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1727

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Next meeting at Burgh-le-Marsh on Sat., Aug. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, White Hart Hotel, 5. Names for tea by Mon., July 28th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1722

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.**—Meeting St. Andrew's Parish Rooms, Penrith, 2, Mon., Aug. 4th. Names for meals before Sat., July 26th.—S. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1720

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Aug. 4th. Privett, 11 to 2; West Meon, 2 to 4 and after tea; East Meon, 2 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Tea for those who notify by July 29th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh. 1712

**GUILDFORD GUILD** (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSN.** (N.W. District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead, Mon. Aug. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Duke's Head. Numbers for tea to G. Mariner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Aug. 1st.—A. H. Smith. 1709

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Rotherham (10), Mon., Aug. 4th, 3. Tea obtainable at British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec. 1726

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Joint practice nights: Tues., Aug. 5th, St. Albans Cathedral, 7.30 p.m.; Mon., Aug. 18th, St. Peter's, St. Albans, 7.45 p.m.; Wed., Sept. 3rd, Harpenden, 7.45 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1739

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Appledore, Sat., Aug. 9th, 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Aug. 5th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. 1731

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Chichester, Aug. 9th. Ringing at Campanile, 3.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 1736

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—I of W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30. For tea write Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport, I of W., by Aug. 6th. 1737

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting at Isleworth, Sat., Aug. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged if possible. Names to Mr. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, by Wednesday, 6th.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1742

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, for names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 1744

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

#### NORTH-EAST MEETING AT COLCHESTER.

A very successful meeting was held at St. Leonard's on July 12th, when over forty members and friends attended and made use of the fine-toned six bells.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Johnston), who in his address extended a welcome to the ringers. After an excellent tea, the business meeting was held, with the Master (Mr. C. Ellis) in the chair, supported by the district secretary (Mr. H. J. Millatt).

Harwich was selected for the next meeting on September 13th, and Mrs. Joan Warner was elected a ringing member. The company were entertained by some amusing reminiscences from Mr. A. J. King, of Grantham.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and all who had helped were moved by Mr. C. Ellis and seconded by Mr. G. Waterman.

Members then returned to the tower for more ringing, which despite delays caused by a broken rope and a faulty clock hammer, was kept up till 8.30 p.m. in methods from Bob Minor to York and Cambridge Surprise.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On July 6th, 1.259 Grandsire Caters: A. Upsall 1, Miss M. Longbofton 2, F. Wigmore (conductor) 3, H. Piggins 4, W. Jarvis 5, J. Phillips 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means 9, F. Moyes 10.



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## WINCHESTER

By a coincidence the report of the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild is appearing in the same issue as the history of its vigorous daughter, the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The Winchester Diocesan Guild is among the senior of the territorial ringing organisations, being founded in 1879, the year after its veteran Master and a vice-president, Mr. George Williams, started change ringing. This story of continuity is a feature of the life of this Guild, as early this year we published a picture of six veterans who had each more than 50 years' membership and rang a 720 Bob Minor together at Swanmore, viz.: Messrs. A. Millard, G. Chappell, G. Williams, W. Linter, F. W. Burnett and H. W. Merrett.

Our subject, however, is not so much of the past as the present, as told in the comprehensive printed annual report for 1946, and it is a sign of better times as far as the Exercise is concerned that these reports are appearing. The Winchester and Portsmouth operates through eight districts, some of which are vigorous centres. Portsmouth district elected 27 new members, Southampton 16 and Winchester, the largest district numerically, 5. There are districts where the setbacks arising from the war still keep numbers below the pre-war level, and the immediate problem is to make good this deficit. The two dioceses have not yet a hundred per cent. coverage as there are two eight and eight six-bell towers not affiliated. Probably the majority of these towers are not satisfactory from a ringing point of view, but there is no lack of evidence that a substantial amount of work is necessary on the part of Guild and district officers to ensure that a full complement of ringers who are members of the Guild exists in every tower. This maintenance of bands of regular Sunday ringers, who efficiently discharge their duties, is the primary function of every diocesan Guild, and should never be allowed to recede into the background.

Good ringing will not be created by series of short touches at services or meetings, a point emphasised in this issue by a North Country Ringing Master. Performance ringing of lengths of 720 and upwards is essential for the furtherance of our art. This is well maintained by the Guild. Not all of it was of the publicised performance type. The bells at Wickham and in neighbouring towers were rung during 1946 for seventy-five 720's, in which 42 ringers participated. Peal ringing is in no sense neglected by the Guild. Of the 58 peals



scored in 1946 10 were in hand, all by the Bournemouth enthusiasts. There was variety in the methods. Among the 13 Surprise peals were Painswick, London, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative. No longer is it necessary to scarify the diocese for a Grandsire band, as the 90-year-old Master recently recalled. There were no fewer than 13 conductors for the peals, one of whom was a lady, Mrs. Marshallsay.

Finally, Basingstoke is within the area of this Guild. Under the heading of miscellaneous performances are printed the 5,021 Grandsire Caters and the 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Major with the tenor covering, with this footnote: 'The above 5,000's were not recognised by the Central Council as "peals" since they did not conform to its rule.' This loyalty is commendable.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
*BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ALAN THIRST ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 10
HAROLD SMITH ... 5	KENNETH W. KNOWLES ... 11
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6	†GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* 100th peal together. † First peal on twelve. A compliment to Miss Lilian Joy Haden and Mr. Jeffrey Alec Burns-Mace on the occasion of their wedding.

## TEN BELL PEALS

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	*E. DENNIS POOLE ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Stedman. This composition has the bells in the tittums and handstroke home positions at alternate course ends throughout the peal, and is now rung for the first time.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
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WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	NORMAN INSKIP ... 5
JOHN DAVY ... 2	SIDNEY FOSKETT ... 6
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	†C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	*CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor on eight bells and first attempt. Rung in honour of the royal engagement.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., July 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY C. ADAMS ... Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 2	GEORGE F. BAILEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 7
*JOHN QUIMBY ... 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

\* First peal.

HANBURY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent.)

On Tues., July 15, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*DOREEN RODEN ... Treble	GORDON HARRISON ... 5
†NOREEN BRAIN ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
SIDNEY D. AINGER ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung after the tower was damaged in the 'dump' explosion of 1944. Rung as a birthday compliment to Gordon Harrison and Frank Murfin, of St. Paul's band.

QUEENBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 18, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROY B. COOK ... Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 5
PAUL BERKETT ... 2	DENNIS ROE ... 6
JOAN SOUTHERST ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
†ALAN HARTLEY ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BRISTOL. CAMBRIDGE, LONDON, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

\* 50th peal together. First peal of Spliced Surprise in the tower and by all the band except the conductor. The composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' on April 11th, 1947; the optional leads were all rung as Cambridge.



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**BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.
ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... Treble	DAVID H. ANSTAY ... 5
JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 2	*JACK WEAVER ... 6
HARRY E. BALAM ... 3	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 7
*ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... 4	JOHN B. WOODLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

\* First peal in the method.

**KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.**

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

*On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, ANNE AND LAWRENCE,**  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHN S. WALTON ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 5
*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

\* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

**CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	VICTOR A. WILLIAMS ... 5
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 2	TOM ISHERWOOD ... 6
*CHARLES CLEGG ... 3	ERIC BRUNTON ... 7
ROGER LEIGH ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Joseph Woods.

**FRITTENDEN, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
HARRY BAKER ... 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CHARLES SHARPLES ... Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 5
EDWARD IDDON ... 2	ISAAC GARSIDE ... 6
IVAN KAY ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
*STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 4	JOHN F. WOOD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* 100th peal for the Association. 100th peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

**GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Northern Branch.)

*On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

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

G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*CHARLES H. BAKER ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—On June 29th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Allen 1, E. T. Sneller 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, W. Warwick, sen. 4, J. W. Wilson (conductor) 5, M. Rosier 6, C. J. Hibbert 7, W. Warwick 8. To celebrate the coming-of-age of the conductor's sister.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*

*AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

HENRY PRATT ... Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
*PHILIP CHALK ... 4	ERNEST BRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

\* First peal of Surprise Major, not having previously rung a touch.

**DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

*AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,*

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

*RONALD AIREY ... Treble	GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 5
JAMES T. TITT ... 2	THOMAS W. COOKE ... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3	†JACK R. WORRALL ... 7
THOMAS SENIOR ... 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

\* First peal of Major. † First eight-bell peal.

**OVER, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MISS BETTY MORTON ... Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 5
*DAVID GODFREY ... 2	DAVID SMITH ... 6
ERIC HORNBY ... 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 7
MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 4	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

**NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
*A. T. OSBORNE ... Treble	G. W. RENDELL ... 4
†G. GAYLARD ... 2	†W. S. J. DREW ... 5
†H. J. GAYLARD ... 3	†H. R. CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.  
 \* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

**HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,*

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

Seven different extents.	Tenor 18 cwt.
*RALPH C. SPITTLE ... Treble	E. PETER ROCK ... 4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

**SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.	Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).
*MISS M. FLACKETT ... Treble	J. CARTLIDGE ... 4
C. H. PAGE ... 2	A. PEAKE ... 5
F. W. WILSHAW ... 3	N. R. HOLLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.  
 \* First peal of Minor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Holland on their 28th wedding anniversary.

**ARDINGTON, BERKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

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

Seven different extents.	Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... Treble	†ROY DAVIS ... 4
*MISS EDNA M. EAST ... 2	HARRY WHITE ... 5
†CYRIL P. LAY ... 3	JOHN NOBES ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS MARIE R. CROSS.  
 \* First peal, aged 16. † First peal in the method.



## WESTHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*BERYL N. COWLIN ... Treble	† PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4
† PETER N. BOND ... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Cambridge, Wells and London. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM OLIVER ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
* JACK R. WORRELL ... 2	RICHARD BUSBY ... 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

## GARVESTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDK. W. MIDDLETON Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... 2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 5
* GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. GOODMAN.

\* First peal in three methods.

## ABBEY DORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in eight methods: (1) Hereward; (2) Double Oxford; (3) Double Court; (4) Plain and Double; (5) Reverse Canterbury; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	GEORGE DAVIS ... 4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in eight methods by all the band, except the conductor, and on the bells. First peal of Minor in eight methods for the Guild. 100th peal for Hereford Guild by L. Evans.

## LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of 10 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob and 12 six-scores of Grandsire.

* ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 4
GEORGE F. BAILEY ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
TOM J. MARRIOTT ... 3	* ALBERT W. MANDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

\* First peal.

## NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: (1) Double and Single Court; (2) Plain Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Hereward; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Double and Single Oxford; (5) Childwall; (6) Thelwall; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

* STANLEY G. ELSEY ... Treble	† WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in 13 methods 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor in more than one method.

## MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

* ALLAN HILDITCH ... Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 4
† MARGARET FLACKETT ... 2	† REGINALD ROWLEY ... 5
* WILLIAM S. DAVENPORT ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. Rung for the wedding of Miss K. Bostock and Mr. J. Higginson, ringers.

## DUNSFOLD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Treble	GEORGE L. GROVER ... 4
* CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 2	* HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
† ERIC T. LEE ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal on the bells since recasting and relanging in December, 1946.

## GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

* THOMAS BARKER ... Treble	† ED. COWPERTHWAITHE ... 4
* G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 2	* W. HARRY CLARKE ... 5
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 3	† CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods on tower bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. Cowperthwaite.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LONDON.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., July 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

IN THE CHOIR VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal on handbells.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., July 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. W. PYE.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

* PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
JILL POOLE ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 9-10

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness: Albert Hare.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

JOHN A. ACRES ... 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5-6
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 3-4	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

First peal on handbells as conductor.



**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Jurd 1, L. P. Cook 2, W. Tate 3, H. A. Nobes 4, P. Speck 5, A. Mills 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. Barron 8.

**BARNBY DON, YORKS.**—On July 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Rose Lamb 1, J. M. Thorley 2, J. Lindsay 3, F. Lamb 4, J. Thorley 5, E. J. Padgett (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 3.—Also at SS. Peter and Paul, on July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob: Miss R. Lamb 1, H. E. Wills 2, F. Reed (conductor) 3, R. Lunn 4, F. Lamb 5, J. Padgett 6. Rung for the wedding of a local ringers, John Lindsay, and a golden wedding compliment to the 5th ringer (father) and treble ringer (grandfather).

**BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): R. Wright (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, T. Newman (conductor) 2, H. Austin 3, W. Sidwell 4, W. Jones 5, W. Cox 6, L. Barry 7, H. Newman 8.

**BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On July 18th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles half-muffled, as a tribute to the late Mr. H. G. Mundy, verger at this church for over 20 years. A. S. Reade 1, F. Whiting 2, C. A. Manning (conductor) 3, A. Boswell 4, A. T. Shorey 5, P. J. Evans 6.

**BRAFELD, NORTHANTS.**—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Betty Mawby (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Gayton 2, G. Cane 3, R. Noon (conductor) 4, L. Battison 5.

**CHISWICK, LONDON.**—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Veats 1, G. Allsop 2, J. Allsop 3, W. J. Paice (conductor) 4, J. Stephenson 5, J. Sansom 6, H. M. Page 7, F. H. Asprey 8.

**DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On July 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss Enid Walklate 1, G. E. Watson (conductor) 2, J. Bell 3, L. Kilborn 4, B. Cope 5, C. W. Bird 6, B. Austin 7, P. I. Chapman 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.**—At St. Giles' Church, on July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Barnett 1, W. A. Stote (conductor) 2, I. A. Morrison 3, A. E. Bistow 4, H. Folwell 5, D. Harrison (first quarter) 6.

**HALLIWELL, BOLTON, LANCs.**—At St. Peter's on July 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples to welcome their new Vicar, Rev. Higginson: E. B. Webster 1, L. Owen 2, B. Hinckley (first quarter) 3, C. Brownlow 4, J. F. Wood 5, A. Heywood 6, P. Crook, sen. (conductor) 7 (A. C. Moss 8).

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.**—On July 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Harris 1, H. Bird 2, H. Shilrock 3, J. Eaton 4, Molly Tromans 5, E. Woodall 6, J. H. Cox (conductor) 7, T. Greenhall 8.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Wilcox 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Miss E. Fulton 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, R. E. Wenban (first as conductor) 7, W. Wenban 8.

**HOLLOWAY, N.7.**—On July 17th, at St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Russell (first quarter) 1, R. Charge 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, R. Newman 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begbie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—On July 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Andre 1, C. Walker 2, L. Chislett 3, S. Ball 4, E. Jones (first as conductor) 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten.

**POOLE, DORSET.**—At the Church of St. James, on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Thompson 1, A. G. Rose 2, V. G. Stock 3, W. Hendy 4, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 5, J. E. Trimmer 6, W. Houlton 7, R. H. True 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. E. Davis, the father of two members of the local band.

**MESSINGHAM, LINC'S.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Parkin 1, Miss M. King 2, F. Nash (first quarter) 3, J. W. Tayre (first quarter) 4, A. Lambkin (conductor) 5, R. Travis 6. First quarter on the recently dedicated bells.

**SANDHURST, BERKS.**—On July 17th, 1,350 Grandsire Doubles (Plain Course and 11 120's): F. Cooper 1, L. Paice 2, J. Parker 3, R. Elliott 4, W. J. Parker (first as conductor) 5. First quarter by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

**SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, T. Abbots 3, V. A. Hemming 4, A. D. Cook 5, G. Bailey 6, A. Morris 7, A. Walker 8. First quarter on the augmented ring.

**TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.**—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Mrs. J. Newman 1, Joan Newman (first of Doubles) 2, J. Newman (conductor) 3, R. J. Scott 4, W. A. Twidell 5, D. J. Southam (first quarter) 6.

**WALMER, KENT.**—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hawkins 1, T. Wickens 2, H. Ansell (1st quarter) 3, F. Rye 4, H. Furminser (first as conductor) 5, H. Axon 6.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On July 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Upsall 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, H. Piggins 3, W. Jarvis 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, J. Phillips 6, F. Wigmore (conductor) 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means 9, F. Moyes 10.—Also 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Upsall 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, H. Piggins 3, W. Jarvis 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, F. Wigmore (conductor) 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means 9, F. Moyes 10.

**YARNTON, OXON.**—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods, being 120 changes each of Reverse Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Antelope, Union, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, Norfolk, and 180 changes of Grandsire): L. Poulton 1, H. Floyd (conductor) 2, G. Brown 3, W. Durham 4, J. Green 5, G. Charlott 6. First peal in ten methods by all the band except the conductor.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Beverley and District Society have called their first annual meeting after seven months' existence. During this period the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Glenn) has attended several towers for practice on 78 occasions. We trust this paragraph is observed by 'S. Truggler.'

One is tempted to say, 'Hullo, ringing twins,' to two Lincoln ringers, Charles McGuinness and Jack L. Millhouse. They each scored their two hundredth peal together at Washingborough, Lincs.

The marriage took place at Tunstall, Kent, on July 30th, of Dr. John E. Spice, and Miss Betty R. Hollingworth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hollingworth, of 42, Gorse Road, Blackpool.

Congratulations to the recently-joined Cumberland ringer, Miss Janet Mattinson, on graduating a B.Sc. (Econ.).

Extra copies of 'The Ringing World' containing a particular peal or quarter-peal should be ordered at the time of submission of a peal.

Miss E. Steel very much regrets that she is unable to accept the presidency of the Ladies' Guild, for which post she was re-elected at the annual meeting. Miss Steel wishes to thank all the members who voted for her continuing in an office which has been a very great pleasure to hold.

Barwell (Leics) ringers regard Tamworth (Staffs), Brewood (Staffs) and St. Chad's (Shrewsbury) as three of the finest rings they have ever enjoyed. There was a party of 70 for their outing to Shrewsbury. 'The bells of St. Chad's heard in the Quarry and on the river are not easily forgotten,' comments our correspondent who sums up the day.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

The royal visit to Glasgow was commemorated by 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major with tenor covering (Basingstoke please note!) on July 20th. The band was W. H. Pickett (conductor) 1, J. Hutcheson 2, E. Boumphrey 3, H. Sargent 4, L. Boumphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, T. C. Winderam 7, O. Barker 8, N. Sharpe 9. This was rung after meeting short for a Royal band.

Mr. R. W. Hayward, Taunton Deanery Ringing Master, was in charge of the ringing at the joint meeting with the Devon Guild at Uffculme.

The number of changes in the peal of Little Oxford Bob Major, rung at Balcombe, was 5,040 and not the number printed.

Subscriptions for the Rupert Richardson memorial should be sent to either Mr. F. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln, or Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.

Mr. A. J. Dadds, who has been examining the papers of the late Joseph Waghorn, has found a list of peals rung by him totalling 163, of which he conducted 27. He asks whether the record is complete.

For the dedicatory service of the parish war memorial 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on July 20th, by R. J. Port 1, Mabel Brockman 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, Brenda Philpot (conductor) 5, A. C. Philpot 6. Something more ambitious came to grief.

An Eighth Army peal of Minor appears in this issue. It is the desire of the company to attempt an 8th Army peal of Major. Any ex-Eighth Army men who live in the Essex-Suffolk area and would like to participate will they communicate with Mr. Urban W. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

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## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The life of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is so comparatively short that this article must of necessity take more the form of an essay than a history.

In face of some opposition, which, as subsequent events proved, was purely on sentimental grounds, the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers was inaugurated on December 31st, 1927, as a logical sequence to the division of the ancient Diocese of Winchester, out of which the present Guildford Diocese was created by an Order in Council dated May 1st, 1927.

It must be said at once to the credit of those who were at the outset opposed to the creation of a fresh organisation that they bowed unreservedly to the will of the overwhelming majority, and from the first worked wholeheartedly in support of the new Guild.

The Diocese of Guildford covers about 300 square miles, comprising roughly the western half of the county of Surrey and a small strip of the adjoining county of Hants, and, of course, the new Guild rightly claimed to be, and set out to make itself, the principal ringing organisation in that area.

There were, on the formation of the Guild, 56 towers in the diocese with five bells or more hung for ringing and one further completely new peal of eight has since been installed.

For convenience of working, the Guild's area was divided at the outset into four districts, each a self-contained unit holding independent meetings, controlling its own finances and appointing officers.

The central organisation of the Guild derives its funds from a percentage levy on the districts.

Unfortunately, owing to the necessity of keeping in mind the question of inter-communication in each district, it was not possible to form four districts all of equal size, but generally the scheme of division has been successful and made for very efficient working.

## A WORTHY TRIO

The Guild had the great fortune to enlist as its founder secretary the late J. S. Goldsmith, who served for ten years in that office, and it is not perhaps out of place to quote here part of the tribute that was paid to Mr. Goldsmith on his retirement from the office of secretary:—

'His inspiration and hard work has created a diocesan spirit among the ringers in the Guild, and, while many felt keenly the severance from the Mother Guild of Winchester, a spirit of youth and adventure has permeated the towers of this new Guild, and there is today a particularly solid foundation for ringing in this area. . . .

Our first Master was the late J. H. B. Hesse, who then lived at Haslemere and whose ringing abilities need no stressing here. He held the office without challenge until, to the regret of all members, in the early days of the late war he left the Diocese.

Another distinguished service man, in the person of Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., of Old Woking, an enthusiastic and practical ringer, although he entered the ranks of the Exercise long after he reached the retiring age in the Senior Service, was our first treasurer, and it was with a deep sense of grief and personal loss that in 1932 we laid to rest this great-hearted Christian gentleman.

Reference could in all justice be made to the valued services to the Guild of many more of its founder members, but it is perhaps sufficient for the purposes of this brief history to mention only two others, both non-ringers and both of whom have passed from this life, namely, Canon E. C. Kirwan, Provost of the Cathedral Church at Guildford, and Mr. Wal-



JOHN S. GOLDSMITH,  
First Secretary of Guildford Guild.

ter Harrison, of Guildford. The Guild owes a debt of gratitude to them for their assistance and counsel in early days.

A great deal of the Diocese of Guildford, especially in its southern half, is, in spite of the great housing estates which have been built within its borders in fairly recent years to act as dormitories for the great daytime population of London, still completely rural, and there are no really large towns in the area to form populous centres from which bands capable of practising advanced methods can be drawn from a compact area. In these circumstances it is understandable that the Guild has few centres at which ringing in the higher methods is generally practised. Indeed, the officers and tower leaders find that great efforts are needed to maintain Sunday service bands capable of ringing even the simpler methods, but throughout its existence the Guild has been fortunate enough to find many men who have been real leaders and workers in their own small and often isolated centres.

Up to the end of 1946 a total of 526 peals had been rung for the Guildford Guild, a large percentage of these being the result of Mr. A. H. Pulling's enthusiasm for that branch of the art.

It has never been the policy of the Guild to build up large balances on general account, and from the first the members have voted on every opportunity and to the extent of available funds donations towards bell restorations and augmentations within the diocese. In the comparatively short history of the Guild well over £100 has been applied out of central and district balances in this connection. In addition, an amount totalling nearly £50 has been collected and allocated to a fund to assist in providing a ringing peal for the new

Cathedral of the diocese when eventually that building is completed.

Entirely apart from the last-mentioned fund, the members have subscribed, as a fund to provide a memorial to the late J. S. Goldsmith, about £60, out of which it is intended to give a Sacring bell as part of the furnishing of the new Cathedral.

It is, of course, quite outside the scope of this article to describe the ringing conditions at towers within the diocese, but brief reference to the bells at some of the more important places will not be out of place.

## PRINCIPAL TOWERS

Guildford—the county town of Surrey and situated practically in the centre of the diocese—has three ringing peals within its borough boundaries: ten at S. Nicolas', eight at the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity and a humble six at Merrow Parish Church. Perhaps S. Nicolas' chief claim to mention here is the fact that the Guild's library, which contains some rare and valuable volumes, is housed in the spacious ringing room, as the bells, although easily handled, are somewhat odd struck and the acoustic arrangements are interfered with by the fact that the draught is short and the sallies have, when through the eyelet holes, a tendency to muffle the back strokes.

A large proportion of the Guild's peals have been secured on the grand eight at the Cathedral Church in spite of the fact that they hang in a brick tower with marked elastic properties and that, in the words of a well-known ringer, you earn any peals you ring on these bells. The fact, too, that many peals are rung in the centre of a town without undue complaint from the neighbourhood is a testimonial to the efficiency of the shutters with which the louvres are blocked for these occasions.

That part of the diocese which lies north of Leatherhead and comprises the Epsom towers of Christ Church (eight) and St. Martin's (ten) lends itself best to inter-tower visits, and it is hardly to be wondered at that at Leatherhead alone the consistent ringing of advanced methods on its easily handled and fairly melodious, if somewhat clamorous, ring of ten, has been maintained from the formation of the diocese to the present time, although now another tower in the same district—Banstead, on the borders of the diocese—with a ring of eight, rung from the ground floor and rejoicing in a fairly long draught of rope, seems to threaten Leatherhead's former monopoly.

The light ten at Haslemere, rung from the ground floor, and on which our first Master lavished so much attention, are the Guild's show piece as regards ease of handling and musical and acoustic properties.

The recently recast and rehung eights at Shalford and Chiddingfold are both a delight to the ear and a joy to handle.

Ranmore's eight, on the high ridge above Dorking, had a reputation for quality, but, alas, of recent years they have been seldom heard, and at present, through lack of ropes, are unringable.

Although the spacious belfry at Farnham, which church was claimed in some quarters to be the most suitable one for the pro-Cathedral of the diocese, provides plenty of accommodation for a large meeting, its heavy ring of eight, mostly odd struck, hung in a large circle, and none too musical, require a better band, than is usually found haphazard at a meeting to make them sound their best.

Mention has now been made of at least one tower in each district of the Guild except the Chertsey area, and, as in all justice reference must be made to one tower in that district, it is fitting to include Chertsey, nominally the



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mother tower of the district, where a heavy eight with a long rope stretching from the ground floor has been going too badly in recent years to be attractive. These bells have now been rehung, and the Guild officers sincerely hope that this improvement will have its repercussions in the area.

Although the Nazi H.E.'s and incendiaries were scattered throughout the Guildford diocese with a fair degree of liberality and impartiality and many doodlebugs chose our towns, villages, woods and fields as landing grounds with the truly delightful uncertainty which was the essence of the entertainment afforded by these amazing examples of human ingenuity, our churches generally (but for one direct hit at a spot in the heart of rural Surrey) suffered little but blast damage, and our bells (except in that one instance—and it was not a ringing peal)—none.

Many bands, however, were seriously depleted by the call of their younger members to arms and the toll of war has robbed the diocese of a number of promising ringers. In addition, some who left us for war and who were fortunate enough to escape inclusion in the casualty lists have settled down in other areas, but many have returned, and with an influx of recruits most bands have resumed activities and are rapidly building up to their pre-war standard.

So, in a county whose population is not likely to decrease and where money for improvements should be readily forthcoming, with no long years of history from which to fashion precedents and no musty traditions to fetter its activities, the Guildford Guild looks confidently forward to a bright and prosperous future—to the day when its life will be centred around the great new Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, which, until the necessities of war called a temporary halt, was rapidly rising on high ground above the mean level of the town of Guildford, and in which it is intended eventually to hang a ringing peal worthy of the noble building housing them as they, in the words of Tennyson,

'Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land;  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.'

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The South Norfolk Branch meeting at Saxlingham Nethergate on July 12th was attended by 45 members and friends, including three district secretaries of the Suffolk Guild. Ringers were present from Attleborough, Bunwell, Bergh Apton, Chevington, Caston, Diss, Fornsett, Garboldisham, Horringer, Long Stratton, Mulbarton, Norwich, New Buckenham, Pulham, Pakefield, Redenhall, Saxlingham, Sudbury and Yaxley.

The Rector of Saxlingham (the Rev. C. T. Hearn) conducted the service, and the address was given by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president.

At the business meeting the Rev. Hearn presided, supported by the president, Mr. W. L. Duffield (branch chairman), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, F. Whiting and C. E. G. Banham (committee). The Rector of Saxlingham was elected an honorary member and Mr. A. Gillings a life member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and to Mr. George Poyntz for making arrangements, also to the ladies who served the tea and to the Suffolk ringers who attended. Mr. A. Gillings suitably replied.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at North Lopham on September 27th.

**WOODDITTON, NEWMARKET.**—At Sunny View, on July 13th, 1,264 Bob Major on handbells: R. Heath 1-2, A. F. Austin 3-4, J. A. Acres 5-6, E. J. Lindley (conductor) 7-8.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

### ANNUAL MEETING IN ISLE OF WIGHT.

The 67th annual meeting was held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on July 5th, and was attended by nearly 60 members and friends. Despite the large holiday crowds travelling by boat, ringers visited the island from the following towers: Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Bramley, Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Blackmoor, Deane, Fareham, Eling, Highclere, Hayes (Kent), New Alresford, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Ringwood, Southampton, Titchfield, North Stoneham, Wonston and also towers in the island.

At the outset of the meeting the Master (Mr. G. Williams) welcomed the various ringers and visitors, and the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, in reply, extended a hearty welcome to all to the island in the name of the various incumbents.

The meeting was presided over by the Master, supported by the hon. general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers), hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Linter) and the Archdeacon. Several apologies for non-attendance were received.

The treasurer, in presenting the accounts as published in the annual report, observed that they were satisfactory in most respects, but warned members that in order to meet increased costs it might be necessary to raise the annual subscription or to find other ways of either increasing receipts or reducing expenditure.

Mr. Rose (Eling) suggested that the allowance usually made on teas at district meetings be withdrawn, but this did not receive a favourable view, as, after the districts had rendered their quota to the central fund, they were at liberty to spend the remainder as directed by the district.

An increase of 126 ringing members was reported during the year, and the accounts showed a balance in hand of £338.

The Guild officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. general secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Linter; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Smith; recorder of peals, Mr. A. V. Davis; representatives on Central Council, Messrs. G. Williams, F. W. Rogers, G. Pullinger and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, proposed by Mr. W. R. Melville, was unanimously received.

The proposed revised Form of Service as drawn up by a sub-committee comprising Canon E. A. Berrisford (Bramshott), the Rev. F. S. H. Marle (Deane) and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton) was presented by the Rev. Marle and was approved, with minor alterations. The Archdeacon suggested that as a trial it might be used that evening at the Guild service, the Vicar of Newport (Canon W. B. Hogg) saying that it would give him the greatest pleasure to conduct it.

A detailed report of the Central Council meeting at Exeter especially covering the points raised by the Guild's representatives, was given by Mr. G. Pullinger, for which he was heartily thanked. It was suggested that the date of future annual general meetings be altered so that they would be held before the Central Council meetings, but after a discussion it was felt that no change was warranted. It was decided to hold next year's annual meeting at Andover (where the bells have been recently restored) on the first Saturday in July.

A discussion arose on the question of increasing the Guild's income, and on the proposition of Mr. Upton (Newport), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Portsmouth), it was suggested that the subscription be raised from 2s. to 2s. 6d. for ringing members. Mr. Tucker (North Stoneham) objected to the increase fearing a loss of membership, but it was eventually agreed to place it on the agenda of the next annual meeting to take effect as from January 1st, 1949.

An appeal was received on behalf of the restoration of the bells at Wolverton, and it

was unanimously agreed to make a grant of £10 to the scheme.

This concluded the business, after which votes of thanks were accorded those concerned, especially Mrs. A. M. Guy, Isle of Wight district secretary, who had made all the arrangements which ensured the success of the meeting.

Tea was served in the Unity Hall, after which the members attended a Guild service in Newport Parish Church, at which the Vicar officiated and the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight addressed those present. Further ringing took place in the evening at the various towers.

### BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

When the Basingstoke district visited Overton for its summer meeting on July 12th, the local ringers showed a very fine gesture by providing tea for the company, which numbered 60.

The Rector (the Rev. E. G. Wells, M.A.) conducted the service and also presided at the business meeting. Two new members were elected and the chairman was elected an hon. member.

The date of the combined meeting with the Guildford Guild (Farnham District) was announced for August 30th (full details will be advertised), and the next quarterly meeting was fixed for September 27th at Baughurst.

Methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Major. The young ringers were helped over difficulties in the higher methods. A collection for Wolverton Bells Repair Fund amounted to £3 1s.

### MEETING AT CATHERINGTON.

About 40 members and friends attended the Portsmouth District's quarterly meeting at Catherington on July 19th. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next gathering at Curdridge on either October 18th or 25th, depending on which date the Portsmouth Football Club had no home fixture.

Service followed the meeting, and then there was more ringing. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, with rounds and call-changes for beginners.

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### SUMMER FESTIVAL.

A company of nearly 100 ringers was attracted to the Guild summer festival at Farnham. Ringing was under the leadership of Mr. G. L. Grover (Guild secretary), and the service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. H. Francis.

Following tea at the British Restaurant, the gathering divided and visits were made to Seale, Bentley, Frensham and Aldershot (St. Michael's), where the ringing was enjoyed.

### FARNHAM DISTRICT AT CRONDALL.

An attendance of 40 was noted at the Farnham District meeting at Crondall on July 19th, when standard methods were practised and several recruits tried a course of Doubles for the first time.

In the absence of the Vicar on holiday, the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. Denyer) conducted the service, and Miss M. Cass read the lesson.

Following tea, Mr. W. Denyer (Aldershot) presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Mr. P. Collins (Aldershot), Mr. H. Harris and Miss E. Harris (Crondall). Thanks were expressed to Mr. W. Dimes (local captain) and to the caterers. The evening ringing included a visit to Bentley.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bellringing in Melbourne

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bellringers, Melbourne, on July 16th, reference was made to the opening of the bells on June 29th.

About nine months ago, the Society wrote to the Bishop of Adelaide stating that they would like two or three representatives at the official opening of the bells. Mr. Rowe, secretary of the Sydney Association, visited St. Paul's in September, and arrangements were made with him to have a combined team.

Later one of the Sydney ringers visited the Bishop and made arrangements for the Sydney ringers to open the bells on their own. The attitude adopted by the Sydney Association towards St. Paul's Association was unsportsmanlike and not in the best interests of change ringing in Australia.

Special ringing for the 'Centenary of the Diocese' was held on Sunday, June 29th, when two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by Mr. F. Boughton, 13 members being present. The sudden death of the Rev. Eric Stephen Loveday, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, was deeply regretted, and the bells were half-muffled at the Cathedral on Sunday, July 13th, as a mark of respect.

We had a visit from Lieut. James Richard, of H.M.S. 'Glory' and St. Stephen's, Ealing, London. Any bellringers visiting Melbourne from the old country we would be pleased to see any time.—Yours, etc.,

EDGAR KNOTT, Captain,  
St. Paul's Bellringers, Melbourne.

## VISITING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Having roamed around the country quite a lot, and always making a practice of visiting towers where there are rings of bells, I have many times had a lot of trouble to find out when they ring for service, and the address of the captain. Recently I visited a tower, and hung in the porch was a very neat framed picture of the upper part of the tower, artistically executed, and written underneath was the following, viz.:

## ST. GEORGE'S TOWER.

Invitation to Ringers.

This Church has 8 bells, and the methods rung are Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. We ring every Sunday for services. In the morning at 10.20, and in the evening at 5.45 p.m.

Any visiting ringers who would like to join us will receive a hearty welcome.

## STEWART OF THE TOWER.

Name and address.

I commend this gesture, a true brotherly spirit and a great help for visitors.—Yours, etc.

Bolton.

PETER CROOK.

## Bellringing at Knowle

Dear Sir,—Warwickshire has become national news, and many reports have appeared in the press about Mr. W. H. Smith's dismissal by the Vicar. The true facts of the case seem difficult to obtain, and I am not going to attempt to pronounce judgment on this case. What I want to do is to draw the attention of you, Sir, and all ringers to the great significance of this report in the 'Daily Telegraph' of July 21st, and to ask that this village schoolmaster be asked, if he will, to write a series of articles in 'The Ringing World,' explaining his system of teaching learners. There must certainly be something in it when it can be successfully applied so speedily on such a bad going peal that seventeen people are required to ring them! What could not be done on a modern well-hung peal?

—Yours truly,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

St. Albans.

[Note.—The report in the 'Daily Telegraph' states: 'The bells of Knowle, Warwickshire, Parish Church were rung by a volunteer team of 17, headed by the village schoolmaster, yesterday, following the dismissal of the master bellringer, Mr. W. H. Smith, by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Sharp. . . .'—Editor.]

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MEETING AT IRCHESTER.

Largely attended was the quarterly meeting of the Wellborough Branch at Irchester on July 12th.

A Guild service during the afternoon was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Rowley). Mr. Brown was the organist, and a collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 8s.

More than 60 ringers and friends had tea in the schoolroom, served under the supervision of Mrs. C. Payne. Among those present were the Vicar and Mrs. Rowley, the Rev. S. F. W. Powell (Bozeat), the Rev. W. R. Flex (Doddington), the Rev. H. L. Hoar (Higham Ferrers), Miss E. Steele (Biddenham) and Mr. E. Whitmore.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. R. Flex presided. He paid tribute to the late Mr. F. Barber, for the fine work he had done for the Church and the Guild. He also paid tribute to another old late member, Mr. W. Pettitt.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bozeat.

Miss F. Neal (Stanwick) was elected a ringing member and the Rev. H. L. Hoar was made an honorary member.

A vote of thanks to all concerned was made by Mr. W. G. Callis.

Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening both in elementary and advanced standards.

## KETTERING BRANCH.

Good use was made of the suburban ring of eight at Rothwell on July 19th, the occasion being the quarterly meeting of the Kettering branch. Ringing extended from Grandsire to Cambridge and Superlative, and many of the younger members enjoyed good practice in Stedman and Double Norwich. In addition to 35 members there were present visitors from Newcastle-on-Tyne and London.

After service and tea the business meeting was held in the Parish Room. The next meeting was fixed for Brampton Ash and Dingley on September 6th, with the next quarterly at Corby and Weldon in October. A branch outing is to be held on September 27th.

After the meeting members had the pleasure of hearing two records, loaned by Mr. Pat Chapman: one of Grandsire Caters at St. Philip's, Birmingham, and the other, Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

## Swansea and Brecon Guild

## THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of the Guild was held at St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, on July 12th. Touches in standard methods and rounds for beginners made up the programme.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Hill, M.A., entertained the company to tea at the Stuart Hall and also addressed the ringers at the service prior to tea.

This is the second time that the Guild has held the annual festival at Sketty, and all ringers were of the opinion that this year's festival was a great success, in spite of the opinion of some members that the Guild was dying out. This cannot happen when there are some stalwarts and founder members of the Guild prepared to help the younger members along and with such a number of young people present so keen and ready to keep the art of bellringing alive.

The annual meeting, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided. The Guild has been very fortunate in choice of president. In the past the Lord Bishops of the Diocese have been presidents of the Guild and have been good friends of it. It is very fortunate in its present president, who is a good counsellor and friend to the Guild of Bellringers.

The President stated in his opening remarks how pleased he was to see a very good number present, and of all ages. The treasurer, Mr. Charles Morgan, presented the balance sheet. After paying all expenses and a donation of £10 to Llanfychangel Tallylyn Restoration Fund, the balance is £37 11s.

Election of officers: Mr. Charles Morgan, treasurer; Mr. D. G. Williams, hon. general secretary; Mr. Albert Matthews, Ringing Master; Mr. A. I. Rowlands, auditor; Mr. D. H. Bennett, of Bronllys, Central Council representative.

Mr. Bennett gave his report of the Central Council meeting at Exeter.

Mr. Meredith, of Sketty, opened a lively discussion appealing for youth to be given a chance in affairs of the Guild. Mr. E. Stitch welcomed visitors.

The Bishop thanked the Vicar for his kindness in having the Guild's festival this year at Sketty, also the organist and all who helped to make the festival such a successful event. The general secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Bishop for presiding at the meeting and also for his lordship's guidance in all matters appertaining to the Guild.

At a committee meeting held prior to the general meeting, Mr. A. Matthews in the chair, it was decided that the competition be held next year at Neath on April 24th, and rules of the competition be the same as in previous years.

It was also decided that the general secretary should go ahead with the arrangements for a suitable memorial for members who made the supreme sacrifice in the 1939-45 war.

## A PEAKLAND EXCURSION

The pre-war outings of Overseal ringers aroused such keen interest in the hills and dales of Derbyshire that this year the ringers planned a similar tour to Dinting Vale, Glossop, the home of a former curate of Overseal, the Rev. J. O. M. Dawson-Bowling.

The outward journey was via Sudbury, Ashbourne, Alsop-en-le-Dale, Bixton (lunch), Dove Holes, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Hayfield (where a good spell was enjoyed on the ropes).

At Dinting Vale a warm welcome and an excellent tea awaited the party and further ringing took place. The return journey started with the ascent of a shoulder of Kinder Scout (2,088ft.) known as 'The Snake,' which provided a thrilling experience. The coaches halted at the bottom to view the 'Lady Bower' reservoir opened by the King, and then the route was via Bamford, Hathersage, Baslow, Chalsworth Park, Matlock, Duffield (home of Sir A. Heywood), Derby and Buxton.

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## Beverley and District Society

### OFFICIAL WELCOME FROM MAYOR

In welcoming the society to Beverley for the first annual meeting on July 12th, the Mayor (Ald. H. S. Nicholson) said there was something more in bellringing than just pulling a few ropes.

Expressing the hope that the society would flourish for many years to come, the Mayor said Beverley was very fortunate in having two such fine specimens of architecture as the Minster and St. Mary's Church, and at each there was a fine ring of bells. The only thing Beverley lacked in this respect was a sufficient number of ringers, and this, he thought, in the past was probably because people had no security of employment and therefore could not remain in the town and give their whole thoughts to ringing as they would have done had they secure jobs.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair, and said the area now covered by the society was much larger than at first anticipated. Few of them had visualised stepping over into Lincolnshire, but now they had members in Barton, Barrow and Goxhill, and hoped that more would follow.

The Ringing Master's report stated that there was some improvement here and there in the quality of the striking, but much remained to be done before the high standard—second to none of some districts in Yorkshire—was achieved.

Members were recommended to go for frequent 720's or quarter-peals; by so doing they should by constant listening whilst ringing gradually become accustomed to the 'beat' or rhythm of the bells as the touch progressed. It took some time for even a first-class band to settle down to really good striking, and the necessary limitation of short touches at meetings was insufficient for the mixed bands of ringers to attain complete harmony with the bells.

Several members paid tribute to the work and enthusiasm of their chief officials, who were re-elected by a unanimous vote. They were: President, Mr. G. F. Williams; vice-president, Mr. F. Dale; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Glenn; secretary, Mr. A. E. Sellers.

There were eight nominations for six places on the committee, and those elected were: Mr. T. Southwick (Beverley St. Mary's), Mr. L. Daggett (Beverley Minster), Miss Lidgley (Hull Holy Trinity), Mr. G. H. Tyson (Bridlington), Mr. L. Rodmell (Patrinton), Mr. L. Rodmell (Patrinton), and Mr. C. Hunter (Hedon).

The Mayor and Mayoress were elected hon. members. Thanks were expressed to the Rev. F. G. Hansford, who conducted the service in the Minster, and to the Minster ringers and helpers for their hospitality to the company, which numbered 70, representing 19 towers.

**HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On June 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Godfrey 1, E. Hornby 2, D. Smith 3, R. Worrall 4, Miss D. C. Osborn 5, A. G. Lawrence (conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, H. G. Keeley 3, N. Adams 4, J. Morris 5, T. Cullingworth 6, G. S. Morris (conductor) 7, C. Tett 8.

## Middlesex County Association

### AT ST. MARGARET'S, UXBRIDGE.

A very pleasant meeting was held at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on July 12th, attended by about 40 members and friends. Ringing under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Finch (Ringing Master) and Mr. T. G. Bannister (deputy) included most of the standard methods and learners had plenty of opportunities.

A choral service was conducted by the Rev. R. Bruce Eadie (Vicar), who gave a helpful address, and an exceptionally good tea was provided by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford and their helpers.

The Vicar presided over the short business meeting when the following elections were confirmed: The Rev. C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), Reginald W. Rex (Newbury) and Ernest C. Gosling (Maidenhead) non-resident life members, and Mr. T. E. Davies (Ealing), ringing member.

Future meetings were arranged as follows: August 23rd, Cranford; September 27th, St. Peter's, Staines. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow announced that the meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, would be on October 11th. Photographs of the recent jubilee meeting at Acton, provided by the Rector, were on sale, the proceeds being for the Coles Memorial Fund.

Thanks to the Vicar, organist and Mr. and Mrs. Bedford were proposed by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, and the Vicar, in replying announced that the order had been placed for the recasting and rebanging of the bells at a cost of over £1,000, but that it would be more than a year before the work could be put in hand.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### DEVIZES BRANCH.

About thirty members attended the half-yearly meeting at Trowbridge, representing Warnminster, Melksham, Holt, Southbroom, Keevil, Bishops Cannings, North Bradley, Urchfont and the local tower, with visitors from London, Chippenham and Swindon.

The Guild office was conducted by the Rector, Mr. A. T. Weeks being at the organ. At the business meeting, which was held after tea, Mr. E. F. White (chairman) congratulated Mr. Sam Hector on achieving 250 peals, 150 of which were for the Salisbury Guild, 50 being in Trowbridge tower, during his 50 years of ringing. Mr. Hector, he said, had always worked very hard for the branch and had been instrumental in getting many ringers through their first peal (applause). Mr. Hector suitably replied.

Before passing on to further business, the Chairman referred to the loss the branch had suffered in the death of Mr. E. J. Rowe, of Stourton. Mr. Rowe (known as 'Uncle' to many ringers) had always been a good friend of the branch, being a popular figure at meetings. The meeting stood in silence to his memory.

Towers chosen for coming meetings were Bratton (August), Rowde (September) and Bishops Cannings for the next quarterly.

The fine ring of twelve at St. James' was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cinques, Plain Bob Major to Maximus, Cambridge Major and rounds.

Witham, Essex.—On June 7th visited Bengoe, Hitcham, Norton (for lunch), Baldock, Royston and Saffron Walden.

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'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. A. Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Barkway, Sat., Aug. 2nd. Bells 3. Tea 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 1740

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Worth, Sat., Aug. 2nd, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1729

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Eye District.—Meeting at Eye, Sat., Aug. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Yaxley (6) from 7 to 8.30.—W. A. Lock, Dis. Sec., Reed Cottage, Yaxley, Suffolk. 1743

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sandhurst on Aug. 2nd is cancelled. 1730

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Sawston (8), Sat., Aug. 2nd, 3. Service? Tea 5 in the Church Institute.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1727

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Rotherham (10), Mon., Aug. 4th, 3. Tea obtainable at British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec. 1726

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Joint practice nights: Tuesday, August 5th, St. Albans Cathedral, 7.30; Monday, August 18th, St. Peter's, St. Albans, 7.45; Wednesday, September 3rd, Harpenden, 7.45. This notice will not be repeated.—T. J. Southern, Dis. Sec. 1739

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Appledore, Sat., Aug. 9th, 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Aug. 5th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. 1731

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I of W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30. For tea write Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport, I of W., by Aug. 6th. 1737

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, for names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 1744

LANCS ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting Hoghton, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec. 1753

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Brightwalton (6), Sat., Aug. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Hedges, Myrtle Cottage, Brightwalton, Newbury, by Aug. 6th. 1749

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names must be sent to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, not later than Wed., 6th inst.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1750

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Ilkeston District.—Stanton-by-Dale, Aug. 9th, 2.30. Tea only for those who notify F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by Aug. 6th. 1752

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly Meeting, Bridlington, Aug. 9th. Bells (8), 2. Service 4. Tea (3s.) at Knowsley's Café 5. Important: Notification for tea must reach J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington, by Aug. 5th. Visitors welcome.—Albert E. Sellers. 1748

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Limpsfield Chart (6), Aug. 9th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. Len Tidy, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey.—C. A. Bassett. 1747

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Barton-on-Humber, Sat., Aug. 9th. St. Mary's four new bells dedicated Aug. 3rd, making 8, and St. Peter's (8), 2, or earlier by appointment. Service St. Mary's 4.15. Meat tea (3s.) Assembly Rooms 4.45. Important: Those requiring tea must notify by Aug. 6th A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holvydyke, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1763

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Warburton, Aug. 9th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—John E. Ashcroft. 1762

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Chichester, Aug. 9th. Bells available 2.30 to 4. Tea at Tower Café 4. Official welcome by the Dean 4.30. Service touch 5. Business meeting in tower 5.15. Further ringing 6 to 8. Westbourne bells available in evening. Trains Victoria 12.15 and 1.15.—A. B. Peck. 1761

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Clitheroe, Aug. 9th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting in tower 6. For tea please notify by Wed., Mr. E. Gower, 98, St. Paul's Street, Low Moor, Clitheroe.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1760

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Everton (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Take own tea. Good bus service from Retford.—H. Denman. 1759

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Surprise practice at Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., Aug. 9th, 6 to 9. Please come early.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1757

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting Biggleswade, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.30 at the Market House Café.—C. J. Ball, Sandy. 1754

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting Isleworth, Aug. 9th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, by Wed., 6th. All ringers welcome.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1755

COVENTRY DIO. GUILD.—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Joint monthly meeting at Monks Kirby, Sat., Aug. 9th, 3. Names for tea to Miss S. Pittham, Kirby Lane, Monks Kirby, Rugby, without fail by Wednesday the 6th. Good attendance, please.—L. Trevor. 1771

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting Hadleigh, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9.—C. W. Pipe, Gen. Sec. 1770

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Aug. 16th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 6.15 to 8. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1769

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Braunston (6), Sat., Aug. 16th. Names for tea to me by Aug 7th, please.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 1751

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Waltham (8), Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1745

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during August.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1746

SUSSEX ASSN.—Cuckfield.—Sunday service ringing 10 to 11 a.m., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Practice Fridays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Visiting ringers always welcome. Nearest station Haywards Heath. Frequent bus service. 1467

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Finchley and Holloway.—On June 28th, a short touch of Minor was rung at Finchley before starting, and then to Sonning (met by George Gilbert), Thatcham, Newbury (lunch), East Hagbourne, Taplow and Burnham.

Chichester Cathedral Guild.—On June 28th, with ringing at Egham, Old Windsor and Chertsey. An enjoyable river trip from Windsor to Chertsey was included. Thanks are accorded all who assisted with the arrangements.

Balcombe, Sussex.—By early train to London, and then boat to Southend with handbells to the delight of the large company on board. After lunch at Southend, by bus to Prittlewell, where several of the local band met the visitors. The bells were soon going to Grandisire Caters and Bob Royal, and later some of the party rang for a wedding. On the boat home a 720 Minor was rung. The outing was a huge success.



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## THE OUTING

To those who will not this year enjoy a holiday by the sea we reproduce the experiences of members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on tour in the neighbourhood of Kilkhampton, Cornwall. All who revel in Cornwall and Devon will renew their holiday memories by these lines.

'The party met at Clawton, near Holsworthy and, after a few touches on a handy six, proceeded to Pancraswyke. The tower, standing on an eminence near the Bude main road, was at last "discovered." Friend A. A. Searle "led up" the really fine five (tenor 14 or 15 cwt.), and though he looked ruefully at the diminutive sally of the treble, he found her quite responsive to expert touch. The tower stands high above tall trees, and it may be wondered why Pancraswyke has been so elusive. And what a fine church; even as Clawton, it is beautiful.

'Our next objective was Morwenstowe in the northern tip of Cornwall. As we descended the hill from Shop we had views of the great Atlantic and Lundy Island, and we remembered the wonderful butterflies and lanes, the pure air and tall cliffs above Rose Passmore's beach. Morwenstowe Church tower is a landmark for sailors, built almost in a valley between headlands 400 feet high. The church is a gem for the ecclesiologist and the antiquarian. The Saxon font, of unusual shape, the Norman doorway and arcade with the Early English chancel are notable features. Prebendary Cox would have discovered "Hawker's Hut," where the eccentric old parson wrote:—

"Still points the tower and pleads the bell,  
The solemn arches breathe in stone;  
Window and wall have life to tell  
The mighty faith of days unknown."

'When all the party had rung touches on the merry little six we proceeded to Welcombe, but the way was not easy. After taking wrong turnings through lack of signposts, we eventually arrived at the church and set the really beautiful light six going to Grandsire Doubles. Turning our backs once more on the expanse of the Atlantic, we ran on to Kilkhampton, arriving just in time to secure a cup of tea. Kilkhampton Church, so well known to tourists and famed for its wonderful oak pews, bench ends and fine monuments, has a good six rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1925.



'By the time Poughill was reached the day was ending; even so we could admire what has been called the most beautiful village in our land. The really splendid six were a joy to ring. Stratton was our last tower. Mr. H. G. Myers led up the treble to a good rise and all the party, except the ladies, took part in touches of beautifully struck Triples. And so the end of a happy day had come; Messrs. Myers proceeded to Plymouth, the Rev. Cox and his party to Exeter and ourselves to Okehampton and Petrockstowe, leaving behind Jack, Charles and Fred Sangwin with Rounce Hill all well satisfied with a most interesting outing.' — F. C. S.

## TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

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ARTHUR TOMLINSON (C.C. Representative) ... .. Treble	
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Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.  
\* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. Ringed by officials of the Lancs Association to celebrate 50 years of membership (36 years as secretary) of the association by Mr. W. H. Shuker.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 6
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WALTER SPARROW ... 3	JACK FORD ... 8
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4	GEORGE W. MORRIS ... 9
MISS JEAN FREER ... 5	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... Tenor

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First peal on the bells since the installation of two new trebles as part of the war memorial.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
HENRY TOOKE ... 2	CYRIL J. BURNS ... 6
*PATRICK J. CHAPMAN ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	CHAS. H. MOORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., July 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK F. HODSON ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 6
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* 200th peal.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wed., July 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR D. COOK ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Thurs., July 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIE GREEN ... Treble	*FRANK REED ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal in the method.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*CECIL H. JALLANDS ... Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM ... 5
ARTHUR W. WARD ... 2	*HARRY CLAYTON ... 6
*HARRY ALEY ... 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 4	JOHN W. KIRTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

\* First peal of Stedman.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. FRY ... Treble	*FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... 2	*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 6
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 3	LEONARD DERRICK ... 7
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 4	*ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major.



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## ST. LURGAN, NORTHERN IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT SHANKILL PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (6th the observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM PRATT ... .. Treble	JAMES EDGAR ... .. 5
MRS. ADA TAYLOR ... .. 2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... .. 6
*WILLIAM A. PATTERSON ... .. 3	FRED E. DUKES ... .. 7
THOMAS E. G. TAYLOR ... .. 4	*RITCHIE ADAMSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	TOM PAGE ... .. 6
JAMES TOPP ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Smith), on being appointed Rural Dean of Portsmouth.

## DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS M. E. RIDYARD... Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5
*WILLIAM RIMMER ... .. 2	THOMAS MARSHAL ... 6
†ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 3	*HARRY LEYLAND ... .. 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. F. GOBEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in method. † Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Santus, donor of the treble bell.

## FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

MILTON C. FOWLER ... Treble	*FRANK REED ... .. 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ED. CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Association and Vicar of St. Chad's, on his retirement at the end of this month.

## CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 12 lb.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	*PERCY W. TOMPKINS ... 6
*RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM... 7
*JOHN CHURCH ... .. 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal in the method.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Thurstans' Four-part.	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... .. Tenor
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

## FOLKESTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

**A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH Treble	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... .. 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
PERCY PAGE ... .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

First peal of Major in the method by all the band and on the bells.

## MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WEST ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 5
*FREDERICK SLATFORD ... 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
PERCIVAL W. HARDING ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
FRANK A. PENN ... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to welcome home Lieut. David Howe, R.A., son of the Vicar, from India.

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

## GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*PETER E. M. KEARVELL Treble	ALBERT S. H. SWEETZER ... 5
MRS. A. DISERENS ... .. 2	ALBERT DISERENS ... .. 6
NOEL J. DISERENS ... .. 3	THOMAS N. LANAGHAN... 7
*RAYMOND J. BURTON ... 4	*VINCENT T. CHERILL... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

\* First peal.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

BETTY SPICE ... .. Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5
*PETER C. WRIGHT ... .. 2	GEORGE H. SPICE ... .. 6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 7
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On July 27th, 1,386 Grand-sire Triples in 50 minutes: W. Clifton (first quarter) 1, J. Deem 2, F. Dymond 3, C. Deem 4, F. Bastin 5, E. Piper 6, J. Glanville (conductor) 7, G. Rendell 8.



## SIX BELL PEALS

FLITTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Treble	CYRIL A. PRINDEVILLE ... 4
RONALD J. SHARP ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	BRYAN F. SIMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.	Tenor 12 cwt.
F. ORRIS (ex-R.A.M.C.) Treble	R. G. BUGG (ex-R.A.F.) 4
R. W. STEWARD (ex-R.E.) 2	T. W. LOCKWOOD (ex-R.A.S.C.) ... 5
E. A. CRACKNELL (ex-R.A.S.C.) ... 3	U. W. WILDNEY (ex-R.A.S.C.) ... Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

First Oxford Treble Bob by all except 2nd and tenor. The above are ex-Service men who belonged or were attached to the 8th Army.

CROFT, LEICS.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	GERALD F. BALL ... 4
*JOHN BRAMLEY ... 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pitt (father and mother of the Vicar's wife) on the occasion of their golden wedding.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*REV. TOM E. PRICHARD Treble	†E. S. JOHN HATCHER... 4
*JEAN BURTON ... 2	WALTER C. GOSLING ... 5
*MARGARET M. HITCHCOCK 3	FRANK BOORMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor on six bells. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gosling.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., July 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT G. FRETWELL... Treble	WALTER G. SOAR ... 4
*ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
FREDERICK G. FRETWELL 3	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

\* First peal of Minor. A 70th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BLANKLEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., July 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Court, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EVELYN WRIGHT ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 4
CHARLES BROWN ... 2	†JOHN W. MOORE ... 5
BETTY BROWN ... 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

BRYAN F. SIMS ... Treble	*HAROLD BURTON ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal of Minor.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT SLATER ... Treble	†JOHN COTTINGHAM ... 4
*JACK PEARSON ... 2	FRANK LINFOOT ... 5
†ARTHUR ROGERS ... 3	FRANK RHODES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK RHODES.

\* First peal of Kent Minor. † First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. L. Bailie, who was ordained deacon at the above church the following day.

## HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 1-2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5-6
ERIC A. DENCH ... 3-4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN &amp; CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*MRS. R. G. CROSS ... 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
†FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4	*ALBERT W. BOND ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN E. SPICE. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

\* First spliced peal. † First spliced peal of Plain Major methods. First spliced peal as conductor. First spliced Plain Major peal for the Association and first spliced handbell peal for the Association.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4	JOSEPH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

First peal of Stedman as conductor on handbells. A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

AT OSMINGTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. in C sharp.

*MISS R. MINALL ... 1-2	E. H. LEWIS ... 3-4
W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal.



**ALFORD, LINCS.**—On July 21st, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, S. H. Sutton 2, R. Armstrong 3, P. J. Jervis (Mablethorpe) 4, K. Ketteringham (conductor) 5, W. Hall 6. A compliment to Mr. Frank Graves, A.R.C.O., who completed fifty years as church organist at Alford Parish Church on this day.

**ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.**—On July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Poole 1, G. Arguile (first in method) 2, Miss Zena Walker 3, M. D. Staniforth 4, A. Disney 5, R. F. Elkington 6, P. J. Staniforth (conductor) 7, G. Dean (first quarter) 8.

**BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Pawley 1, J. R. Flint (first 'inside' bell) 2, W. R. Drury 3, C. E. Carr 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5, F. J. Bradley 6. First quarter by 1 and 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. C. Perkins and Miss Mary Bradley.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.**—For choir festival, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Asbury (first quarter) 1, Jean Dunn 2, R. Allsop 3, G. H. Paulson 4, B. Allsop (first quarter as conductor) 5, N. Hotchin 6.

**FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.**—At SS. Peter and Paul, on July 20th, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. G. Ling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. V. Owens (first quarter) 2, Miss J. R. Cooke 3, V. Owens 4, R. Lingwood 5, G. A. Cooke (conductor) 6, G. Dye tenor covering.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On July 27th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, R. Charge 3, E. Pratchett 4, P. Newman 5, G. Charge 6, N. G. Hollingworth (first in method as conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob: E. E. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, A. J. C. Holway 4, W. D. Ashdown 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6, J. Glanville 7, C. Turner 8. First quarter of Bob Major for 1, 2, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HOLYWELL, HUNTS.**—On July 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, L. W. Fisher 2, H. W. Pratt 3, F. Nicholls 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—On July 24th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Shaw 1, Miss D. Templeman (first 'inside') 2, E. F. Gobey (conductor) 3, F. Tarlton (first quarter) 4, E. Fletcher 5, D. Carlisle 6, J. F. George 7, A. Fletcher (first quarter) 8.

**LEICESTER.**—On July 20th (St. Margaret's Day) at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Ward 1, Mavis Whitehead 2, R. Hill 3, Josiah Morris 4, W. Tanser 5, Ernest Morris 6, G. A. Oliffe (conductor) 7, J. Bramley 8.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.**—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Sayer 1, E. Lathal 2, R. Abrahams 3, H. Beard (conductor) 4, G. Sayer 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, L. Stratton 8.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—At St. Mary's Church on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bush 1, H. Goakes 2, W. Waldron 3, W. Rose (conductor) 4, R. Dawson 5, A. Joyce 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late F. Rowlinson.

**QUEENSBURY, YORKS.**—On July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Kendall 1, P. Birkett 2, C. Ellison 3, H. Pearce 4, H. Wild 5, A. Pickles 6, W. Ambler (conductor) 7, S. Blundell 8. First quarter in the method by 2 and 8.

**ROLVENDEN, KENT.**—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Collins 1, R. E. Lambert 2, F. Bromley 3, T. E. Sone (conductor) 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, W. Oldfield 6, E. J. Ladd 7, R. T. Lambert 8.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On July 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Andrews 1, Dr. E. L. Taylor 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley 4, H. Baker 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins (conductor) 7, F. C. Knight 8. A birthday compliment to Dr. E. L. Taylor.

**SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.**—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Oliffe 1, G. Wright 2, Alan Pink (conductor) 3, Miss L. Pimm (first in method) 4, H. P. Floyd 5, T. W. Bond 6, E. G. Moore 7, H. C. Farmer 8.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On June 18th, for Confirmation by the Rt. Rev. R. M. Hay, Bishop of Buckingham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Broomfield 1, Miss J. Hearne 2, Miss M. Jaycock 3, Miss F. Murkett 4, Miss M. Pemberton 5, W. Birmingham (conductor) 6, G. Gilbert 7, E. H. Preston 8.

**STANDON, HERTS.**—At St. Mary's Church on July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stacey 1, J. Smith 2, W. Smith 3, H. Groom (conductor) 4, S. Smith 5, J. Burr 6. Rung in honour of the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and Lieut. Philip Mountbatten.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On July 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, H. W. Pratt 2, L. W. Fisher 3, F. Nicholls 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**SMARTEN, KENT.**—On July 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. W. Marshall 1, H. Baker 2, W. C. Marshall 3, R. W. Belsey 4, M. S. Lancefield (conductor) 5, R. J. Lancefield 6. First quarter of Kent for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

**SOUTH CROYDON.**—On July 20th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Hughes 1, Miss V. Potter 2, P. Davies 3, F. W. Jones 4, T. A. Blow 5, W. J. Perrott 6, J. H. Hayward 7, P. M. Gray 8, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 9, H. Jones 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters for all except 4, 5 and 9.

**WALMER, KENT.**—On July 5th, 1,120 Bob Major: W. Terry 1, T. Ellender 2, J. Walter 3, F. A. Rye 4, E. J. Walker 5, S. Walter 6, H. Furminger 7, W. Bottrill (conductor) 8. First in method by 2, 4, 5 and 7.

**WANDSWORTH, LONDON.**—On July 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Macdonald 1, H. R. Newton 2, R. Green 3, P. E. Clark 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. Rumley 6, H. Langdon (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8.

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Isleworth ringers remind us of the ancient superstition that the ringing of church bells will keep away thunderstorms. They state they proved it during their tour of South Bucks on July 19th in almost perfect weather. Perhaps an advanced R.A.F. weather forecast was another factor in selecting the day, or was it a compliment to the French lady visitors?

Andover bells, which have been silent for nearly 10 years, were rededicated on July 30th by the Bishop of Southampton.

In honour of the wedding of Dr. J. E. Spice and Miss Betty Hollingworth a peal was rung at Frodsham, Cheshire.

At Long Ashton, Somerset, during the ban on ringing the clappers were removed from the bells and an electrical arrangement fitted whereby the ringers could hear their bells.

What is the language of flowers? Not only were the ringers of the peal at Wraxall, Somerset, most hospitably entertained by the Rev. and Mrs. Briggs after the peal but the gift of sweet peas to the ringers filled the bus with their perfume all the way home.

'Has it ever occurred to you that half-muffled ringing sounds better struck than usual, and that this is because the muffles cover up the multitude of backstroke sins brought about by the feeble and ineffective one-handed dabs at handstroke?'—J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, in his annual report.

We regret to record the death on July 30th of Mr. Keith Hart, who until recently was the leader at St. Peter's, Brighton. He had been in poor health for some months and was taken to hospital a week before he died. The funeral was at Hove on August 5th. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Leicester Diocesan Guild Festival on Oct. 25th is to be truly representative of the Exercise. An invitation has been sent to each Guild affiliated to the Central Council to be represented by its secretary or his deputy. Proceedings start with a service at the Cathedral at 4.45 p.m., followed by dinner at the Bell Hotel and a dance at De Montfort Hall. Peals are being arranged for those who wish on Saturday morning.

Two new trebles are to be added to Worplesdon (Surrey) Parish Church to complete the octave.

Within a month of ringing their first 720, Arthur Rogers and John Cottingham have rung their first peal at Elland, Yorkshire.

The Editor really never deserved it—a peal rung as a birthday compliment to him in his own tower.

Two Lancashire ringers rang their 50th peal on the same day—Mr. Arthur Mawdesley at Douglas-in-Parbold and Mr. Thomas Wilson at Worsley.

Genuine schoolboy howler (from Appleby, Westmorland): Master: What does 'ringing the changes' mean? Pupil: Squeezing out the washing!

Mrs. Ada Taylor has the distinction of being the first lady to ring in a peal for the Northern Branch of the Irish Association. Peals have been rung for the Association previously by ladies, the first, we believe, being the secretary of the Ladies' Guild.

Mr. W. H. Shuker's 50 years' membership of the Lancashire Association was not permitted to pass unnoticed by the officials of the Association, who rang an officers' peal of Bob Royal at Worsley. For 36 years Mr. Shuker has been secretary of the Association and still writes as legible a hand as any Editor would desire to see.

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## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## THE INAUGURAL MEETING, 1886.

'On March 2nd (1886) I attended, and spoke at, a meeting at Hereford which resulted in the formation of an Association of Change Ringers for that Diocese'-so wrote the Rev. F. E. Robinson in his book 'Among the Bells,' and in the following July he records that 'it fell to my lot to conduct Holt's Original peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples under the beautiful spire of St. Mary's Church, Ross.' Though this was the second peal rung for the Hereford Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson maintained no further connection with it, and it is not among the twenty-six societies of which he claimed membership on the title page of his book.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, another well-known clerical ringer, was also invited to speak at this inaugural meeting. He had recently come as curate to Redmarley, just over the Gloucestershire border, and was the newly-appointed Master of the Gloucester Association. But being a near neighbour, he joined the Hereford Guild as a ringing member, and in the following April came to Ross as one of 'eight members of the Association' who attempted, but failed, to ring the first peal for the Guild. For many years afterwards he subscribed regularly as a member, but he never accomplished a peal for the Hereford Guild. Unfortunately this early association of the Guild with both these famous clerical ringers was in later years forgotten.

The real founder of the Guild was the Rev. G. M. Custance, Rector of Colwall. He it was who arranged this inaugural meeting and became the first secretary of the Guild. He had also interested Canon Musgrave of the Cathedral, who took the chair, and a number of other clergy in the diocese, notably Preb. Phillott, Rector of Stanton-on-Wye, who was elected treasurer. But there is no doubt that enthusiasm came as much from the sons of two of these rectors, Arthur F. M. Custance and George H. Phillott. Both of them had been up at the University of Oxford (the latter with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, son of the Vicar of Tewkesbury), and both had rung peals with C.D.P. and with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Guild. Thus it was through them that these two clerical ringers were invited to speak at the inaugural meeting. Thus, too, Mr. G. H. Phillott was elected first Master of the Guild and Mr. A. F. M. Custance to the committee.

However, it was by no means only the clergy and their sons who were behind this movement for the formation of a Guild. There were already several centres of change ringing in the Diocese and a number of ringers, six of whom served on the first committee, and among these John Overton, of Bridgnorton, and John Wall, of Ross, conductor of the first local peal by the Guild.

## EARLY CHANGE RINGING

Hereford Diocese, comprising the whole of Herefordshire and the southern half of Shropshire, is a rural diocese of scattered villages, a few small market towns and the Cathedral City. At the time of the formation of the Guild there was but one ring of ten (at the Cathedral) and some ten rings of eight in the whole Diocese, otherwise there were only fives and sixes in the village towers. There are now three tens and 21 eights.

Before the middle of the nineteenth century change ringing had been almost unknown. The first peal rung in the Diocese was one of Grandsire Triples at Condover (Salop) in 1842; but this was rung by a visiting band from Shrewsbury, which is outside the Diocese. In 1851 a local band at Ross accomplished the first peal in Herefordshire and the



ROSS PARISH CHURCH

first in the diocese by a local band. Change ringing must therefore have been introduced at Ross somewhat earlier. In 1882 the Ross Society rang Holt's Original, and after the formation of the Guild in 1886 the first five peals in the Diocese (all of Grandsire Triples) were rung at Ross. Ross has ever since remained a stronghold of the Guild.

Bridgnorth, at the other end of the Diocese, was another early centre of change ringing for the Guild. In this tower it was due very largely to one stalwart ringer and leader, John Overton. In 1874 two bells had been added to the old six of St. Leonard's Church to make an eight, and a peal of Triples had been rung at the opening by a visiting band, which was afterwards proved to be false. This no doubt inspired Mr. John Overton to learn ringing, and a year later he became head ringer of the band, a post he held till his death in 1939 at the age of 88\*. The first true peal on these bells was called by J. W. Washbrook in 1887, and although Mr. Overton rang in it, most of the band came from Kidderminster, so that it was not rung for the Guild. By 1891 the Bridgnorth band was ringing peals, and in 1907 they accomplished the first peal of Stedman Triples in the Diocese by a completely local band, and in 1933 of Double Norwich.

## AIM OF THE NEWLY-FORMED GUILD.

Elsewhere call changes were the normal method of ringing throughout the Diocese. Thus the Guild, on its formation, set itself to cultivate the art of change ringing as being the keystone to its deeper object of belfry reform. The point of view of the founders is

\* When in 1895 the tenor bell had to be recast it was a fitting tribute to Mr. John Overton that as 'Head Ringer' his name was inscribed on the bell together with those of the rector and churchwardens.

well summed up in the words of Preb. Phillott at the inaugural meeting: 'Round ringing is utterly dreary and spells monotony; monotony produces weariness of mind; weariness of mind that of body; weariness of body suggests thirst. Do away with monotony and have scientific ringing, which will elevate ringers.'

It was no easy task that the Guild set itself to accomplish in this Diocese of small scattered villages; but the history of the Guild shows that it started this work in the right way, and has gone far to accomplish what it set out to do—at least as regards the cultivation of change ringing and belfry reform.

## QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS.

To begin with, however, it was necessary to appoint a qualified instructor (on the lines of the Oxford Guild), and the first instructor of the Hereford Guild was the famous J. W. Washbrook. During 1886-7 Mr. Washbrook visited many towers in the Diocese as instructor, and it is to the honour of the Guild that the 'first peal achieved by this newly-formed Association' at Ross was conducted by him.

In 1887 Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, was appointed the instructor, a post he held until 1895, when he was succeeded by Mr. J. E. Groves, and after 1902 by Mr. William Short, of Stourbridge. Thus many of the early peals of the Guild were conducted by these famous ringers, whose real homes were outside the Diocese.

The system of having a paid instructor continued until the Great War of 1914-18, although after 1902 several local ringers like Mr. Charles Layton, of Colwall, and Mr. T. J. Bratton, of Welshpool, acted as assistants.

By this method of systematic instruction, change ringing was introduced and developed not only in the bigger centres but also in the villages all over the Diocese, and many of the five and six-bell bands soon became proficient in the art, though all the early peals were of Triples. The first peal of Minor was rung at Mathon in 1896, but it was not until 1901 that the first peal of Doubles was rung at Eastnor. A few years later peals on five or six bells became common, and the present large proportion of peals of Doubles in the Diocese is clear evidence that change ringing has spread into the villages, for of the 140 towers in the Diocese with rings, only 24 have more than six bells.

## THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Besides the appointment of a qualified instructor, the other most characteristic feature of the Guild in its early days was the annual festival. It was held during the summer in a different parish in the Diocese each year. There were the regular features of a service with a special preacher, a dinner and a meeting, and of course ringing. Often several neighbouring towers were also available, and horse conveyances (and later motor-cars) were chartered to take parties to them. Occasionally, as at Ross in 1906, a steamer was employed instead to take ringers up the River Wye to ring at Foy. But other attractions than ringing were not despised. At Bridgnorth in 1909 barge trips were arranged up the Severn, and at Ledbury in 1911 most ringers also paid a visit to the agricultural show.

Since the formation of the districts the annual meeting has lost something of its festive character, and any outside attraction now that took members away from ringing would be frowned upon. For many years, too, it has been held on Whit Monday and usually at Hereford, though occasional visits to Ludlow or Bridgnorth have been arranged for the sake of the Shropshire members.

(To be continued.)



## Presentation to Mr. W. Yeend

Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held a special meeting on July 26th at Cheltenham Parish Church to present a watch to Mr. Walter Yeend, late secretary of the branch.

A quarter-peal of 1,263 Stedman Caters, was rung by: F. Nurdin 1, A. Reed 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, W. Dyer 4, C. Martin 5, G. Walters 6, G. Kilminster 7, L. Aston 8, J. Ballinger 9, R. Hemmings 10. Afterwards came rounds and Doubles to Grandsire Cinques until 8 p.m.

The chairman, Mr. W. Dyer, then mentioned the reason for the meeting, and called on the present secretary (Mr. C. Rouse) to give an account of the formation and progress of the branch, which was started in 1919 with 19 members. Mr. Yeend became officially secretary in 1923 and retired through ill-health in 1946. In that time 58 meetings were held, and £117 collected.

Mr. Waite, Gloucester, spoke of knowing Mr. Yeend and of his help when he was quite young. Mr. G. Kilminster, in calling on Rev. N. Hope to make the presentation, said a great point was how Mr. Yeend had helped and encouraged the young members.

The Rev. Hope stressed the danger of the public becoming used to recorded bells broadcast from towers, and urged all to strive for new bells where there are none. Mr. Yeend, in his reply, said the years had been happy ones, and especially so when teaching a young band.

The evening closed with a social gathering at the Western Hotel, ably organised by Mr. T. Boreham, who was also responsible for the subscription lists. Forty-five members and friends were present from Cheltenham and nearly every tower in the branch—Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Cirencester Branches, Taunton, Nottingham and Manchester.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### SUMMER MEETING AT HOAR CROSS.

The summer meeting of the Guild was held on July 26th in glorious weather at the wonderful Church of Holy Angels, Hoar Cross, near Burton-on-Trent.

Built by the beneficence of Lord and Lady Meynell Ingram, this church possesses features such as may be found in few churches of its size. Beautifully proportioned and rich in carving of wood and stone, its beauty holds one spellbound.

The magnificent ring of bells, reputed to be one of the heaviest six, was certainly an attraction, visitors being present from Derby Cathedral and St. Peter's, Alvaston, Spondon, Duffield, Daybrook, Coseley, Norton-in-the-Moors, Lichfield, Wolverhampton, Wighton (Somerset), together with members from Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Ashby, Winshill, Lepton, Measham, Ticknall, Seales, Lullington and the local company.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. N. Strong), who based his address on 'Fellowship and Co-operation,' two very essential factors in the art of ringing.

After an excellent tea, the chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) opened the meeting by thanking the Vicar for the inspiring address and for the use of the bells, also extending a welcome to the Rev. J. E. Bryant, of Seales. He also thanked the local members for tea arrangements.

Miss M. F. Munro was elected a member of the Guild, and the next joint meeting with the Derby and District Association is to be held at Repton on August 30th. The meeting closed with thanks to Mr. W. Minor, who at short notice deputised for the organist.

Handbell ringing was enjoyed by a few, while the majority revisited the tower for further ringing. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

## Coventry Diocesan Guild

### AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Upwards of sixty members, friends and visiting ringers were present at Stratford-on-Avon for the quarterly meeting on July 19th. The bells were rung in a variety of methods during the afternoon.

After tea, the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Noel Prentice), and Mr. D. Stanley (district secretary) was the organist. The Vicar gave an inspiring address based on the text, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God.'

Following the service, members ascended the tower for the business meeting, the Vicar taking the chair. In the absence of the general secretary (Mrs. D. E. Beamish), Mr. A. H. Beamish acted as secretary. Warwick was selected for the October meeting. New members elected were Miss Jill Moyle (daughter of a former president, Rev. F. W. Moyle, Rector of Allesley), Miss A. Timms, Mr. A. E. Barley, all of Allesley; Miss A. Standing, Meriden; Mr. A. Twigger, Nuneaton; Miss M. Wigglesworth, Stratford; Miss C. Price, Warwick. The following members elected prior to peal attempts were also ratified: Miss Jill Poole, Leicester; Mrs. J. Thomas, Evesham; Mr. F. J. Stimson, Melton Mowbray; and Mr. E. T. Lloyd, Birmingham.

The Master (Mr. F. E. Pervin) congratulated Margaret Beamish on her achievement in ringing a peal of London before her twelfth birthday. He next informed the members of the illness of Mr. Ernest Stone, and it was agreed to send the good wishes of the meeting to him. In the absence of Margaret Beamish, her father thanked Mr. Pervin and the members for their congratulations.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to Mr. Stanley for his services as organist, and to the local ringers for the excellent arrangements concluded the business. A collection for the bell restoration fund realised £1 5s. 3d.

Towers represented were Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Keresley, Leamington, Nuneaton, Southam, Stoke and the local band. Welcome visitors from St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, included Mr. A. Walker, Mr. T. H. Reeves, Mr. J. F. Harvey, Mr. H. C. Spencer and Mr. A. Short. Mr. T. C. Belton travelled from Barwell, and Mr. and Miss Gorringe from Hawkhurst, Kent. Also ringers from Byfield, Charlbury, Chipping Norton, Ilmington, Long Buckby, Newnham, Northampton and Weedon.

Further ringing brought a successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Favoured with glorious weather, a company of 70 attended the quarterly meeting at Margate on July 26th. Seventeen towers in the district were represented, with visitors from Gravesend, Tunstall, Bromley and Luton, Beds.

Ringing was held both before and after service, which was conducted in the cool of the church by the Vicar, Rev. H. M. Armstrong, assisted by his curate, Rev. V. C. Puplett.

Tea was held in St. John's Schoolroom, and was followed by the usual business meeting. Mr. R. Darby-Reeve, a very good friend to the ringers at Margate for many years, was made an hon. member of the association.

The two motions from the Lewisham District were dealt with, the meeting approving of one and disapproving the other.

St. Nicholas-at-Wade was chosen at the place of the next meeting, the district's chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, undertaking the necessary arrangements.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also the curate and organist.

## OBITUARY

### MR. FRANK MEDHURST.

By the death of Mr. Frank Medhurst on July 11th, at the age of 77, Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, has lost its leader and oldest ringing member.

Mr. Medhurst commenced his ringing career as a pupil of the late Mr. George Watson in 1897, and in 1898 was proved an efficient ringer and elected a member of the Sussex County Association.

Although not a lover of peal ringing, being content to ring quarters, he rang a fair number up to the year 1918, when he was appointed leader in the place of Mr. George Watson, who died in that year. Mr. Medhurst maintained the office of leader up to his death, and will be greatly missed by his Guild and colleagues in Hastings and St. Leonards.

The funeral, which took place on July 16th at Christ Church, St. Leonards, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Sir Percy Maryon Wilson, and was attended by the ringers of the Church Guild and of Christ Church, Blacklands, and All Saints', Hastings.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in his memory by a combined band of ringers from the above towers as follows: S. Bailey 1, J. Downing 2, F. Philpott 3, J. Pennells 4, S. Smith 5, G. Piper 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, F. Hunt 8.

### MR. F. ROWLINSON.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. F. Rowlinson, of Peterborough, which took place on July 18th.

A native of Sawston, Cambs, Mr. Rowlinson came to Peterborough over 30 years ago and worked as a joiner for an engineering firm. He joined St. Mary's band and was a most regular service ringer and also a member of the choir. He had rung thirty peals for the Ely and Peterborough Guilds and was for a time a member of the Central Committee of the Guild. Mr. Rowlinson was appointed verger of St. Mary's in the place of the late Mr. J. J. Jutson, and held that position until illness compelled him to resign. He bore his illness with great fortitude and was confined to his bed for the last six months.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's, and the Vicar paid suitable tribute to one who had served both his Church and fellow-men. The local ringers were represented by Messrs. W. Waldron and A. Joyce. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect.

### MR. WALTER BROCKHURST.

For more than 50 years Mr. Walter Brockhurst (70), who died on July 24th at Chiddingfold, Surrey, had been associated with ringing at the Parish Church. He also sang in the church choir. He rang his last peal on handbells, while still an invalid in his chair, on Sept. 7th, 1933, conducted by A. H. Pulling.

The Rector (the Rev. M. Bruce) officiated at the funeral service on July 28th. Two handbells which Mr. Brockhurst used were placed at the head of the grave, and at the conclusion of the committal service a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells by A. J. Bartlett, G. Luff and M. Smither. Wreaths included one from the captain and past and present ringers. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung at the church in the evening by Mrs. Harris 1, F. Bowden (Haslemere) 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 4, A. E. Brown 5, M. Smithers 6, H. Mullard 7, Mrs. Herrington 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's, on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Churchill 1, J. P. Kent 2, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 3, P. E. Clark 4, D. H. Southard 5, T. Davies (first quarter) 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, F. Millar 8.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Rules

Dear Sir,—Writing as a Central Council delegate who has followed, with keen interest and some anxiety, all discussions and correspondence regarding our rules, I feel that we should, without further ado, ask ourselves in all seriousness the pertinent question: What are rules?

Rules can best be defined as being 'the formula of the unwritten law.' Their sole purpose is to guide, encourage, and assist members toward fulfilment of what are considered to be the highest principles forming the basis or foundation of any specific body.

For instance: A rule governing subscriptions is never primarily of monetary importance. Members are asked to pay subscriptions chiefly because it is 'an unwritten law' that no person can give of his best without some cost to himself, nor can he get the best out of that body of which he is a member unless he recognises this principle.

Or again; in the realms of sport. Handicaps are not placed upon respective competitors in order to give the other 'chaps' a chance. It is to ensure that the individual must give of his best to win. So with our rules, especially that governing peals.

When one seriously considers the many advantages ringers of to-day have over their predecessors it is difficult to believe that anyone who prides himself upon improving on past performances should advocate the relaxing of our rules. This, however, is of minor importance. What the Central Council have to consider is: Will the alterations suggested enhance the fulfilment of our highest principles by each of our members?

I say without fear of contradiction that one of our fundamental principles is 'responsive recognition of one's obligations,' and I suggest that alteration of the rule governing peals as has been advocated will undermine this principle.

No member should at any time be encouraged to ease his conscience with the thought, 'They can ring Minor with a cover if I'm not there,' either for peal or service ringing.

Consider also the member who has yet to ring his first peal. In the majority of cases his or her chance will come only when it is impossible to complete the band without them, and if the rule is relaxed in order to avoid the trouble of looking for them, not only will their opportunity be long delayed, but the time will not be far distant when it is the rule rather than the exception, that seven-bell peals are rung in eight-bell towers, and, what is far more serious, absenteeism from service ringing will be prevalent.

R. G. BLACKMAN.

Chichester, Sussex.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## EASTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

About 35 members attended the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Goole on July 19th, when a short service in the church was followed by tea and a business meeting.

Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. F. Mason (Cottingham), H. B. Nicholson (Kirk Ella), G. W. Burt (Hemingbrough), J. Pool (Hessle) and W. Clift (Bramley, near Basingstoke, Hants). All the retiring officers were re-elected and the usual votes of thanks were passed. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Howden was accepted.

A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 11s. 3d.

## 'The Peak of Minor Ringing'

Dear Sir,—May I offer my congratulations to Mr. G. E. Feirn and his band on their achievement? No words of mine can do justice to their wonderful performance, which is a landmark in the history of the Exercise since it marks the peak of all Minor ringing, being the maximum number of regular methods that can be legitimately spliced into seven true and complete extents.

The writing of these words of appreciation is, for me, tinged with a feeling of sadness because the real architect of the peal has passed over. Mr. A. G. Driver would have been delighted at the North Lines performance, and it is due to his kindness and helpfulness in laying bare the secrets of his discoveries that I was able in some small measure to contribute to their success.

I was therefore very glad to see that they had used his composition for the third extent instead of a rather simpler composition by myself. For the sake of those who may be interested I enclose the figures. Incidentally Mr. Driver's remarks on receiving it are worthy of quotation to show the type of man he was: 'Your new arrangement for the 17 methods is very welcome' (then follows a description of how he got his composition). 'But this new composition of yours is immeasurably superior in that it has two singles per part instead of six.'

Small wonder, therefore, that we who corresponded with such a figure feel it our duty and privilege to carry out his ideals so far as we are able.—Yours faithfully,  
C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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63254 Sharnbrook	Hayes	Iver
26435 H'dsworth	Ringstead	Stonehouse
42563 Bramfield	Bramfield	Bramfield
54326 Stratton	Stanhoe	H'dsworth
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## ILLUSTRATIONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am to give a lecture early in October to the Royal Archaeological Institute on 'Bells and Ringers of Norwich.' It is to be illustrated with a strip-film made up of any illustrations that I can get hold of, relevant to the subject. I should be most grateful if anyone who has any illustrations, photos, sketches, plans or diagrams, directly or indirectly connected with the subject, would be kind enough to lend them to me not later than about the first week in September. They will be carefully kept and returned with remittance for postage as soon as they have been used for making the strip-film.—Yours faithfully,

A. G. G. THURLOW.

52, The Close, Norwich.

## Usefulness?

Dear Sir,—If the leader of an orchestra decided to tap out a violin concerto on a series of appropriately assorted handbells most of us would rightly consider that his usefulness as a responsible member, either of an orchestra or of any campanological fraternity, was nearing its end. We should think the same of any centre-forward who tried to play his game of soccer with a cricket ball. Mr. Male's enthusiasm for tapping (or is it playing or fiddling?) peals on violin or piano—recorded in your issue of July 25th—seems to me to be much on a par with these strange aberrations.

I should be loth to prevent anyone from misusing his energy as he pleases, provided he does not become a social menace in so doing (and I hope Mr. Male lives in a detached house so that there can be no possibility of this supposition being true), but I do strongly deplore your action, Sir, in thinking fit to publish to the world—and in the hallowed ground of Belfry Gossip, too!—a feat which is neither campanology nor music nor plain good sense.

Let these freaks be ignored in decent silence. Since, mercifully, I don't live in the next house, I couldn't care less that it wasted three hours and three minutes of a precious lifetime.—Yours faithfully,

Thames Ditton.

A. M. HOUGHTON.

## DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

## BRANCH MEETING AT IPPLEPEN

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers was held at Ipplepen, Newton Abbot, on July 26th, when visitors attended from Okehampton, Kenn, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Dartmouth, Exmouth, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Plympton and Plymouth.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. P. Vokes-Dudgeon), who gave an excellent address.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and the Vicar occupied the chair at the subsequent business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the branch chairman, who was away on holiday, and the president of the Guild. Three non-resident members were elected, viz., Messrs. C. McGuiness (Lincoln), W. Ayre (Hemel Hempstead) and Miss Marie Cross (Abingdon).

The next quarterly meeting was arranged for Bishopsteignton on November 1st, and it was also agreed to hold an extra meeting at Moretonhampstead on September 13th, both meetings subject to the necessary permission.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Ipplepen and his parishioners for the welcome they had given the branch, and the visitors adjourned to the tower for further ringing. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and Stedman Doubles and Triples.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on July 26th. Members were present from Armley, Headingley, St. Chad and St. Michael's, Idle, Tadcaster and Woodlesford. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 8 p.m. except for the tea and business meeting.

The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley. Methods rung were Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and rounds for the learners.



## Ringers' Outings

### EIGHT TOWERS IN A DAY.

The ancient superstition of the ringing of church bells to keep away thunderstorms was apparently proved on July 19th, when the Isleworth ringers organised a coach tour in South Bucks in almost perfect weather.

Starting from Hounslow soon after 9 a.m. and picking up some of our party in Uxbridge, we arrived at Beaconsfield. Ringing ranged from rounds, giving some of our girls their first pull on long-draught bells, to London Surprise. On to the beautiful 12 at High Wycombe where, though unsuccessful at Stedman, we rang a good three leads of Treble Bob Maximus with Cecil Mayne and Arthur Harding on the tenors.

After lunch and a stroll round the town, we made for Wooburn, near Bourne End. While awaiting the arrival of the key, handbells were put to good use in Grandsire and Stedman. Two French girls in our party, on their first day in England, were greatly thrilled to stand alongside the bells here and watch a good touch of Cambridge being rung. We were sorry to find the local captain, Mr. Martin, very seriously ill, and we hope it will not be long before he is up and about again.

The beautiful village of Cookham was our next call, where three leads of Bristol were rung on the recently augmented bells. Climbing up wooded Hedsor Hill, the scenery was so pleasant that many of us got out and walked—we had to, as the coach couldn't make it loaded!

Burnham bells presented us with their strange and wild assortment of sharps and flats. Noticing our surprise at the quality of the bells, George Gilbert, now recovering from his fall on the previous Saturday, remarked, 'Now don't you think the bells need recasting!' We certainly agreed.

The light six at Hitcham were also visited. Just before moving off, Bill Elson arrived from Burnham and 'snatched' the tower with a 120 of Grandsire Doubles which came round at hand, as do so many of his better-known touches of Triples. It was unfortunate that two bells crossed.

After an open-air tea, we visited Gray's church at Stoke Poges with its exterior iron stairway to the ringing chamber. The bells are as perfect to listen to as they are to ring, and up to Superlative Surprise was rung on them. A short shower fell on the way to our last tower, Iver, where, despite being in semi-darkness, the gas being turned off, we enjoyed a pleasant ring. It was only after this that the programme fell a little behind schedule, as eight towers on such a warm day do make one just a little thirsty! Then homeward bound to Hounslow in time to slake any remaining parched throats.

G. D.

Isleworth, Middlesex.

The St. Mary's, Portsea, ringers, together with friends and ringers from Portsmouth Cathedral, held their outing on June 28th. Towers visited were Ringwood (8), Downton (8), Amesbury (8) and Whitechurch (8), and methods rung up to and including London and Bristol. The organiser was Mr. A. T. Greenwood.

Steeple Ashton and North Bradley ringers for their annual outing were joined by friends from Westbury, Keevil, Trowbridge and Holt for a tour through Somerset. Ringing took place at Long Ashton, Yatton, Congresbury, Wrington, Hlagdon and Chewton Mendip. Methods rung included rounds, Plain Bob, Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The arrangements were made by Mr. H. Gummer.

## NOTICES

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Appledore, Sat., Aug. 9th, 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Aug. 5th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. 1731

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, for names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 1744

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Brightwalton (6), Sat., Aug. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Hedges, Myrtle Cottage, Brightwalton, Newbury. 1749

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names must be sent to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1750

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Limpsfield Chart (6), Aug. 9th, 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—C. A. Bassett. 1747

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting Isleworth, Aug. 9th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1755

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Barton-on-Humber, Sat., Aug. 9th. St. Mary's four new bells dedicated Aug. 3rd, making 8, and St. Peter's (8), 2, or earlier by appointment. Service St. Mary's 4.15. Meat tea (3s.) Assembly Rooms 4.45. Important: Those requiring tea must notify Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1763

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting Hadleigh, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9.—C. W. Pipe, Gen. Sec. 1770

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting Baslow and Edensor, Aug. 9th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided at Edensor.—Sam Scattergood and Herbert Taylor, Dis. Secs. 1764

LANCS ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Halsall, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea at small charge and business meeting to follow. All very welcome to a grand peal of six. 1765

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting Sandal, near Wakefield, Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. H. Spencer, 425, Barnesley Road, Milnsthorne, near Wakefield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnesley. 1766

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hoo on Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells available 3. Service at 4.15. Arrangements have been made for teas.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1794

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church, Sat., Aug. 9th. Tower open 2. Tea at local cafe. Meeting in the tower 6.15. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—I. Kay, Branch Sec. 1785

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting Sat., Aug. 9th, at King's Norton. Bells (10) available 3. Tea 4.30 at Woodcock's Cafe, The Green, King's Norton.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1768

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Aug. 16th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 6.15 to 8. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1769



**ESSEX ASSN.** — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Waltham (8), Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1745

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting North Mimms (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 3. Names for tea to H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans, by Wed., Aug. 13th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1767

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Practice, Easebourne (8), Aug. 16th, 3. Names for tea by 13th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1779

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.** — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Kendal (10), Sat., Aug. 16th, 2.30. Names for tea to L. Townley, 3, Charles Street, Kendal, Westmorland, by Aug. 13th.—N. M. Newby and J. Skeats, Branch Secs. 1778

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Belgrave (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 3. Tea 5 at Hotel Belgrave. Names by Wed., Aug. 13th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 1777

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting Cheddleton, Sat., Aug. 16th. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. J. Martin, 5, Vicarage View, Cheddleton, near Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1772

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.** — Rossendale Branch.—Haslingden (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—J. Porter, Chesham Green Cottages, Chesham, Bury. 1756

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Thurnby (5), Aug. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. H. L. Wykes, Grange Cottage, Thurnby, by Aug. 12th.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 1774

**LANCS ASSN.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be at Prestwich on Sat., Aug. 16th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1797

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Barrow Gurney, Sat., Aug. 16th, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1792

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Melton District.—Meeting at Hose, Sat., Aug. 16th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. W. Sharpe, Hose, Melton Mowbray, by 14th.—J. H. Cook, Hon. Sec. 1796

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Tarpoley (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec. 1793

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Llanelly (Brecon), Aug. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names by Aug. 12th to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 1791

**HEREFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly Allensmore (6), Aug. 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Aug. 12th.—J. W. Downes, Roundway Cottage, South Bank Road, Hereford. 1790

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tredington, Aug. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5.30. Names by 11th.—E. T. Newbury, Railway Avenue, Beckford, Tewkesbury. 1789

**SALISBURY GUILD.** — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Charminster, Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service. 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please bring food. Buses from Dorchester 2.30 onwards.—I. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1784

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Crediton, Aug. 16th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Number for tea by Aug. 10th.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 1781

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting Claverley (by kind invitation) on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those only who have obtained tickets from Mr. F. Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, before Aug. 19th. Bus leaves Wolverhampton 3 p.m., also every 30 minutes Bridgnorth bus to the Red Hill. Come and spend a pleasant afternoon. Remember, no ticket, no tea.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 1776

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.**—Quarterly, Chepstow, Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 1780

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Puttenham on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Please send names for tea by Monday, 18th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1798

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-Eastern District.—Meeting Sandal (6), near

Wakefield, Sat., Aug. 30th, 2.30. Tea for those who send names by Aug. 25th to Mrs. Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. All ringers welcome. 1773

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—St. John's (10). No practices during August. Recommence Mon., Sept. 1st. Sunday ringing 10.20 a.m. and evenings on 1st and 3rd Sunday by arrangement. — F. W. Goodfellow, tower captain. 1775

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Preliminary.—Annual dinner, Guildhall, Worcester, Sat., Oct. 4th. Seating accommodation for 150. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) shortly available from Secretary.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 1795

**GLOUCESTER.** — St. Mary de Crypt (8). Practice third Thursday every month 7.30 p.m. Sunday ringing 2nd and 4th Sundays each month 5.30. 1783

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The Exercise has lost by the passing of Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, one of its outstanding personalities, who was in that select band of ringers with more than 1,000 peals to his credit. Keith Hart will go down in history as an almost faultless performer, who had a complete mastery of his mental and physical faculties. Such were his gifts of concentration, that one who had rung scores of peals with him confessed that he had never seen him make a mis-blow. He was also a graceful ringer, and invariably performed on the back end. With his mastery of bell ringing he found it difficult to understand how other rational beings could make errors. Indifference in ringing and striking he would not tolerate, and because of his criticisms, for he had the reputation of being a John Blunt, he was at times misunderstood. No one, however, could be in his presence without having an admiration for his prowess as a performer.

When Mr. George F. Attree created his famous band of Surprise ringers at St. Peter's, Brighton, Keith Hart was already in the town. This company included two other 1,000 peal men in George Williams and Frank Bennett, but other names who come to mind are George Baker, E. C. Merritt, George Smart, Harry Weston, and Charles Palmer. Their performances were the talk of every belfry. Ringing weeks would be held, during which a peal of a different Surprise method would be rung each evening. Another memorable occasion was when Keith Hart rang three peals of London in 24 hours. Upon George Attree migrating to Canada in 1908, Keith Hart became the leader of St. Peter's band, a position he held with distinction and only relinquished this year.

Although he reached his 1,000th peal in 1931, to the regret of his many friends he did not participate in that peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on February 15th, 1936, in which each performer had 1,000 peals to his credit. Survivors of that peal are J. George, George Williams, F. Bennett and A. H. Pulling. Whether the fact that he never kept a record of his peals had anything to do with his not receiving an invitation we do not know, but he was the only other living ringer then alive with 1,000 peals to his credit. Since then two others have joined that select company in Mr. James Bennett and the late Mr. C. T. Coles. Perhaps the biggest day's ringing in Keith Hart's life was in September, 1912, when he rang the sixth at Sherborne Abbey to a peal of Stedman Triples, and in the evening the



eighth to a peal of Stedman Caters at St. John's, Yeovil. Ringing in both these peals were W. and E. Pye, who shared the respective tenors of 46 cwt. at Sherborne and 42 cwt. at Yeovil. Preb. C. C. Cox rang in the peal at Yeovil and the Rev. E. V. Cox at Sherborne Abbey. A great ringer thus passes to his rest.

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WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 8
LEONARD J. FOX ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5	JOSEPH H. BOOMSMA ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

\* First peal. To celebrate the christening of the son of the Rector, the Rev. D. H. Booth, M.B.E., M.A.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	F. W. RISHWORTH ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	*ERIC CRADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal on ten bells. Arranged for E. Craddock on his 18th birthday, previous to joining H.M. Forces.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF Treble	W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
HAROLD PAILING ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 4	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First attempt on ten. First of Kent Royal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 8
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

PETER N. BOND ... Treble	† DONALD MARSHALL ... 6
*DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 7
ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 3	GORDON BENFIELD ... 8
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 4	ALAN F. THIRST ... 9
RONALD H. DOVE ... 5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal away from the covering bell. † First peal on ten bells. The first peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the society.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

H. RICHARD FRENCH ... Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
*WILFRED W. RING ... 2	BERTRAM J. LUCK ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 3	HILDED S. WICKENS ... 8
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 9
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH

\* First peal of Bob Royal. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Chesterfield Branch.)

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 6
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 7
HAROLD PAILING ... 3	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 8
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 9
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 5	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the new bells. In grateful memory of the composer and his long and distinguished connection with this tower.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 6
*MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	*J. FREDK. MILNER ... 8
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 9
*JOHN THOMAS ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.



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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

LESTER GRAY ... .. Treble	ERIC GILBERT ... .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5
MISS MARGARET BEAMISH ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

LAMBETH, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

SQUIRE CROFT ... .. Treble	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
*N. G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.  
\* First peal of Surprise. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd; the birth of a son to the conductor; a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 3	CECIL NICE ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

HENRY TOOKE ... .. Treble	THOS. E. SPIGHT ... .. 5
*GEORGE P. ADAMS ... .. 2	ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
†SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † Twenty-fifth peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. K. W. Mayer, of Lincoln.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
†ROBERT A. JOHNSON ... 2	FREDK. A. COLEY ... .. 6
E. CHARLES PATTEN ... .. 3	GEO. J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
VERNON J. BENNING ... .. 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.  
\* 150th peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On July 20th, for evensong, 1,680 changes of Doubles, being 120 each of (1) Stedman, (2) Union, (3) Grandsire, (4) Antelope, (5) Fortune, (6) Northrepps, (7) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (8) Reverse Canterbury, (9) Southrepps, (10) Clifford Pleasure, (11) Plain Bob, (12) Old Doubles, (13) Norfolk, (14) April Day; G. Pult 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, W. Jones (conductor) 3, H. Floyd 4, O. Jones 5, N. Floyd 6. First in 14 methods as conductor and by all the band except the ringer of the 4th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

BETTY SPICE ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 3	†C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. In honour of the wedding of Dr. J. E. Spice and Miss Betty Hollingworth.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS JOAN E. WITHEY Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 5
E. LEONARD TAYLOR ... .. 2	CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 6
HARRY MILES ... .. 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
MISS F. M. MARTIN ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal on eight. First peal of Major on the bells.

SKIPTON, YORKS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... .. 6
*THOMAS BARKER ... .. 3	ARTHUR HATCH ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. DEBENHAM. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 5
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 3	*ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 7
EDNA F. BEDFORD ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire for the Branch.  
In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. G. R. Edwards, brother of the 2nd ringer.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 2	PETER ANGER ... .. 6
LESLIE A. PAGE ... .. 3	ERNEST A. JURD ... .. 7
*PHILIP H. SPECK ... .. 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT Treble	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
CECIL G. CALCUTT ... .. 2	EDWIN G. MOORE ... .. 6
THOMAS W. TIMMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL G. CALCUTT.

\* First peal, aged 13 years. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.—On July 27th, at St. James', Clerkenwell, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Prockson 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, F. A. Barker 3, W. J. Ellis 4, C. Potheary 5, A. W. Coles (conductor) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. G. Nash 8.



## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

HOLME-HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being an extent of Double Oxford Bob, 2 extents of Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and 3 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK W. WILLIAMS <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. DIXON ... 4
FREDERICK C. JOHNSON ... 2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER ... 5
CYRIL J. BURNS ... 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND VINULA,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and one extent of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD F. WOOD ... 4
CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of St. Clement's.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

K. F. GREAVES (age 16) <i>Treble</i>	P. H. WRIGHT (16) ... 4
R. M. E. RICHARDS (14) ... 2	E. J. STERLAND (16) ... 5
E. G. HOLDGATE (16) ... 3	B. A. RICHARDS (16) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. A. RICHARDS.

First peal by all. A compliment to the ringer of the treble, who is serving in the R.A.F.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in B.

*ERIC DODDS ... <i>Treble</i>	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 4
MARY E. DAVIS ... 2	†MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD ... 5
†JOHN HARTLESS ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal in two methods.

MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*G. HENRY DUNNINGTON <i>Treble</i>	†J. IVOR SMITH ... 4
†DOROTHY CLARK ... 2	†GEORGE E. MANSER ... 5
†CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 3	CHARLES MARSHALL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal on tower bells.

MEDBOURNE, LEICS.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Being 720 St. Dunstan's, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob, 2,880 Grandsire (720 Morris', 720 Pitman's, 1,440 Ordinary).

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

EDGAR LEWIN ... <i>Treble</i>	CARADOC T. WHITMAN ... 3
RONALD RUSSELL ... 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 4

ERNEST MORRIS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells since restoration in 1939 and only the second since being made five in 1768.

SANDY, BEDS.—At St. Swithun's, on July 20th, for the Patronal Festival, 1,260 Bob Minor: Joan Ashton (first quarter) 1, Miriam Pettit 2, Joan Harding 3, C. Blain 4, C. H. Harding (conductor) 5, C. J. Ball 6.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... <i>Treble</i>	C. WILLIAM NUTT ... 4
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 5
ROLAND E. LEWIS ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal on these bells for 24 years.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*KENNETH MEDWAY ... <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD PARFREY ... 4
*ERNEST WHITE ... 2	†EDWARD J. FRY ... 5
*EDWARD CONNOCK ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT 45, ENGLETON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7-8

JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 9-10

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Stedman in hand.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT 76, DIMSDALE VIEW, PORTHILL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

F. WILSHAW ... 1-2	R. S. ANDERSON ... 5-6
W. F. GIBBON ... 3-4	G. W. BIDDULPH ... 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by R. S. ANDERSON.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4	MRS. R. G. CROSS ... 7-8

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

In memoriam, Keith Hart.

JENKINSTOWN, CO. LOUTH.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

Consisting of eight 480's and 10 extents, each called differently.

MISS ADA C. DUKES ... 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
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\*T. W. WARREN-JONES ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

Witness: Mrs. F. E. DUKES.

\* First handbell peal. First handbell peal in the county.

JENKINSTOWN, CO. LOUTH.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

Consisting of 16 extents Plain Bob and 26 Grandsire.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
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MISS ADA C. DUKES ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

Witness: T. W. W. JONES.

\* First peal on handbells and in two methods. First peal in two methods by all on handbells and in Ireland.



## QUARTER PEALS

**AUDLEY, STAFFS.**—On August 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. F. Holding 1, G. A. Packer 2, R. T. Holding 3, W. Kerr (first in method) 4, W. Longman 5, A. Crawley 6, R. D. Langford (conductor) 7, J. Holloway 8.

**BAMBER BRIDGE, LANCs.**—On August 3rd, at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Harrison 1, C. Hardacre 2, H. Hardacre 3, A. Hatch 4, J. Jackson 5, S. Tuson 6, F. McCarthy 7, W. A. Stote (Coventry) (conductor) 8.

**BARNBY DON, YORKS.**—On August 2nd, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Lindsay 1, C. Thorley 2, M. Thorley 3, R. Lunn 4, J. Thorley 5, E. J. Padgett (conductor) 6. A compliment to Miss I. Lamb, daughter of a local ringer.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Collett 1, F. Soden (conductor) 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, T. H. J. Prince (first quarter inside) 4, B. S. Nichols 5, F. W. Soden 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. W. Timms 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's on July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Warner (first quarter-peat) 1, F. W. Richardson 2, F. Morris 3, R. G. Long (conductor) 4, J. E. Warner 5, A. F. Bennington 6, G. H. Daynes 7, F. Stevens (first quarter-peat) 8. To commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the consecration of the church.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church on July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Mould 1, G. Ward 2, C. Walklate 3, George Freebrey (conductor) 4, S. Walklate 5, S. Merry 6, F. Lowe 7, S. Barsby 8. First in the method by 3 and 8.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's on August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Shaw 1, W. A. Parsons 2, J. Glew 3, W. Lancaster 4, F. Lowe (conductor) 5, K. Hudston 6, A. Mould 7, W. Steen 8. In honour of the Queen's birthday.

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On August 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Eric Critchley (conductor) 1, E. Ba'dwin 2, J. Holmes 3, F. A. Staveley 4, R. Thompson 5, L. Webb 6, J. McCluskev 7, P. J. Daw 8. For the wedding of Miss Nora Holmes, ringer at Doncaster, to Mr. Edward B. Wall.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. T. Ellender 1, W. Bottrill 2, C. Turner 3, Harry Wood 4, Percy Davis (conductor) 5, T. Anderson 6, R. Benson 7, R. J. Harling 8.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On August 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. H. Hewett 1, Miss M. Addison 2, W. E. Robinson 3, J. Hedley 4, K. Arthur (conductor) 5, F. Pearson 6, T. W. Crowe 7, R. Applewhite 8. A farewell to F. Pearson on his forthcoming departure to London.

**PINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Tubb 1, F. Cherret 2, B. Tubb 3, B. Willis 4, P. Blake 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

**GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.**—On July 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. H. J. Prince 1, J. Keyte 2, F. Soden 3, M. C. F. Collett (age 13) 4, I. D. Harris 5, T. W. Timms (conductor) 6. First quarter as conductor, and first of Minor by 4th and 5th.

**GREAT TEW, OXON.**—On August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Morley 1, J. Keyte 2, R. H. Jarvis 3, B. S. Nichols (conductor) 4, F. W. Soden 5, T. W. Timms 6, I. D. Harris 7, L. Clifton 8.

**HELMDON, NORTHANTS.**—On August 2nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Minor: G. Holland 1, F. C. Case 2, C. Hinton 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. Yates (conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by all except the 2nd.

**HOLYWOOD, N. IRELAND.**—At the Church of SS. Philip and James on August 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Edgar 1, Mrs. Ada Taylor 2, W. A. Patterson 3, F. E. Dukes 4, A. E. McGrath 5, J. T. Dunwoody 6, R. Adamson 7, H. Brown (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all except the conductor.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On August 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sandford 1, G. E. Retter (conductor) 2, Miss E. Lomas 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, A. J. C. Holway 7, G. Richards 8.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.**—On July 19th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Porter 1, E. Drewitt 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, J. Higgins 4, W. Judge 5, F. White 6, C. G. Calcutt (conductor) 7, W. Cross 8.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.**—On July 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Madeley 1, W. J. Chester 2, A. M. Hickman 3, R. H. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, F. Price 6, W. H. Tyler, R.A.F. (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. Also on August 3rd, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Madeley 1, W. Lycett (first in the method) 2, W. J. Chester 3, R. H. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On July 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lawrey 1, M. D. Pilcher 2, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 3, L. P. Cook 4, S. E. Cook 5, E. A. Jurd 6, H. A. Nobes 7, F. Edwards 8.

**RICHMOND, YORKS.**—At St. Mary's Church on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Watkin 1, Doris M. Killingley 2, J. Southam 3, T. Watkin 4, E. Hudson (conductor) 5, G. A. Dalton 6, H. Parrish 7, A. H. Morton 8. First quarter by ringers of 5, 6 and 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2 and 4. Longest length as conductor.

**SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Plimmer (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Cartwright 2, T. L. Elliott (first quarter) 3, Ed. Large 4, Ed. Holt 5, H. W. Haslam 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, F. Walters (first quarter) 8.

**SMARDEN, KENT.**—At the Church of St. Michael on July 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. C. Marshall 1, Harry Baker 2, M. W. Marshall 3, W. J. Lancefield 4, A. J. Lancefield (conductor) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Trueman 1, I. H. Trueman 2, C. J. Gardner 3, H. W. Bishop 4, W. E. Court (first in method) 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8.

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The attempt by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild to ring 14,144 London Surprise Major on August Bank Holiday at Heydour was unsuccessful. The breakdown occurred after more than 11,500 changes had been rung in 6 hours and 36 minutes. All the band were resident members of the Guild, and all with the exception of the treble ringer ring regularly at Lincoln Cathedral.

It was a pleasing thought that the first peal on the new Chesterfield bells should be in memory of G. Arthur Knights, who had such a distinguished connection with the tower.

We cannot resist a word of congratulation to the company of 16-year-olds who rang a peal of Minor at Morton, Derbyshire. A useful company for any association.

Mr. Ernest Morris now knows the Leicester Diocese almost blindfold. Medbourne is the 125th tower in the diocese in which he has rung a peal.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton assures us that he lays no claim to the handbell feat to which he was credited in our last issue. The size of the tenor was 14 in C sharp. We regret the error.

The marriage will take place at Chipping Barnet Parish Church on August 23rd at 2.30 p.m. between Mr. B. P. Morris, of Warkton, Kettering, and Miss Mary Swift, of 86, Normandy Avenue, Barnet.

Not only from London, but from all parts of the country will come birthday greetings to Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, who on July 25th celebrated his 70th birthday. The peal in honour of the event was at Lambeth on the following day. Also commemorated was the birth of his grandson (Thomas Richard Bruce Taffender) on July 20th, and the birthday of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. T. W. Taffender. The bobs were called by his son, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. H. C. Chandler, one of the original members of the Middlesex Association, has completed 58 years of ringing, 55 of which have been at St. Leonard's, Heston. The anniversary was marked by 1,260 Stedman Triples on August 3rd at Heston by J. B. Sansom 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. A. Lewis 4, J. Cobb 5, E. R. Gladman 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

An even longer record has Mr. G. Thompson, of Hinckley, Leicestershire, with 59 years as a Sunday service ringer to his credit. He rang the treble in a quarter-peal on August 3rd, which was rung as his eightieth birthday compliment. Others were G. Ballard (conductor) 2, O. E. Turner 3, G. Charlton 4, H. Knights 5, B. Ritgway 6, E. Vallance 7, T. Friar 8.

Leicester is in the news this week with a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus, in which there were nine firsts.

Will the Nottingham reader who offers for sale a set of handbells please forward his name and address? We cannot insert box numbers without knowing to whom replies may be sent!

Coinciding with the holding of the Scouts' Jamboree at Paris comes the suggestion of a Boy Scouts' peal in South London area. Particulars are given in our notice columns.

The peal at Probus, Cornwall, was Miss J. E. Withey's first 'touch' of Major. It was a good performance. Miss Withey rings at Cambridge, where change ringing has taken root and replaced 'stoney.' Several quarter-peals have recently been rung by the local band.

Mr. E. Connock, who rang his first peal in England at Farmborough, Somerset, on August 4th, had previously rung a peal at Melbourne, Australia. His fellow ringers would like to express their gratitude to him for the welcome entertainment provided after the performance. Incidentally everybody in the peal had a first of 'something.'

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# THE PASSING OF TWO FAMOUS RINGERS

## Mr. J. Armiger Trollope

We regret to record the death on Friday, August 8th, at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, of Mr. Jabez Armiger Trollope. As an authority on all matters appertaining to the Exercise, Mr. Trollope held a unique position. He was a vice-president of the Middlesex Association and an honorary member of the Central Council. His age was 71 years.

The following biography has been written by his close friend, E.C.S.T. :-

Jabez Armiger Trollope was born at East Dereham, Norfolk, on January 8th, 1876, and was educated at King Edward VI. School, Norwich. During his schooldays he and various school friends, including J. and G. Burton and C. Borrett, used to visit various five and six-bell towers of the city and taught themselves ringing. They also obtained some handbells and rang several peals of Plain Bob, including what was for many years, if not still, the record length of Bob Major on handbells.

In about 1904 he came to live at Ealing and for a few years his chief interest was photography. He joined the Ealing Photographic Society and was always very proud of a silver medal he was awarded at one of their exhibitions. The subject was St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, taken from an unusual viewpoint. He never lost his interest in ringing, however, and eventually joined the Waterloo Society, who used to ring at St. John's, Waterloo Road. He later held the office of vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for more than 20 years.

He was without a doubt the most gifted ringer of his age. His peals totalled well over 600 and he conducted a fair proportion of them. Twenty years ago they comprised a greater variety of methods than had been achieved by anyone else. He was even more talented in his knowledge of the theory of ringing, and it is only within recent years that a few others have caught up with and in perhaps one or two directions even surpassed him. Furthermore he could impart his knowledge to others, both in his writing and in his conversation. He devoted a considerable amount of time to the study of the history of the art of change ringing from its earliest days, and his work on this subject alone occupies at least ten hand-written volumes illustrated with his own pen and ink drawings of churches.

This wealth of knowledge was freely drawn upon when he was Editor of 'The Ringing World' in the many weeks when the amount of copy received by post barely filled a single page. Without it 'The Ringing World' must have ceased publication altogether.

His published works include most of the books prepared by the Methods Committee of the Central Council, the latest edition of 'Stedman' in the 'Snowdon' series and 'The College Youths'—a history of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He had recently been engaged on a new edition of 'Grandsire' for the 'Snowdon' series and had completed a book on Surprise Major methods, which has long awaited publication by the Central Council.

He had been a member of the Central Council since 1897 and served on the Methods Committee, of which he was for many years convener.

His work for 'The Ringing World' during the most difficult period of its existence when there was a complete ban on the ringing of church bells cannot be over-estimated, and it was a great disappointment to him to learn that his efforts were not adequately appreciated. He endeavoured and, in the opinion of many, succeeded in making the paper as interesting and as useful to the majority of its readers as possible, and steadfastly refused to allow its pages to be used to satisfy the

personal vanity of a minority. His treatment at the Central Council meeting at Norwich in 1946 over this matter was the direct cause of a serious decline in his health, from which he never really recovered for any length of time.

### AN APPRECIATION.

By the sad news of the death of J. Armiger Trollope, the Exercise will learn of the loss of one of its leading personalities.

I must leave it to others to write of his great work for the Exercise during the last 50 years—his technical knowledge and skill, shown in his published and unpublished writings; his unsurpassed knowledge of the history of ringing and ringers and his ability to make such knowledge live in his writing. (His book, 'The College Youths', is a mere selection of appropriate extracts from his manuscript history.) For many years he could claim to have rung a greater number of different Major methods than anyone else. Although a small man physically, he could turn in a heavy tenor to Major with the next man. His work for the Central Council and its Methods Committee over nearly half a century is well known.

All this led up to and was crowned by his greatest work for the Exercise, when, on the death of his friend, J. S. Goldsmith, he assumed the editorship of 'The Ringing World.' At that time there was no ringing and, therefore, no ringing news—no peals, no notices or reports of meetings. Mr. Goldsmith had managed, with his wide experience and his accumulated material, to carry on, largely with the help of special articles by Mr. Trollope. But during Mr. Goldsmith's illness and from his death in 1942 Mr. Trollope was

able week by week to produce—often from nothing—our paper, without which the Exercise would have lost its homogeneity and perhaps have dwindled into a number of isolated units. Many weeks practically the whole paper was written by him—leader, special articles and correspondence, and yet he set and maintained a high standard and, as paper allowed, increased the journal's circulation.

J.A.T. did not shine in debate and was never at ease in public speaking. He was at his best in the company of a few friends—after a peal or on a day in the country. For although ringing was his life, he had, in full measure, the ability of the well-educated man of his generation to talk interestingly and knowledgeably on an infinite variety of subjects.

But to me, and I know that this is true also of Mr. Ernest Turner, his death is a great personal loss. He taught us to ring just over twenty years ago, and from then on he was our guide, philosopher and friend, and we were proud that he regarded us as 'his boys.' Week by week he rang with us at Christ Church, Ealing, and at other local towers content, if the band could manage no more, with call changes or Doubles, so long as the striking was good. Bad striking he could not tolerate. Many a visitor to the tower was surprised to learn that the little man ringing call changes or standing behind a beginner was the J. Armiger Trollope whose article or 'Notes by the Way' he had read in that week's 'Ringing World.'

I shall be grateful if you, Mr. Editor, can find space for my very inadequate tribute to the memory of a great ringer and a true gentleman. —Wilfrid G. Wilson, 28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton, Wembley.

## Mr. Keith Hart

We regret to record the death on July 30th of Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, aged 73. The following memoir is contributed by F.I.H. :-

The name of Keith Hart probably means little to many present-day ringers, as his peal ringing career ended in 1938, but he was without doubt one of the outstanding ringers of his generation. He kept no record of his peals, but so far as can be ascertained he rang 1,164 in all, of which he conducted 462. No fewer than 924 of his peals were for the Sussex County Association, and one man only—William Pye—has ever rung more for one society.

His first peal was at Brighton in 1891, and his 1,000th some time during 1931, so that he must have been the eighth or ninth ringer to reach that total. In several years he rang over 50 peals—60 in 1898, 52 in 1909, 55 in 1912, while in 1913 he rang no fewer than 76, of which he conducted 61.

It was not only as a peal ringer, however, that his reputation was gained. One had only to see him handling the 25 cwt. tenor at St. Peter's, Brighton, with an easy, graceful style, and with perfect accuracy of striking, to realise that he was no ordinary ringer. Not only did he ring his bell supremely well, but it was said of him that rarely, if ever, did he make a mistake.

In January, 1905, he took part in three peals of London in two days, and 'The Bell News' of January 28th, 1905, referring to these, said: 'It is worthy of record as an instance of concentration of the mind that one of the company—"K.H."—rang the 15,296 changes without making a trip.'

Mr. Hart was associated throughout his career with St. Peter's, Brighton, and was a member of the band which made history there at the end of the last century. He took part at St. Peter's in the first peals of Champion, Oxford, Norfolk and Westminster Surprise, and in 1926, on the modern peal of ten, he called the first and only peal of George Baker's version of London Surprise Royal. It is not

known how many peals Mr. Hart rang at St. Peter's, but the number must be close on 200.

In recent years he had done very little ringing, but until a short while ago he retained charge of the tower, and the condition both of the bells and the ringing chamber testified to his care and attention.

His peal list is as follows :-

Cambridge Minor, rung 1; seven Surprise Minor, 1; \*Grandsire Triples, 29 (conducted 5); Stedman, 259 (178); Grandsire Major, 1; Bob Major, 47 (21); Double Norwich, 123 (60); Kent Treble Bob, 55 (28); Oxford, 2; Cambridge Surprise, 108 (28); Superlative, 195 (84); London, 92 (6); Bristol, 29 (1); Champion, 2; Gloucester, 3 (2); New Cumberland, 5; Norfolk, 3 (1); Westminster, 2; Yorkshire, 5 (1); four Spliced, 4; Grandsire Caters, 12; Stedman Caters, 72 (24); Bob Royal, 15 (4); Double Norwich, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 42 (14); Oxford, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 37 (4); New Cambridge, 1; London, 1 (1); Yorkshire, 7; Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire, 1; Stedman Cinques, 12; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 1; total, 1,164 (462). \*4 on handbells.

### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place quietly at Hove Cemetery on August 5th. The family mourners included Mrs. Hart (widow), Messrs. Harry and Stanley Hart (sons), Messrs. A. and W. Hart (brothers). Amongst the ringers present were Mr. F. I. Hairs (Master, S.C.A.) and Mrs. F. I. Hairs. Mr. O. Sippetts, Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross, Messrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford Diocesan Guild), W. Clayton (Surrey Association), G. Cecil (Master, Ancient Society of College Youths), W. J. Coppard, A. W. Bond, F. Bennett, J. Dearlove, A. Gravett, G. Ades, H. Stalham, F. C. Crutenden, E. Rapley, A. J. Steele, Miss S. Wickens, Messrs. W. J. Hart and A. D. Stone.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (half-muffled) was rung at St. Peter's in the evening, those taking part being: Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1, A. W. Bond 2, R. G. Cross (conductor) 3, W. Clayton 4, F. Bennett 5, G. Ades 6, F. I. Hairs 7, W. Hart 8, J. Dearlove 9, A. Hobden tenor.



## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Part II

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### THE MASTERS.

The first Master of the Guild was Mr. George H. Phillott, son of the Rector of Staunton-on-Wye (to whom we have already referred), although he had already left home and was living in Cheltenham. Here, in 1889, while still Master of the Hereford Guild, he took part in the record length of Grand-sire Caters (15,227 changes). In 1890 he resigned the Mastership and was succeeded in 1891 by the Rev. G. M. Custance, who had hitherto been the secretary. Three years later, Mr. J. G. Buchanan, of Clun (afterwards at Hereford), became Master, which office he held until 1923.

In the early nineties, besides Ross and Bridgnorth, local bands (with occasional outside help) were ringing peals at Coalbrookdale, Welshpool and Colwall, and by the end of the century also at Ludlow and Hereford Cathedral.

Under Mr. Buchanan steady progress was maintained. Though he never conducted a peal, he was a genial leader of men, a fine figurehead, whose personal qualities inspired others and did much to maintain the spirit of loyalty in the Guild. This progress is exemplified by taking a few random notes from the reports of these years. In 1902, for example, it is reported that 'Ludlow and Ross have made excellent progress in Stedman,' and in the following year scored their first in that method. In 1903 'Colwall scored its first peal of Bob Major, while Ludlow and Hereford were busy but unlucky with peals.'

During 1908 there were 51 peals rung to the credit of the Guild, the largest number so far in one year.

After the Great War of 1914-18 an important change was made in the organisation of the Guild. It was no longer financially possible to engage a qualified instructor nor was it any longer necessary. Instead, therefore, a scheme was drawn up for the division of the Diocese into twelve Districts, each with its own Ringing Master. Henceforth, the duty of instruction was to fall largely on the District Ringing Masters, each in his own District. This was a wise move, and the scheme has worked well, though some Districts have shown greater activity and progress than others.

The other important event of this time was the recasting of the tenor bell of All Saints' Church, Hereford, by the Guild, as a memorial to the fallen ringers from the Diocese.

In 1920, Mr. Charles Edwards was appointed Ringing Master of the Guild to assist the Master, now there was no longer a paid instructor, and on the resignation of Mr. Buchanan in 1923 took over the office of Master. He threw himself energetically into the work of Master of the Guild, visiting the Districts to encourage and instruct. He also arranged and conducted many peals in the Diocese. By 1922 the Guild had well recovered from the set-back due to the war, and 60 peals were rung.

By 1924 the total number of members had reached 850, but in this year and the following the two Welsh Districts of Brecon and Welshpool withdrew from the Guild. Welshpool had been active centre of change ringing from the early days of the Guild. In 1926 the first peal of Grand-sire Caters at the Cathedral was rung; it was also the first peal of Caters by resident members of the Guild and was conducted by the Master.

In 1932 the first peal of Bob Royal was rung by the Guild at Leominster, also conducted by the Master, and in this year, too, Ross District was very active, scoring four peals of Stedman Triples and the first of



ST. LEONARD'S, BRIDGNORTH

Little Bob, Double Norwich (by a district band) and Oxford Treble Bob. In 1934 the 1,000th peal of the Guild was rung at Ross.

1936 marked the jubilee of the Guild, and this was fittingly celebrated at Hereford on Whit Monday by a dinner presided over by the Bishop, at which Mr. W. H. Fussell was the guest of honour. Sixty-six peals were rung in 1938, the record number in one year, and in the same year the Bell Restoration Fund was inaugurated.

One important work undertaken by Mr. Edwards was the visiting of towers at the request of incumbents, to advise and report on the bells. This has been a valuable work, and encouraged the proper rehanging and augmenting of the bells throughout the Diocese, a process which had been going on since the formation of the Guild as a direct result of its widespread cultivation of change ringing.

When Mr. Charles Edwards left the Diocese in 1939 he was succeeded as Master by Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale. Mr. Saunders was the leader of an enthusiastic band of ten-bell ringers in the far corner of the Diocese, and held the unusual position of holding office in two Associations at the same time, being Master of the Hereford Guild and representative on the Central Council of the Shropshire Association. Unfortunately the war broke out soon after his appointment, so that he could do little more for the Guild as Master than 'keep things going,' and his death in 1945 was a great loss to both Associations.

He was succeeded by Mr. William Poston, of Bridstow, near Ross, who has done a great work for the Guild in the Ross area since

1911. He has done much to encourage Minor methods in the six-bell towers, and as District Ringing Master since 1920 he has conducted many 'firsts' on the eight bells of Ross and Bridstow, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise by resident members in 1933. This year he was succeeded by Mr. Arthur W. Davis, of Hereford.

### THE HONORARY SECRETARIES

From the first the Guild has done much to bring the clergy and their ringers together and to create a mutual appreciation and understanding between them. Under its influence many of the clergy started to follow the example of the Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. D. P. Davies and learn ringing. Thus in 1892 it was possible to report that 'in at least nine helfries in the Diocese the clergy are now found as regular ringers with their men.' Unfortunately such active interest of the clergy has not been wholly maintained, but it well illustrates the spirit of the Guild in its early days. The clerical contact has remained however. A number of clergy, for example, have been active members of the Committee, some serving for many years; and, except for two years, the hon. secretaries have all been clergy of the Diocese.

The first secretary of the Guild was the founder, the Rev. G. M. Custance, Rector of Colwall (1886-91). Mr. Buchanan held the post from 1891-93; since then the secretaries have been as follows: The Rev. A. C. Lee, Vicar of Lugwardine, 1893-1911; the Rev. J. S. Roper, Rector of Quatt, 1911-20; the Rev. G. W. Turner, Vicar of Madley, 1920-28; the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford, 1928-37; and the Rev. E. G. Benson, Vicar of Burghill, since 1937. Most of these clergy have been themselves ringers, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson being the most outstanding. As a fine ringer and conductor he had many peals to his credit; in his younger days he had rung several peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and in 1910 took part in the clerical peal of Royal at Warwick. He was also a prominent member of the Central Council, and did a great deal of work on peal compositions for it. As secretary of the Guild he set himself the aim of ringing in every tower in the Diocese, and with bicycle and train or bus visited local bands far and wide, and was everywhere welcomed.

Finally some reference should be made to the many ringers who have done loyal and steadfast work for the Guild in their own towers or districts, who who are not widely known to the Exercise in general. The late Mr. J. P. Hyett, J.P., was one of these. He was a ringer at Clifford (8) for 35 years, secretary of the Clifford District from its formation and peal recorder of the Guild from 1923 till his death in 1944, and for many years a representative of the Central Council. He did much spade work for the Guild, visiting the smaller towers, encouraging beginners and getting them through their first peal of Doubles.

But most Districts have had, and still have, two or three such members on whom the vitality of the Districts so largely depends.

### THE PRESENT POSITION.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild is steadily recovering from the serious effects of the war and the ban. Out of the 140 towers in the Diocese with rings of five or more bells, some 67 are in union with the Guild according to the latest report (in 1939 there were 103), with 538 ringing members. Amongst these there is a large number of young members, and in some Districts the Ringing Masters are very active, visiting towers and assisting in instruction.

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## Weddings

**DR. J. E. SPICE**—MISS HOLLINGWORTH.

The wedding of Dr. John E. Spice, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Spice, of Sittingbourne, Kent, to Miss Betty Hollingworth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hollingworth, of Blackpool, Lancashire, took place at Liverpool at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas and Our Lady on July 30th. The Rector, Canon R. A. Reeves, conducted the ceremony, which was followed by a nuptial Mass.

The bride wore an afternoon dress of grey crepe-de-chine, and a hat of white crushed straw. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Constance Miller, was dressed in pale blue and carried red carnations. The best man was Mr. William Leese.

The reception was held at the Adelphi Hotel, where over 50 guests were present, amongst whom were the following ringers: Frances A. Edgar, Julia M. Preston, Jean A. Southerst, Betty Spice and Margaret L. Tutt, George R. Newton, Ralph G. Edwards, John Dickinson and Wilfrid F. Moreton.

The honeymoon is being spent at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, and in Cornwall.

A peal attempt was made at Emmanuel Church, Liverpool, by members of the Oxford University Society later in the day, which unfortunately came to grief after two hours' ringing, but a peal was rung in honour of the wedding at Frodsham, Cheshire, the following evening.

### MISS NORA HOLMES.

Miss Nora Holmes, a ringer at St. George's, Doncaster, was married at this church on August 5th to Mr. Edward B. Wall, also of Doncaster. The local company formed a guard of honour as the bride entered the church and then climbed the 138 steps to the belfry to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the magnificent bells (tenor 30½ cwt.). The ringers attended the reception and some of them left hurriedly to ring a peal of Bob Major at Conisborough in honour of the wedding.

### EYNHAM'S PROGRESS

Dear Sir,—I should like to contradict one statement in the Master's report at the Oxford Guild festival regarding the progress made at Eynsham under the leadership of Mr. Harry Floyd.

May it be pointed out that Mr. Floyd has not rung at Eynsham for at least a year, but nevertheless good progress has been made with the helpful instructions given by Mr. C. G. Calcutt.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

'AN EYNHAM RINGER.'

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Christ Church on July 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. Pothecary 1, W. Nash 2, W. J. Ellis 3, A. W. Coles (conductor) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. Charge 6, H. Miller 7, R. H. Begrie 8, J. G. Nash 9, S. Wade 10.

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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It is not the largest or the most prominent of the ringing Associations of England, and with such a limited number of eight and ten-bell towers (especially as many of these eight are in small country parishes) there are few bands capable of ringing advanced methods, but it is striving for the same ideals as the others in its quieter way in the most rural Diocese of England, and it is not unworthily attempting to fulfil the objects of its founders. It is still alive and still has much to do in the service of the Church. Indeed it can proudly claim to be the oldest, largest and most active Church society for men in the Diocese.

E. G. BENSON.

## Winchester and Portsmouth Guild

### MEETING AT BENTWORTH.

Amidst beautiful surroundings and in glorious summer weather, the first Guild meeting ever to be held at Bentworth, near Alton, took place on July 12th. The Vicar, the Rev. Peter C. Cazalet, was present throughout the afternoon and evening and warmly greeted members who came from Blackmoor, Bentworth, Petersfield and Steep. Mr. C. W. Ward, a former Bentworth ringer, was present from Middlesex. The five bells were rung to various Doubles methods, and the Guild's service was held at 4.15. Tea and business meeting followed in the Parish Hall.

In the absence of the district chairman, the Vicar was unanimously elected to the chair. Two new members were elected—the Rev. Peter C. Cazalet and the Rev. A. D. Somerset Ward (Vicar of Blackmoor). New ringing members elected were R. E. Crockford (Petersfield), P. E. Ayling, H. Mills, W. Westbrook, F. E. Smith, W. Laney (Bentworth). The next quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was fixed for October 18th at Buriton.

### ANDOVER BELLS DEDICATED

After being silent for nearly ten years because they became unsafe, the bells of Andover rang out again on July 30th. The occasion was their rededication by the Bishop of Southampton, who was assisted by the Vicar of Andover (the Rev. A. C. Fletcher) and the district secretary of the Diocesan Guild (the Rev. F. S. H. Marle).

Among the large congregation, which contained many ringers, were the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), the Rev. P. K. Venner (Abbot's Ann), Mr. Geo. Williams, now in his 92nd year, and Mr. W. Andrews, captain of the Winchester Cathedral band.

In the course of his address the Bishop referred to the great effort that had been made by the Vicar and parishioners of Andover, and congratulated them on reaching their objective.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and included re-hanging the fine peal of eight in a metal frame, recasting the treble and laying a new floor to the ringing chamber. The handsome sum of £1,500 has been raised, which will allow for a maintenance fund to be started. Andover may well be proud of her effort and her bells. Hearty congratulations to all who had any part in the matter.—P.S.H.M.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

#### MARTINSTOWN'S NEW BELLS.

Over 40 ringers were present, representing 17 towers from the Dorchester Branch, with visitors from Southampton, Lyme Regis, Bournemouth, Ringwood and Salisbury, at Martinstown on July 19th, to test the bells which had been dedicated the previous Sunday.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Oswald), assisted by the Rev. A. F. Godley, of Stratton, conducted the ringers' service. At the business meeting which followed tea the ringers at Winterbourne St. Martin were elected to membership of the Branch, together with the new band at Fordington St. George. Thanks were extended to the Vicar and the local ringers, and the lady helpers at tea for their hospitality.

The thanks of the branch were also extended for the invitation to ring at the dedication when six towers in the District were represented by F. C. Preecy (Wool, Ringing Master of the Branch), Mrs. Godley (Stratton), J. H. Hayne (Abbotsbury), J. Squire (St. Peter's, Dorchester), F. Stedman (Wyke Regis) and H. R. Pink (Fordington St. George).

## Yorkshire Association

### NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS.

The Northern District of the Yorkshire Association is larger than most counties, and includes, in addition to the whole of the Archdeaconry of Cleveland, in York Diocese and the Archdeaconry of Richmond in Ripon Diocese, parts of the Archdeaconries of York and the East Riding in York Diocese and part of Leeds Archdeaconry in Ripon Diocese.

Despite the largeness of the district successful meetings have been held recently and much progress has been made.

On July 5th a very good meeting was held at Middleham, famous for its association with Richard III. and for its racing stables. The fine old Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda possesses a fine ring of eight bells, and a visit was also paid to the neighbouring village of East Wotton, where there is a good light ring of six bells. The Rector of Middleham presided over the business meeting and also conducted a service at which the district secretary read the lessons.

On July 12th a few members of the Northern District visited Richmond and rang some good touches, including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, recorded elsewhere, together with the local company. Tea, provided by the local ringers, was served on the Rectory lawn. This visit was made in connection with 'Ringers' Sunday,' observed on the next day at Richmond.

Saturday, July 26th, found the Northern District members meeting at Helmsley. Good use was made of the ring of eight bells, and the generous hospitality of the local ringers was greatly appreciated. A pleasant feature of this meeting was the ringing of evensong by the ringers, led by a choir of men and boys and with Helmsley's veteran organist, Mr. Buckley, playing the organ.

Helmsley has a noble church with a great reputation for dignified ceremonial and good music. The present Vicar is himself a ringer and is a son of the Bishop of Shrewsbury. Plans for assisting other towers were discussed at this meeting, and some excellent practice on tower and handbells was obtained.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### JOINT MEETING WITH LADIES' GUILD AT MONKEN HADLEY.

The meeting at Monken Hadley on July 26th, held jointly with the Central District of the Ladies' Guild, was attended by forty ringers, and opportunity was taken to welcome country visitors to the London area.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Bentley, Rector, who expressed pleasure that his tower had been chosen for this occasion.

After tea, each Guild held a short business meeting in its own rights, and at the ladies' meeting six new members were elected, viz., Mrs. R. Darvill and Miss Audrey Bailey (St. Albans), the Misses Jean and Mary Burrows (Sandridge), Miss Amy Wren (Wheatthampstead) and Miss Pauline Jackson (Monken Hadley).

At the Middlesex meeting the following provisional elections were confirmed: Messrs. F. Oakshott (Epsom) and W. F. Moreton (Hereford), as non-resident life members, and Miss M. F. Emore (Edmonton) as a ringing member, and new members elected were Messrs. R. Waters (Harrow), J. V. Johnson (Tottenham) and A. H. Russell (Holloway) as ringing members, and Mr. G. F. Swann (Birmingham) as a non-resident life member.

The ringing catered for all tastes under the supervision of Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, in the absence of Mr. A. Cutler, who was on holiday.



## AN AFTERNOON IN THE SHIRES

Saturday, July 19th, had been chosen by some enthusiasts of the Oxford Guild for an excursion amongst some of the lesser known towers in the Banbury district, and fortune favoured us, for the day was fine and warm. One member of the carload from Eynsham was quickly in good humour, for the route chosen took him close to his birthplace, which he had not visited for many years.

The first objective was South Newington, situated in delightful Cotswold country, which was at its loveliest, the hills and turns in the road revealing wide views over peaceful valleys and distant vistas of Edge Hill, and the roadside wastes were ablaze with poppies. At South Newington we were joined by members from Adderbury, Banbury and Aynho, and the musical ring of five in St. Peter's Church was soon in action to various Doubles methods. Half an hour was the allowance for each tower, and this sufficed throughout the day to give everyone a pull in each tower, and for a large variety of methods to be rung. South Newington's allowance was very nearly shortened by a fraying rope, but it just managed to last the time with some doctoring.

No time was wasted in getting away to the next tower of Tadmerton, our route lying through more glorious parklike scenery. Here the captain of the local band had the bells up ready for us, and we were fortunate, for a new treble had only just been added to the old ring of five in memory of one who died in the last war. The ascent to the ringing chamber is somewhat precarious, being a lengthy vertical ladder situated in a sort of wooden funnel in one corner of the tower, and the gentlemen waited in some trepidation to see if the lady of the party had a 'head for heights.' All was well, and a good touch of Plain Bob was soon under way. More Doubles and Minor followed, but the bells didn't know Oxford Bob, or was it the ringers? The splice was generally agreed to be a good one, and will be even better when the new bell has mellowed.

There was just time to take a quick look at the remarkable Early Norman font and the carved bench ends (14th century) in St. Nicholas' Church before embarking on the short run to SS. Peter and Paul's, Swalcliffe. Here again we were met by the local ringers, one of whom joined us in a touch. A good rise and fall was one of the features of the ringing here. The ring of six (tenor 13½ cwt.) go excellently, a tribute to the efforts of Messrs Gillett and Johnston, who rehung and returned them in 1933. We thought, however, that the trebles sounded a bit thin. Oxford Bob came round successfully in this 13th century tower, where the width of the spalls to the windows of the ringing chamber caused comment. Tea was partaken of in Banbury and enjoyed by all. No effort had been spared so far this day to point out the 'blondes' to one of the party who appears to have a weakness that way, and at this meal he was fortunate in almost rubbing shoulders with two excellent specimens.

After tea the Cotswolds were left behind for the green plains of Northants, and only a few of us knew what a treat was in store at the next stop in Middleton Cheney. The Church of All Saints is a magnificent building, mainly 14th century Decorated, but with a wonderful Perpendicular tower and spire rising to a height of 150ft. and a typical specimen of that great belt of spired churches which runs through Northants and Lincolnshire, the home of England's finest spires.

We had now been joined by the Bicester and Banbury branch secretaries, and one from Oxford 'fresh' from an abortive peal attempt, and the bells being up Stedman Doubles on this glorious six, tenor 24 cwt., was soon charming the ear. The long

draught with no guides, although difficult, was successfully overcome, and the full glory of these beautiful bells was heard in a touch of Treble Bob. One is tempted to ask the old question whether there can be a better ring of six of comparable weight.

Inexorable time drove us to our next tower at St. Peter's, Brackley, where the handy ring of six (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 28 lb. in F) was retuned and rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1939, and is all that can be desired. Here we found our only evidence of the day of change ringing amongst the local ringers, and opportunity was given them to progress. Minor and several Doubles methods were rung before going to Croughton, where in the low tower of All Saints' Church we found a handy ring of five, recast and rehung in 1923 after a fire. Opportunity was taken further to confuse the mind of the member from Banbury, who was heard to declare that he hadn't the least idea what many methods were called but he didn't mind having a shot at them. Mr. F. H. Crossley, in his book, 'English Church Craftsmanship,' tells us that the finest of England's 14th century wall paintings are to be found in this church. Frankly, we were disappointed, but there was compensation in the shape of an excellent 15th century oak chancel screen with some of its original colouring still adhering. The benches are also of this date and well carved, although not comparable with the magnificent work of the West Country.

This actually concluded our ringing for the day, for our visit to Aynho was not to be, a death in the parish preventing the use of the bells. However, everyone was well satisfied, and farewells were said, coupled with the avowed intention of having a similar outing next year. Every ring of bells had been good, but how sad to think that change ringing is seldom heard from them. A. R. P.

## KENT RINGER'S CENTURY

Mr. Arthur S. Boar, M.P.S., of Sittingbourne, who rang his 100th peal on August 3rd, has a remarkable century as follows:—

Grandsire: Doubles 3, Triples 7, Caters 2, Cinques 1.

Stedman: Triples 12, Caters 1, Cinques 7.  
Bob: Minor 6, Major 8, Royal 2, Maximus 1.  
Double Norwich: Major 8, Royal 1, Maximus 1.

Kent Treble Bob: Minor 1, Major 4, Royal 1, Maximus 3.

Cambridge Surprise: Minor 2, Major 4, Royal 2, Maximus 3.

Oxford Treble Bob: Minor 1, Major 4, Maximus 1.

Superlative Surprise Major 1.  
Newbanbridge Surprise Major 1.

Doubles: In two methods 1, one method 1.  
Minor: Three methods 3, four methods 5, seven methods 2.

## OUTINGS

St. Margaret's, Ipswich.—A party of 31, including wives and friends, had a very enjoyable day in Hertfordshire on July 19th. In the morning there was ringing at Royston and Barkway. Lunch was enjoyed at the George Hotel, Buntingford, before going on to Aspenden, where the Rector arranged a short service. Superlative was rung on these light but musical bells. After an hour's ringing at Braughing the party proceeded to Bishop's Stortford for tea and ringing.

Lavenham (Suffolk) ringers visited Essex on July 26th and rang at the following churches: Great Waltham, Brentwood, Romford, Hornchurch, Widford and Chelmsford. Methods were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative.

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## BIRTH

FEIRN.—To Frances and George E. Feirn, at Cleatham, Kirton-Lindsey, Gainsborough, Lincs, on Thursday, Aug. 7th, a daughter, Gillian Margaret. A sister for Veronica.

1815

## DEATH

TROLLOPE. — Jabez Armiger, passed peacefully away on Friday, Aug. 8th, 1947, at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, aged 71 years.

1807

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1788

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Charminster, Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service. 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please bring food. Buses from Dorchester 2.30 onwards.—I. Hayne, Abbotsbury.

1784

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Aug. 16th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 6.15 to 8. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

1769

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Northiam (6), Sat., Aug. 16th. Please make own tea arrangements. — R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec.

1806

HEREFORD DIO. GUILD. — Hereford Branch.—Quarterly Allensmore (6), Aug. 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. W. Downes, Roundway Cottage, South Bank Road, Hereford.

1790

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Tewkesbury Branch. — Annual meeting, Tredington, Aug. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5.30. — E. T. Newbury, Railway Avenue, Beckford, Tewkesbury.

1789



**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Llanelly (Brecon), Aug. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 1791

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Heswall on Sat., Aug. 16th. Cups of tea only provided. Bring own food. 1799

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Practice, Chiddingly (6) tomorrow, Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. A. Downing, Hon. Sec. 1823

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Waltham (8), Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1745

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting North Mimms (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 3. — T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1767

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea if can be arranged. Reports are ready.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 1824

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A meeting at Loxton on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m. — E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 1815

**ELY ASSN.**—Ely District.—Wilburton (6), Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1812

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Stoke Poges, Sat., Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 18th or no tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1802

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Puttenham on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Please send names for tea by Monday, 18th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1798

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Bedale (8 bells), Sat., Aug. 23rd. Names for tea to Geoffrey A. Dalton, Wycar, Bedale, before Aug. 21st. — Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 1786

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Western and Northern Districts.—Meeting at Wylam (6), Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road, Wylam, Northumberland.—John A. Brown, Dis. Sec. 1817

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.**—Quarterly, Chepstow, Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 1780

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Olveston (8), Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 1800

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—Meeting at Whaplode (6) on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Bring own food. Cups of tea will be provided. — A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 1801

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Clifton (York), Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Meeting in tower 4. Make own tea arrangements. — T. H. Foster. 1819

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Cranford, Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. No tea arrangements. Cafe nearby.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1803

**NORWICH ASSN.**—West Norfolk Branch.—Coston, Sat., Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea promptly, please, to C. E. G. Banham, Coston, Attleborough. 1805

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting Claverley (by kind invitation) on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those only who have obtained tickets from Mr. F. Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, before Aug. 19th. Bus leaves Wolverhampton 3 p.m., also every 30 minutes Bridgnorth bus to the Red Hill. Come and spend a pleasant afternoon. Remember, no ticket, no tea.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 1776

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Sat., Aug. 23rd. Measham bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. (approx.) in Schoolroom. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 1809

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Swindon Branch.—Castle Eaton (6), Aug. 23rd. Bus from Swindon (Weymouth Street) 2.15 p.m. Bring food.—W. B. Kynaston. 1814

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, nr. Warrington, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6. Cups of tea at Pack Horse Hotel, 5.30 sharp. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1816

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD AND DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Joint meeting at Repton, Aug. 30th. Tea 4.30. Names to S. H. Jones, 3, Brook End, Repton, by Aug. 25th. No name, no tea. 1821

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-Eastern District.—Meeting Sandal (6), near Wakefield, Sat., Aug. 30th, 2.30. Tea for those who send names by Aug. 25th to Mrs. Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. All ringers welcome. 1773

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Colaton Raleigh, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers by Sept. 1st to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. Phone, Budleigh 719. Four peals of bells available. 1818

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Meeting, Gorseinon, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 1811

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton (6), Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 26th. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 1809

**BOY SCOUTS' ASSN. PEAL** (method undecided) is proposed for Sat., Sept. 13th. South London area. Write if interested, stating circumstances, to B. D. Price, 36, King Edward Avenue, Worthing, Sussex. 1820

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Preliminary.—Annual dinner, Guildhall, Worcester, Sat., Oct. 4th. Seating accommodation for 150. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) shortly available from Secretary.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 1795

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.**—Sat., Oct. 25th. H.Q., Bell Hotel, Humberstone Gate. Social evening with handbells, Friday. Peals outside Leicester, Saturday morning. Ringing in City afternoon. Service, Cathedral, 4.45 p.m. Dinner 5.30 p.m., 6s. 6d. Dance 7.30 p.m., 3s. 6d. Ticket applications with remittance to Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Braunstone, Leicester. Peal applications to E. Morris, St. Margaret's, Verger's Lodge, Church Gate, Leicester. Many good sixes and eights available. 1804



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## J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

Last week we published the sad news of the death of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope. The intimate biographical details and the appreciation were written by two of his close friends to whom in the early days of ringing he was guide, mentor and friend. This week others have added their tributes and thankfulness for his life. It is probably true to say that hundreds of ringers after having surmounted the elementary stage have secured that deeper knowledge of the art from his writings and the books he revised. His great contribution, however, was as an historian. 'College Youths' was an invaluable contribution to the somewhat scanty histories of ringing, but the greater part of his literary labours, we understand, are so far unpublished.

J. Armiger Trollope had no easy road in acquiring his knowledge of the history of ringing. It was accumulated by years of research. Day by day he would patiently search the files of the British Museum to find the facts that he wanted. And it was facts and facts alone that he searched for. Expressing his indebtedness to an individual for the privilege of perusing his magnificent collection of original and copied manuscripts he shrewdly observed, 'Almost all his opinions I have ignored.' That in a sense sums up so much of the scholar's mind that was behind his work. There must be personal conviction in everything he did and wrote, and that was the dominating feature of his work as editor of 'The Ringing World.' It was the advancement of the art of ringing that counted with him: the individual was merely an agent or instrument.

For 50 years he had been a member of the Central Council. With his unrivalled knowledge of methods and compositions he occupied an honoured position. Again the words are 'personal conviction.' By direct or indirect means he achieved his purpose, and it was said of him that no man exercised for a longer period such an influence on the affairs of the Council. With him there was no compromise; it was not in his make-up. The circumstances attending his last Council meeting at Norwich had, in a sense, been anticipated by him. When he completed 'The Ringing World' prior to leaving for Norwich, he bade farewell to the composing staff of this journal, and with an old-world courtesy that must have come from a character in Dickens, he thanked them for what they had done during his editorship and expressed a doubt as to whether he would be editor after the Norwich conference. There



was expression of regret, but all were conscious that even then he was a sick man owing to his heart trouble; it was with difficulty that he mounted the stairs to his office. He was never dismissed from the editorship; he thought his best service was to withdraw, and it was left to another at a moment's notice to pick up the reins of office and maintain the continuity of publication of the journal founded by his friend, John S. Goldsmith. The Council did appreciate his work; at Exeter this took a tangible form, and it is to be regretted that he never lived to enjoy what his friends hoped would ease his closing years. But his memory will live, and it is to be hoped that his literary executor will find the means of giving to a wider public the results of his research into ringing in bygone years.

## TEN BELL PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt. in D flat.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
GEORGE B. COLLINS ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 8
LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 9
HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 5	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

*E. DENNIS POOLE ... .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 9
ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 5	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... .. Treble	*RONALD KENRICK ... .. 6
*MISS E. M. SUART ... .. 2	*WILLIAM DEACON ... .. 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 8
*WILFRED CORE ... .. 4	*THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 9
*WILLIAM T. TURNER ... .. 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (118). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of the daughter of Mr. James Burles, of Barrow-in-Furness. Also a 63rd birthday compliment to Mr. F. Rigby, the popular secretary of the Preston Branch.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GORDON H. ARGUILE ... .. Treble	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 5
JILL POOLE ... .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 6
*MISS ZENA WALKER ... .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH ... .. 7
*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... .. 4	*W. GORDON DEANE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HILDA M. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	*REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... .. 5
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
*GEORGE SAYER ... .. 3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... .. 7
*ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 4	HENRY TOOKE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEONARD MANNERING ... .. Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7
STANLEY M. EVANS ... .. 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitslow's Transposition.

Tenor 21 cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
*ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4	GEORGE WOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

\* 100th peal. First peal as conductor.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
CYRIL BARBER ... .. 2	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 6
ERNEST A. HEAD ... .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... .. 7
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Treble	*FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... .. 5
THOMAS F. KING ... .. 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 6
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... .. 7
*P. W. J. HARDING ... .. 4	ROGER O. FRY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. H. TUCKER. Conducted by GEO. J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Cleveland, of Trowbridge.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... .. Treble	RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 5
*GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... .. 6
†JAMES H. EDWARDS ... .. 3	HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 7
ERNEST H. SCARFE ... .. 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

\* 150th peal. † First peal on eight bells.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—At the Parish Church on August 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. E. Lidbetter (Ealing) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Toyne 4, F. H. Staveley 5, E. Dalingwater 6, J. McCluskey (conductor) 7, P. J. Daw 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect and in sympathy with the relatives of victims of the recent railway disaster.



CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. Treble	ERNEST SHORT ... .. 5
EDGAR C. STACEY ... .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... .. 6
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ... .. 3	HARRY BARNES ... .. 7
LAURA MOTTISHAW ... .. 4	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

In honour of the wedding of Miss Nora Holmes, ringer at Doncaster, to Mr. Edward B. Wall.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 5
LESLIE FORSTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... .. 6
MISS JEAN FREER ... .. 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. G. BARNARD.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD Treble	KENNETH L. BROWN ... .. 5
A. WILLIAM BIRD ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	HERBERT J. ELDER ... .. 7
ALFRED J. MOY ... .. 4	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON ... Treble	*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... 5
*KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... .. 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... .. 3	*C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 7
BETTY SPICE ... .. 4	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 33).

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Dr. John E. Spice, a past Master and vice-president of the Society.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 5
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 2	JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 6
TOM PAGE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

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

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL ... Treble	HARRY WILD ... .. 5
SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
GORDON BENFIELD ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN ... Treble	ROBERT B. P. HULSE ... 5
*CHARLES WARD ... .. 2	THOMAS H. MATHER ... 6
ALBERT BILLINGTON ... 3	JOHN ORME ... .. 7
ERNEST H. HUGHES ... 4	DENIS MADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLL.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung by the Sunday service band on the anniversary of the death of the late Master, Mr. Sam Booth, who taught all the band. The first peal in the method on the bells by a local band.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*NATHANIEL T. MOXON ... Treble	MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 5
+MISS M. M. LYON ... .. 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 6
*PETER N. WHITE ... .. 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4	*FREDERICK G. HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method. + First peal in the method 'inside.' The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major for the Guild. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. N. Moxon, sen.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES Treble	*ARTHUR DIXON ... .. 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 6
*W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method. For the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dixon.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Transposition of

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STELLA M. WICKENS ... Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 5
RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. ... 2	HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 4	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

The conductor's 100th peal.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. NORMAN PARK ... Treble	FRED. ROBSON ... .. 5
JACK R. WORRAILL ... 2	ROBT. BELL ... .. 6
MISS MARGARET FIDELL 3	THOS. COOKE ... .. 7
*MISS BETTY LONGSTAFF 4	*THOS. WM. DOBSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by THOS. WM. DOBSON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. A compliment to the conductor on completing 25 years as a ringer.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.—On August 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Fisher 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss N. Davis 3, F. J. Daniell 4, J. Prestner (first quarter of Grandsire Triples) 5, F. L. Fisher (conductor) 6, W. W. Daniell 7, V. N. Drake (first quarter) 8. Also on the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. H. Drake 1, Miss N. Davis 2, F. J. Daniell 3, Miss M. E. Richards (conductor) 4, W. W. Daniell 5, C. E. Fisher 6, R. W. M. Clouster 7, V. N. Drake 8.



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## SIX BELL PEALS

TYDD ST. MARY, LINGS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp

EDWARD BARKER ... .. Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE ... .. 4
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

CLOPTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 4
*URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. 5
GEORGE WATERMAN ... .. 3	*EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

\* 50th peal together. Arranged for Mr. H. A. Wright, of Clacton, who rang a peal in this, his 'native' tower, 50 years ago.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDK. C. GUNTON ... Treble	STANLEY FENN ... .. 4
ERNEST LONG ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... .. 5
KENNETH L. BROWN ... .. 3	GODFREY WALPOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. PORTER.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's and one extent of Bob Minor.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD S. RECK ... Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... .. 4
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal in four methods.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	WALTER J. COPE ... .. 4
MISS JOAN BERESFORD ... .. 2	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... .. 5
*DENNIS BERESFORD ... .. 3	PETER BERESFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor, aged 13 years.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

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

Being 720 each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Double Court and Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLIE BLAIN ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 4
C. EDWARD JEFFERIES ... .. 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5
RONALD J. SHARPE ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

KINGSBURY, LONDON.—On August 10th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Chilott 1, M. Chilott 2, H. Belcher 3, J. Stephenson 4, H. M. Page 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, W. J. Paice (conductor) 7, L. Heath 8.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being one 720 of Cambridge, two of Oxford, two of Kent and two of Bob Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED MOULD ... Treble	WM. LANCASTER ... .. 4
JACK BAILEY ... .. 2	*KEITH HUDSTON ... .. 5
WM. H. KING ... .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*ROGER M. SPENCER ... Treble	*HAROLD T. BONSHOR ... .. 4
*CHARLES ED. COOPER ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
F. JOHN STIMSON ... .. 3	J. HARRY COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on these bells, recently augmented from three to six. The 126th tower in Leicester Diocese at which the conductor has rung peals.

WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK C. JOHNSON ... Treble	*WALTER J. HOUGHTON ... .. 4
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... .. 2	CYRIL J. BURNS ... .. 5
ALBERT E. DIXON ... .. 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

\* First peal in four methods.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE R. BURTON ... Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 4
*MISS ENID WALKLATE ... .. 2	RAYMOND IDLE ... .. 5
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... .. 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

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

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

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

Being eight 240's of Morris' arrangement, eight 240's of Pilman's arrangement, 10 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 32½ cwt.

MISS NOREEN BRAIN ... Treble	JOSEPH BRITTON ... .. 4
MISS RHODA HEMMINGS ... .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... .. 5
GORDON HARRISON ... .. 3	WILLIAM MINOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

First lady ringers to ring a peal on the bells.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE.

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

Being 42 extents.

CLARENCE HUXLEY ... Treble	H. PARKINSON ... .. 4
J. BRIAN SMITH ... .. 2	CHRIS. JOHNSON ... .. 5
DEREK SANDERSON ... .. 3	COLIN MILTHORP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS. JOHNSON.

## HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELRFY.

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

Seven 720's. Tenor size 10 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 3-4
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CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.



**BAUGHURST, HANTS.**—At St. Stephen's on July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. West 1, D. Farthing (conductor) 2, D. Cane 3, P. Knight 4, A. Soper 5.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.** — On Sunday, August 3rd, 1,260 of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wingrove 1, Miss D. R. Fletcher (first quarter as conductor) 2, H. Wingrove 3, Miss K. E. Fletcher 4, A. Bridges 5, D. Lamb 6, J. Harrison 7, W. Edwards 8.

**BELFAST.**—At St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Bob Minor on July 31st: Mrs. A. Taylor 1, T. E. G. Taylor 2, W. A. Patterson 3, H. J. McGrath 4, A. E. McGrath (first as conductor) 5, S. McClelland 6, R. W. Adamson 7, N. Ling 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

**BILLESDON, Lincs.** — On August 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Lewin 1, J. Norton 2, J. Wadkin 3, F. Gamble 4, J. G. Geary (conductor) 5, A. N. Geary 6. Specially for the 70th birthday of Joseph Norton.

**BRADSTONE, DEVON.**—On Saturday, Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hill 1, C. E. Taylor 2, W. C. Boucher (first quarter) 3, A. J. Hicks (conductor) 4, J. Rich 5, R. Northey (first quarter) 6.

**CHELTENHAM, GLOS.** — At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on August 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Newman 1, Major Roper 2, I. Goulter 3, W. Dyer 4, T. Newbury 5, L. Williams 6, L. Aston (conductor) 7, T. Davis 8.

**DEAL, KENT.** — On August 3rd at the Church of St. Leonard, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. G. Wood 1, W. Bottrill 2, H. Wood (Luton) 3, F. A. Rye 4, H. H. Furminger 5, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 3 and 5.

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (odd bob): Miss Nora Holmes 1, L. Dalingwater 2, W. E. Critchley (conductor) 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaff 5, A. Hill 6, J. McCluskey 7, P. J. Dawe 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EGERTON, KENT.**—On July 20th, for the Patronal Festival, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Pack 1, A. Waddington (conductor) 2, S. V. Field 3, C. F. Good 4, A. A. Missing 5, A. Rickson 6.

**GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.** — On August 10th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: H. Torr 1, Miss F. M. Lacey 2, H. Morgan (conductor) 3, J. Dixon 4, B. O. Mann 5, G. Arrand 6, N. Thurlby 7, G. L. A. Lunn 8. First quarter-peak in method by 2, 5 and 6. A farewell compliment to Canon Whitworth, who is shortly leaving for Cambridge.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On August 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bettridge 1, H. Belcher 2, J. E. Chilcott 3, J. Stephenson 4, G. Alsopp 5, M. V. Chilcott (first of Triples as conductor) 6, J. B. Sansom 7, P. J. Woodyer (first of Triples) 8.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On July 20th, a quarter-peak of Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, L. W. Fisher 2, F. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On August 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. M. Russell 1, R. Charge 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, R. Newman (conductor) 4, E. Prior 5, G. Charge 6, N. G. Hollingworth 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's on August 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Miss A. Castle 3, L. Bowler 4, C. Hughes 5, A. J. W. Appleton 6, C. W. Otley 7, W. Hardy 8.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.**—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles after meeting short for Triples. Rung on the back seven bells with 6 and 7 covering: H. Beard (first of Doubles as conductor) 1, Pamela Martin (Berkhamstead) 2, A. Armstrong 3, R. Abrams 4, R. Hall 5, E. Lathall 6, L. Stratton 7. First quarter of Grandsire Doubles by 1, 2, 5 and 7.

**NORTHMOOR, OXON.**—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles, being 3 extents of Plain Bob, 2 of April Day, 1 of Old Doubles, 1 of Norfolk, 2 of Antelope, 1½ of Grandsire: F. Trinder 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, T. W. Bond 3, H. P. Floyd (conductor) 4, H. C. Farmer 5, N. Floyd 6. First quarter in six methods by 1 and 5.

**RADYR, GLAM.**—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Bailey 1, W. Heath 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, W. Dare 5, A. Parnell 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. Barker 8. For the marriage of the daughter of Mr A. Ray, of Morganstown.

**REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—On July 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Cochrane 1, Miss R. Hemmings 2, J. Brittan 3, J. Stennitt 4, S. Jones (conductor) 5, Mrs. H. Jones 6, W. Minor 7, M. Hawksworth 8 (7.6.8 covering).—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Stennett 1, J. Brittan 2, Miss R. Hemmings 3, A. Sharpe 4, G. Roden 5, B. G. Key (conductor) 6, S. Jones 7, W. Minor 8. A farewell compliment to Bishop O'Ferrall.

**SWINDON.** — On August 3rd at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Gardiner (conductor) 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss N. Davis 3, J. Berry 4, S. G. Grant 5, J. E. L. Cockey 6, G. Wells 7, P. Anger 8, W. Carter 9, H. Bishop 10. First quarter of Caters for 5 and 8.

**SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On August 10th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Church 1, H. Dearing 2, R. Challen 3, M. Thomas 4, F. Bennett 5, F. Howe 6, F. Page 7, H. Stalham (conductor) 8. First quarter in method for 2 and 3.

**WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.**—On August 10th, at the Church of St. Luke, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Newman (first quarter on tower bells) 1, H. Boswell 2, K. Chilton 3, T. G. Martin 4, E. E. Speake 5, C. R. Collins 6, T. Reynolds (first on eight as conductor) 7, G. Mercer 8.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

In connection with the John Hardham commemorative visit to Chichester by the Ancient Society of College Youths, we have received the following from a Cicestrian: 'The high standard of ringing throughout was crowned by the service touch of Stedman Triples, the solid rhythm of which was indeed symbolic of the excellent workmanship of those who in the 15th century built this splendid campanile, of those who 200 years later laid the foundation of this great Society, and of those who, like John Hardman, have since assured its continuance.'

Congratulations to Miss Margaret Flackett on being the first lady to ring a peal of Major for the North Staffordshire Association. She rang her first peal on May 23rd, it being a junior peal for those 17 or under.

There was a typographical error in the list of 100 peals of Mr. Arthur S. Boar, M.P.S., of Sittingbourne. For 'Newbanbridge' should be read New Cambridge! Editorial regrets. Printers and chemists both have difficult 'scripts' to read.

Within 30 months of ringing his first peal, Mr. Harold A. May, of Guildford, completed his 100th peal at Billingshurst, Sussex, on Aug. 9th. The last report of the Guildford Guild contained a lamentation that no young conductors were forthcoming. Tony, by calling this peal and another in Kent, is one of a number of promising youngsters in this Guild who will carry on the torch. He is a pupil of Mr. A. H. Pulling. Congratulations to pupil and master!

On the subject of young conductors, mention should be made of the Beresford family of Mavesyn Ridware, Staffordshire. On May 5th we recorded that Joan called her first peal on her 15th birthday. Her performance was emulated on August 2nd by her twin brother Dennis, aged 13, calling his first. We are awaiting news of the other twin, who is also a ringer, from this talented family.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The veteran of the week is Mr. David Wright, of Southgate, late of Croydon, who rang the treble to 1,257 Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Southgate, as an 87th birthday compliment to him. Participating in this quarter were D. Wright 1, J. Armstrong 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. J. Bowden 4, S. G. Peck 5, J. E. Miller 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade (conductor) 9, M. Fenson 10. The conductor and John E. Miller are also not quite so young, as it is 50 years since they commenced ringing together.

Another octogenarian's birthday, commemorated by a quarter in which he participated, is that of 81-year-old Mr. W. C. Parker. Details are as follows: On August 10th at St. Peter's, Staines, 1,280 Bob Major: Arthur Coates (first quarter) 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, W. C. Parker 3, Miss N. Shorter 4, R. Lathbury (conductor) 5, R. J. Andrews 6, W. A. Goldstone 7, J. B. Hessey 8.

Mr. H. Webb, jun., of Coventry, and his son, aged 15, and daughter, aged 13, will broadcast tunes on 12 handbells in the Children's Hour, B.B.C. Home Service, between 5 and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26th. They are allowed six minutes.

The Bishop of London has consented to preach the sermon at the jubilee festival of the Middlesex County Association on October 18th. The service will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and a dinner will follow. A programme of ringing in various London churches is being arranged.

The sudden death of the Rev. J. J. Elliott, Vicar of Aldbourne, Wilts, at Oxford on Aug. 7th, will be regretted by a wide circle of ringing friends. Although not himself a ringer, he was keenly interested in ringing and ringers. The village bells were rung half-muffled after the interment on August 11th.

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## TRIBUTES TO AN ESTEEMED EDITOR

### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral service for the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, whose death on August 8th was reported in our last issue, took place at Christ Church, Ealing, where he was at one time churchwarden and had done so much of his ringing.

On the afternoon of August 12th the coffin was taken into the church and rested before the sanctuary surrounded by candles.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr. R. W. F. Cowdry the following morning at 7.30. Those present included his sister, Miss L. E. Trollope, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. S. Turner and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (representing the Middlesex County Association).

The first part of the funeral service commenced at 2.30 p.m., conducted by Fr. Brewer, assisted by Fr. Cowdry. Those present included the Rev. Percival Gough, M.A. (Rector of Acton), Sir C. T. Flower (churchwarden, Christ Church), Mr. E. Alexander Young (St. Clement Danes and Ancient Society of College Youths) with Miss Newnham, and the following members of the Middlesex County Association: Messrs. A. W. Coles (North Mimms, vice-president), E. C. S. Turner (Ealing, general secretary) and Mrs. Turner, Messrs. T. J. Lock (North Mimms, secretary, North and East District), J. E. Lewis Cockey (Ealing, secretary, South and West District), A. Cutler (St. Mary's, Willesden, Ringing Master, North and East District), F. A. Finch (Ealing, Ringing Master, South and West District), W. G. Wilson, with Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, sen. (Christ Church, Ealing), Messrs. J. E. Churchill, A. H. Fulwell, F. Miller and A. M. Stacey (St. Mary's, Ealing), E. M. Atkins (St. Augustine's, Kilburn), H. Belcher (Osterley), F. W. Goodfellow (St. John's, Hillingdon), H. Kilby (St. Mary's, Willesden) and A. W. Brighton (Leytonstone). Messrs. Cockey, Finch and Turner also represented St. Stephen's, Ealing, and the combined band, of which Mr. Trollope was a member, responsible for the ringing at Acton, Brentford, Christ Church and St. Stephen's, Ealing. Messrs. Atkins, Cockey, Lock, Turner, Wilson and Young were also representative of the Central Council.

The service was quiet and impressive, one hymn being sung, 'The King of Love my Shepherd is'; and at the close the coffin, preceded by the processional cross, was escorted to the entrance. The committal service at South Ealing Cemetery was taken by Fr. Brewer, most of those from the church attending, the interment being in the family grave. At the close a plain course of Grandsire Triples on Mr. Trollope's own handbells was rung by T. J. Lock 1-2, A. W. Coles 3-4, E. M. Atkins 5-6, and F. W. Goodfellow 7-8.

Wreaths were from his sister and two nieces; Mrs. Hockley and Hilda; the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers; the Central Council of Church Bellringers; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson; and Ernest and Winifred Turner.

Owing to the condition of Christ Church bells, no ringing was attempted there, but later in the evening half-muffled ringing was carried out at St. Stephen's by J. E. Churchill, A. Cutler, T. E. Davies, E. C. S. Turner, J. E. Lewis Cockey, F. A. Finch, A. Harding and W. H. Coles.

In memoriam peals are to be attempted shortly at Acton and Willesden.

### APPRECIATION.

May I, as a very humble research worker in our art, be allowed to pay my small tribute to the memory of J. Armiger Trollope? The Exercise has truly lost its greatest historian, for no one ever delved into past events and tabulated more data on the worthies of the past than did Mr. Trollope. I know from my own experience the vast amount of time and patience one has to exert in these matters, and I considered it one of the greatest compliments when Mr. Trollope came specially to Twicken-

ham to see me and brought with him some of his notes and books on the College Youths history, before the publication of his work. He invited me to his home to see the rest of his searches and I was truly amazed at the great amount of data he had most assiduously collected. His whole life must have been spent in visits to the British Museum and other sources of information, and I should say no one ever put so much time and energy into this side of our art.

His work, too, on the practical side is too well known for me to reiterate, and his knowledge in the field of composition was boundless.

Truly the passing of this great historian will leave a gap very difficult to fill, and the Exercise as a whole will feel his loss most keenly.

I trust his collection of MSS., books and records will be preserved by those in authority, as they are priceless and irreplaceable.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

### AN ORDINARY RINGER'S TRIBUTE.

The passing of J.A.T. severs a link with the past, for he collected more material connected with bygone generations of ringers than any other person. He was once described by the late William Willson as an habitué of the London museums poring over ancient manuscripts. By diligent perseverance he gradually got together a great mass of material; one of the results we see in his book, 'The College Youths.' Not all of his books found their way to the publishers, and the one he wrote about the science of change ringing was never printed, chiefly owing to lack of capital. Clearly the Central Council should be given this book by his executors. He wrote also for the Snowdon series and had just finished re-writing Grandsire.

His work on the Central Council and the Methods Committee is too well known to be stated. He occupied the editorial chair of 'The Ringing World' during the difficult war years and many regretted the abrupt termination in 1946. Still, he was undoubtedly the best writer on ringing matters that the Exercise has ever seen, and he had the gift of making himself understood. The views he put forward did not always go by unchallenged, and critics assailed him, sometimes unfairly. But with all his human faults J.A.T. knew more of the science of change ringing than any other man. The Exercise is undoubtedly the poorer by his passing, but his great wish was to see the Exercise flourish. So we must carry on and spread the knowledge of our art to keep green his memory. May he rest in peace. E.R.M.

Preston.

### LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

More than 50 ringers attended the meeting of the Leicester Guild at Kibworth on July 19th. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Ottway), who extended a hearty welcome to the Guild.

Tea was provided at a local hotel and was followed by the meeting. Mr. J. P. Fidler gave a lucid account of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting held at Exeter.

The next general meeting was proposed for Syston on October 4th. A recommendation that the Guild subscribe £2 2s. to the Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund was carried.

Members were told of the arrangements for the Guild festival on October 25th. The President said that as many people would arrive on Friday night arrangements had been made to receive them at the Bell Hotel. All the clergy in the diocese had been asked that wherever possible to allow peals to be rung during the Saturday morning. Mr. E. Morris had agreed to deal with all requests for peals and make all arrangements for the ringing of them.

Members were reminded that the Guild certificates were now to hand and could be supplied for 1s. 6d. each.

## Oxford University Society's Ringing Week

The annual tour of the Oxford University Society took place at Hereford from August 1st to August 8th. The party consisted of the Misses Spice, Edgar and Higgins and Messrs. Moreton, Dickinson, Grey, Wright and Robins, with the addition of Dr. W. B. Leese and the Rev. C. E. Wigg during the first and second parts of the week respectively.

The main purpose of the week was practice, which, owing to the small number present, was obtained in large quantities by all. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Bristol Surprise Major, some of the intermediate stages being Spliced Plain and St. Clement's Bob Minor, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, Double Norwich, and Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Two tower-bell peals were attempted, Double Norwich being scored at Colwall and Yorkshire being lost at Ruardean. There were also two unsuccessful attempts in hand for Double Norwich and Grandsire Caters, but handbell ringing was otherwise confined to sampling some of the excellent sets which the party came across on its travels.

Twenty-one towers were visited, the most notable being the Cathedral and All Saints' in Hereford, Leominster, Leintwardine, where the Vicar kindly provided tea, Ludlow, Bronllys, Malvern Priory, Malvern Links and Ross-on-Wye.

Plenty of sunshine and beautiful scenery made the whole week memorable, but weather and scenery alone do not make a successful ringing tour. Our grateful thanks are due to all those whose assistance both before and during the week made everything possible. Special thanks are due to Canon and Mrs. Moreton for their hospitality in the evenings, and to John and Peter Rock, of Eardisland, who joined us on most of the outings, and whose car was a much appreciated means of transport. An inter-university friendship was firmly cemented on the day they answered an S.O.S. to transport part of a peal band to an attempt 20 miles from Hereford.

In the words of a well-known Yorkshire saying, the tour had only one fault—the end was too near the beginning. K.H.

### THE LADIES' GUILD

#### CENTRAL DISTRICT AT ISLEWORTH.

A beautiful day favoured the members of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild for their riverside meeting at Isleworth on Aug. 9th. Though a cross-country journey for many, the meeting was well supported. A very welcome visitor was Miss Elkins, who was on holiday in the Thames Valley.

Turning from the view of a beautiful stretch of the river to the sight of the wantonly destroyed church (it had been deliberately fired by boys) was sad, but inside the ringing chamber the desolation is not apparent.

A short service was held in the temporary church, the Vicar giving an inspiring address. Miss Mitchell, of Gravesend, accompanied the singing on the piano.

After tea a meeting was held, at which the members expressed their regret on the retirement of Miss E. Steel from the presidency of the Guild. Five new members were elected, Miss E. Farrell and Miss S. Harris (Isleworth), Miss B. Denton (Heston), Miss B. Harris (Merton Park), and Mrs. E. Savory (South Ruislip).

Banstead, if available, was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on October 25th.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of the bells and conducting the service, also to Miss Mitchell and Mr. Rogers and helpers for supplying a very enjoyable tea.

Ringing was resumed and included rounds for beginners and methods up to Cambridge Royal. Male support received was much appreciated by members of the Guild.



## READERS' LETTERS: Critical and Explanatory

### Ringing and Music

Dear Sir,—The report in 'The Ringing World' of August 8th of the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor rung at Elland, Yorks, brings to my mind again the correspondence in connection with the 'Basingstoke' peals.

These peals, it must be admitted, were perfectly correct performances so far as the number of changes rung were concerned, but they were doubtless musically incorrect.

I know the peal of bells at Elland quite well, and as the tenor is reported as 9½ cwt., I am prompted to assume that the peal was rung on the front six of the peal of eight, which is as musically incorrect as the 'Basingstoke' peals, which have been officially disallowed.

If my assumption is correct, then I consider that this peal and any similar ones rung should also be discounted.

Elland bells are an excellent going peal of eight with a tenor 16 or 18 cwt., and should present no difficulty in ringing a peal of Minor on the back six, which would be correct musically.

In the case of the 'Basingstoke' peals, the unfamiliar number of nine bells being published, immediately brought to notice the obvious peculiarity of the music produced, whereas, if a peal is rung on a lesser number of bells than are in the tower, no one is aware by reading of the performance which bells in particular are used.

I am far from being in agreement with the Basingstoke performances, but if Mr. Kippin and his supporters are to be denied their peals on the grounds of being musically incorrect, surely the same action should apply to any other peals which are equally incorrect from the music point of view.

Obviously my argument falls flat if it can be said that Mr. Kippin's peal of Major would have been accepted had it been rung on the front eight of Basingstoke's nine bells.

If this should be so, then it would appear that we can jumble together any bells we like and ignore their respective tones so long as there are 6, 8, 10 or 12 of them as the case may be, and the composers' efforts to produce the 'best' music to a peal are in vain and an absolute waste of their time and study.—Yours faithfully, V. A. JARRETT.

Barton Stacey, Hants.

### PEALS BEFORE MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—It is high time that some of the rules Mr. Blackman hinted at were put into operation with penalties attached, although what penalties could be imposed it is difficult to imagine.

On the other hand, if we clutter ourselves up with rules we approach a civilised standard where they are made merely to be broken or circumvented, so once again we are back again where we started. The 'unwritten law' does not seem to work except in theory. I imagine at the back of Mr. Blackman's letter is the Basingstoke controversy. Surely there are more important things than that.

What action, for example, should be taken when an official left a meeting to look after itself while he went peal ringing? Aha! everybody says, it is for that organisation to impose disciplinary measures. Quite, but what measures?

This is, I think, where the big associations and guilds should come into the picture and help by refusing to record such performances, or perhaps they, or someone at least, can suggest something even better. Guidance on this matter is very necessary if the elected authorities and representatives, both locally and nationally, are to receive the respect and the acceptance of imposed regulations from the ordinary member.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST COOPER.

Arksey, Doncaster.

### The Truro Peal

Dear Sir,—I have for some time past watched the correspondence about the peal rung at Truro. While agreeing that an affair of this nature should not be quietly smoothed over, I am of the opinion that before any of the disgusting affair reached your paper it should have received the judgment of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and only the findings and verdict of the Guild need have been published. I think that I can safely say that in certain quarters of the Guild the matter is still sub judice.

Writing as a disinterested observer, may I state both boldly and frankly that the correspondence has had a deleterious effect on the character of the Guild; has undermined the confidence of the ordinary members in their Guild officers; and has shown a curious lack of politeness between two Guild officers at least.

If we of the Truro Guild want a row, and a row is building up, both over this and the question of prize ringing, then let us keep the row to ourselves, and when we have thrashed out the contending policies, let us announce our verdict as a Guild and not as half a dozen or so individuals.

The excuse of not having a Guild organisation does not hold water and I can find no others. It has been rather a curious experience for me to read of the affair at Truro in 'The Ringing World,' and I hope that I shall see no more correspondence until the Guild itself announces its verdict.—I remain, sir, yours fraternally,

E. V. WILLIAMS, R.E.M.E.

Redruth, Cornwall.

### THUNDERSTORMS AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Included in the peal records of the old Midland Counties Association is a peal of Doubles rung at Cottesmore, Rutland, on May 28th, 1934. As one who took part in this peal I well remember what was a coincidence. A violent thunderstorm broke out just as we were pulling the bells up. It lasted throughout the peal (3 hours and 3 minutes), and ended as we were lowering the bells. When we came out of church we had to wade through water ankle deep to the Rectory for tea. Thus the superstition referred to in last week's 'Belfry Gossip' about 'bells drive away thunderstorms' seems to have been reversed.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

### MORTON'S YOUNG RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I should like through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to congratulate the young band of ringers at Morton on achieving their first peal.

It may be of interest to other members of the Exercise to learn that this band have not yet been ringing two years. Other than the peal, they have rung several 720's and a quarter-peal. Also they have learned 11 or 12 various methods in Doubles and Minor.

Good luck to these ringers, and may they continue to do excellent service to the Church and the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

J. W. PRICE, Secretary,  
East Derbyshire and Notts Association.

### CHAIR AS RINGING BOX

Dear Sir,—Whilst on the ringing tour of Wiltshire, Berkshire and Gloucestershire a few weeks ago, on arrival at one tower we found one bell rope did not touch the floor. In order to ring this bell, a chair was produced and the ringer stood on the same. I feel that this oddity takes a bit of beating.—Yours sincerely,  
ERIC NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

## Knowle Ringers

### FOREMAN DENIES STRIKE.

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Bayles for his letter in 'The Ringing World,' August 1st. No doubt you have heard the Vicar's point, but you have not heard the ringers' point concerned in this matter. On April 17th, which was a practice night, there was a vestry meeting in the Guild House. The Vicar came down to the meeting, saw two ringers waiting and remarked that he hoped they would not ring, but as it was practice night he told them that he could not stop the practice.

Other ringers came up and went into the belfry and started to ring the bells up. We had been ringing for about 20 minutes or so when his churchwarden came up and asked us to stop, which, of course, we did. After a few minutes' consultation we decided to drop the bells for safety's sake.

During the evening I told the ringers that I should not be present the following Sunday as I was going out. I still deny that I ever told any ringer to stay away from ringing on Sunday, April 20th. There were seven ringers in the tower that night and they all say I did not say a word about stopping. Two ringers turned up on Sunday morning and waited for others to arrive. As no one else came the bells were not rung for service.

On Friday a certain lady ringer, who had not attended the belfry for nine months, canvassed the village for ringers with a tale that the ringers were on strike, which was untrue. She did not go to any of the regular ringers.

I might add that the Vicar has not come in the belfry during any service ringing on Sundays since he was inducted in 1932. The only time I have seen him in the belfry was when the war put a ban on the bells when he instructed me to take the ropes off except on two or three bells that might be required for emergency. The last time I saw him in the belfry was on New Year's Eve, 1943, at midnight.

For Mr. Bayles' information I might say that the new ringers have broken three stays since they started. They have no one in the belfry to teach them to ring properly; it is only a jangle on Sundays.

The report in 'The Daily Telegraph' is not true. The voluntary band is not headed by the schoolmaster.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.

Knowle, Birmingham.

Copy of letter received by Mr. W. H. Smith from the Rev. J. H. Sharp, April 20th, 1947:—

Dear Mr. Smith,—It is the duty of the ringers to ring the bells for divine service. By your express direction without consulting me the bells were not rung for morning prayer, and you are to consider yourself dismissed from the office of Ringing Master. You will please hand over any keys of the belfry or of any cupboard or other furniture contained therein to the verger, Mr. Hillcox, who will take charge of the belfry pending the appointment of a new Ringing Master. Until such appointment is made by me no weekday ringing will be permitted.—Yours faithfully, J. H. Sharp.

Copy of letter sent to the ringer who approached the Vicar about a meeting, April 30th, 1947:—

Dear Mr. Hayes.—Since our conversation, further facts have been brought to my notice, which have convinced me that no useful purpose would be served by a meeting of the bell-ringers.—Yours sincerely, J. H. Sharp.

ADDITIONAL COPIES of a particular issue of 'The Ringing World' can be obtained if an order is sent with the report, peal or quarter-peal. Otherwise, the reserve of back numbers is very limited.



## BY AIR TO OPEN NEW BELLS

### AN AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE.

Mr. W. K. Rowe, who is an honorary member of the Central Council, sends us the following report of the trip of nine Sydney ringers to Adelaide to open the new ring of bells at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.

At 5.15 a.m. on June 23rd, nine Sydney ringers left Mascot by A.N.A. plane for Adelaide. The object of the trip was to officiate at the opening of the new ring of eight bells at St. Peter's Cathedral, and give instruction in the art of change ringing to the Adelaide team. The team was as follows: R. A. Joyner (St. Mark's, captain), W. M. Rowe (St. Mary's, conductor), J. B. Watts (St. James'), R. S. Rowe (St. Jude's), J. Duncan (St. Jude's), G. Williamson (All Saints'), W. H. Short (St. Mary's), J. McCartney (St. Mark's) and A. R. Grant (St. Jude's).

I would like to make it quite clear that this was not an official visit by the N.S.W. Association. Mr. R. A. Joyner arranged the trip with the Bishop of Adelaide (Rt. Rev. H. P. Robin), and was in charge of the team. The journey was an eventful one, and after an exciting landing at Narrandera due to a blow-out of the tyre on the starboard wheel, the plane touched down at Adelaide nine hours late. Although it was 10.30 p.m., the visiting team was welcomed by members of the St. Peter's company.

The Cathedral of St. Peter is 100 years old and the bells were opened during the celebrations. On arrival it was found that the bells were not in perfect ringing condition. Minor adjustments to the stops and general tightening up were necessary. The new ropes were replaced by ropes brought from Sydney which had been used.

The bells have been installed in the south-east of the twin towers of the Cathedral, the north-east being used as a club room. The towers are joined by a large gallery. The ringing chamber is of a good height and very well lit, about 15ft. square and well appointed. Included in the furnishings is an electric clock presented by Mr. P. Vincent (one of the ringers) in memory of his son.

The bells, by Taylors, Ltd., are a ring of eight, the tenor weighing 40 cwt. 1 qr., and

are hung in Taylor's patent frame. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 are swung on a plane above the remaining five bells, and provision has been made for an additional five bells at a later date. There is a properly constructed haffie chamber between the belfry and the ringing chamber. A chiming apparatus has also been provided. Entrance to the ringing chamber is in the centre of the floor. The ropes fall in a reasonably good circle.

The bells were consecrated by the Bishop holding the sally of each bell in turn, from treble to tenor, and saying, 'Praise thou the Lord,' after which each bell was sounded in turn. The bells were officially opened by the Bishop saying, 'Bless ye the Lord; praise Him and magnify Him for ever.' The bells were then rung in rounds for two minutes. Later they were rung to changes.

On July 1st the team went out to Walkerville, a suburb of Adelaide, and the following rang a 1,200 of Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Short treble, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 2, R. S. Rowe 3, J. B. Watts 4, J. Duncan 5, A. R. Grant tenor. To our knowledge this is the longest ring in South Australia. While there we met Mr. W. Knight, who rang at the opening of the bells in 1885 and still rings. He has been a chorister at the church for 76 years. On the Honour Roll in the porch of the church for the 1914 war are the names of Sir Ross and Keith Smith, St. Andrew's being their parish church. The bells are a ring of six by Mears and Stainbank with a tenor of 12 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

While at Bishopcourt, one evening we had the pleasure of meeting the late Rev. E. J. Loveday, Rector of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The Rev. Loveday passed away the following week in Melbourne.

In closing I think this trip has put up a few 'firsts.' The first time a team has travelled so far to open a peal of bells—900 miles each way. The first time a team has travelled by plane to open a peal. On St. Peter's bells the first touch of Oxford Bob Triples rung in Australia.

In closing I wish to extend to the ringers of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the condolences of my team mates and self at the loss of their Rector.

W. M. ROWE.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

#### MEETING AT SAWSTON.

A meeting of the Cambridge District, held at Sawston on August 2nd, was well attended, 26 members and friends being present from Burton Latimer, Cambridge, Chippenham, Exning, Fulbourn, Harston, Ickleton, Little Shelford, Melbourn, St. Ives, Sawston, Sudbury, Terrington St. John, Trumpington and Wisbech.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. K. Irwin, who is shortly leaving the parish for Wisbech, and an excellent tea followed, which had been kindly provided by some of the local ringers.

During the afternoon and evening some good touches in various methods were brought round. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Bottisham on September 13th.

### RINGING THE BELL

Sir,—A Kingswinford (Staffs) pub raised £500 in six months to help restore the church bells.

The 'cheap money' policy of the Government is reported to discourage people from investing in Government securities and to cause them to seek other forms of investment. The item above from 'The Sunday Express' is surely an example of an unusual but sound and far-sighted investment!—Yours, etc.,

D. A. BAYLES.

St. Albans.

### WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

#### MEON VALLEY POPULAR.

A very successful inter-district meeting was held on August Bank Holiday in the lovely Meon Valley district of Hampshire. Some 70 ringers and friends attended from a wide area. Visitors from outside the diocesan area, from Crawley and Pulborough, Sussex; Fairford, Gloucestershire; Raunds, Northants; Salisbury, Newbury, Guildford, Croydon and London were present. During the morning the lovely ring of eight at Privett were available, and in the afternoon and evening the rings of eight at East Meon and West Meon.

Both service and tea were at East Meon. It is hoped to arrange a similar meeting next August Bank Holiday.

### MR. HAROLD A. MAY'S 100 PEALS

Mr. Harold A. May, of Merrow, Guildford, who rang his first peal on February 24th, 1945, has an interesting 100 peals to his credit:—

Minor in seven methods 1, eight methods 1, Surprise Minor 1.

Grandsire Triples 17, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples 39 (conducted 2), Stedman Caters 3.

Bob Major 5, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 16.

Cambridge Surprise Major 4, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1, Norfolk Surprise Major 1; total 100.

## Preservation of Towers

### ARCHITECT'S ADDRESS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

At a conference of representatives of Diocesan Advisory Committees for the Care of Churches (Northern Province), held at St. William's College, York, a paper of particular interest to bellringers was read by Mr. Leslie T. Moore, M.C., F.R.I.B.A. We are indebted to 'The Builder' for the following points from his address:—

Towers and their roofs are often sadly neglected; they are much exposed, particularly their parapets, and defects may easily become dangerous. The condition of the church roofs can generally be seen to advantage from the tower, a point of view which should not be missed when inspecting the structure. Any loose masonry on the east elevation of the tower, which incidentally cannot be easily detected from the ground, may cause costly damage in falling on roofs below. Access to all roofs both for external and internal examination should be kept in order.

The fixing of flagstaffs and weather-vanes on towers is frequently the source of damage. To withstand the strain of even a moderate-sized flag the post invariably has iron stays from the parapet; by these, constant vibration is transmitted and the corrosion of the iron attachment loosens and damages the masonry. The fixing of such poles on ancient roofs which were not constructed for them is to be condemned.

All open belfry windows should have bird wire internally; a small mesh copper wire guard fixed on a frame is best for durability. Any accumulation of bird droppings causes decay in timber, and birds often attack lime mortar inside towers in a remarkable manner.

### BELL TOWERS.

The hanging of bells in our ancient church towers needs much more care than is usually given. Most of the early towers were built for refuge and fortification and later to the glory of God—with spires in stone districts, and a small number of light bells which probably only chimed.

In future we are more likely to construct underground crypts as shelters rather than towers, so the preservation of our fine mediæval examples is very important. It should not be forgotten that the change ringing of bells as we know it was not introduced till late in the 17th century, when more and heavier bells were often added, and that the mediæval towers were not built to withstand the considerable strain involved. The thick walls of some towers faced with coursed stone inside and out may be very deceptive—for it is the condition of the core of the walls that matters.

Many towers are structurally weak in having no horizontal tie in the whole height. This is an important point, structurally.

To reduce the strain, bells should be hung as low as practicable—the sound from a bell emanates when the mouth is up—and the bell frame is best arranged if possible well below the belfry windows, and so more protected from the weather.

Wood frames should not be hastily condemned on account of some decay—they can often be repaired. Metal frames need painting and if neglected corrode.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On August 4th, 1.440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. E. Watson (conductor) 1, B. Cone 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, G. R. Burton 4, R. Ide 5, P. I. Chapman 6.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On August 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Holder 1, F. Hammond 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, S. T. A. Russell 6, W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8.—Also on August 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Haffenden (first quarter) 1, W. Rogers (conductor) 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, S. T. A. Russell 5, C. Brasier 6, W. R. F. Miles 7, F. Hammond 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Keith Hart.



## Leicester Guild Festival

Dear Sir,—The above festival immediately precedes the 'coming of age' celebrations of the Leicester Diocese, and it would appear very fitting that they should commence with the ringing of the bells.

The city bells are being reserved for Saturday afternoon ringing and consequently there will be no twelve-bell peals arranged. There are only two peals of ten in the county, but we have many good peals of eight and six, and as far as is possible we hope to record the 'coming of age' with a peal on the village bells.

Peal arrangements are in the hands of Mr. Ernest Morris, and those desirous of ringing in the peals are asked to inform him as early as possible and state the type of peal in which they would be prepared to stand and if necessary conduct. Type of peal in this instance does not mean good, bad or indifferent; we trust they will all be good in that sense and most enjoyable.

Applications will be dealt with as received, and whilst there is ample accommodation for dancers and onlookers, there must of necessity be some limit for the dinner.

For the Leicester ringers and Guild it will be a memorable occasion, and we feel sure that each and every visitor will take away with him a good impression and happy memories of a most enjoyable week-end.—Yours truly,

HAROLD POOLE, President,  
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

## ANDOVER BELLS

Dear Sir,—The account of the rededication of the bells at Andover in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' says that they have been silent for nearly ten years.

On May 29th, 1944, a party of ringers from the Salisbury area, on tour in that neighbourhood, were readily afforded permission to ring at Andover; the bells certainly went badly, but we understood that the local band rang on Sundays at that time. In any case they have not been silent for the period suggested.—Yours faithfully,

E. G. CAPLE.

Wrington, Bristol.

## DRAYTON 'SURPRISE'

Dear Sir,—With reference to Drayton 'Surprise' by Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, I am afraid the author has forgotten his definitions. This is an illegitimate Surprise method, since on all numbers there is a pair of places made while treble is passing from one cross-section to another, of which pair of places neither is internal, as required by the definition of Surprise.

'Bristol Royal' has the same fault. Bristol Maximus and the London and Superlative extensions are free from this fault.

A. J. CORRIGAN.

Bilton, near Bristol.

## 5,040 ERIN TRIPLES

By J. Segar, jun.

123456

A 524163

B 346521

A 245316

Nine times repeated, omitting the 60th course and the S at 1 in the next course produces 532416 at tenth part end. Rounds by hobs at 3.4.

A					B				
1	3	4	5	6	1	3	4	5	6
S	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	—
S	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	—
S	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	—
S	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	—

CHILTON FOLIAT, WILTS.—On August 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Gregory (first quarter) 1, W. A. T. Carter 2, G. Harrison 3, T. A. Palmer (conductor) 4, D. Harrison (first quarter inside) 5.

## Mablethorpe Ringers' Tour

The Mablethorpe bellringers, together with guest ringers from Alford, Blankney and South Wigston (Leicestershire) and friends, held their second annual outing on August Bank Holiday, when the party travelled by motor-coach to North Lincolnshire.

The first tower, that of Ulceby, was reached shortly after 10 a.m., where the ringers were met by the captain of the local band, Mr. Martin Walker, who acted as guide for the remainder of the journey. The five bells at Ulceby were kept going to a variety of Doubles methods for about half an hour.

The party then journeyed on to Thornton Curtis, where a fine heavy ring of six bells is located. Several ringers tried the tenor (weight about 18 cwt.), and all of them agreed that it was not too well matched with six bells and required an additional two trebles to keep it company and help to reduce the labour which is now required to be expended upon it by the ringer. During the ringing at this tower the non-ringing members of the party paid a visit to Thornton Abbey, where they found much of historical interest.

The next tower to be visited was St. Peter's (Barton-on-Humber), but before trying this peal lunch was partaken of in the Assembly Hall, where tea was kindly served by Mr. Hoodless, captain of the Barton ringers. The magnificent eight bells at St. Peter's were found to be a very melodious and easy going peal, and the bells were rung to a variety of methods until the ringing was curtailed owing to a wedding service.

The sun now broke through the earlier leaden skies, and the next stage of the journey, along the bank of the River Humber to Burton-upon-Stather, produced many delightful views of the broad expanse of the river with the Yorkshire bank in the distance. At Burton-upon-Stather the ringers were welcomed by quite a number of local ringers. The bells, a light and musical eight, were soon in use, whilst the non-ringers had a walk to that well-known beauty spot, Burton Hills, where a marvellous view of the two tributaries of the Humber River, the Rivers Derwent and Ouse, can be seen joining the outlet to the sea.

The next stop was at Scunthorpe, where they were received by Mr. Frank Lord, captain of the local ringers. After some difficulty with the treble, which upon being raised jumped the slider stop, the bells, a delightful eight, pealed out over the industrial town and quite a number of methods were rung by all.

Leaving Scunthorpe, course was set for the last tower to be visited, that of Bighy, and some delightful country was passed through to reach this small village church, where the Vicar, the Rev. Thackeray, president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, welcomed the ringers. The light ring of six bells was found at first to be rather difficult to handle, but eventually the feel of the bells was found and they were put to good use for about an hour.

After saying good-bye to the kindly Vicar and his wife and having expressed thanks to the former for his hospitality, the bus was boarded for the homeward journey, and so that none should sleep until they reached their beds, the handbells were brought out.

Mr. H. Dunnington, the popular captain of the Mablethorpe bellringers, was the organiser of the tour, and he was suitably thanked for his successful endeavours by Mr. I. Smith, an Alford ringer. K.K.

Marhamchurch, Cornwall.—On July 31st, to Altarnun, Bodmin, Lanivet, Newquay (lunch and tea), Crantock, St. Columb Minor, St. Teath. Perfect weather contributed to a most enjoyable day despite the fact that the local car driver lost his way, less than ten miles from home en route to Altarnun, and the party found themselves 'airborne' on the landing strip of Davidstowe Aerodrome. Grandsire Doubles were rung at each tower. Thanks must be expressed to steeplekeepers for the use of bells.

## NOTICES

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

## DEATH

CANN.—On August 18th, at Spaxton Court, Bridgwater, Constance Georgina Randolph, younger daughter of the late Rev. F. J. Coleridge (50 years Vicar of Cadbury, Devon), sister of Canon G. F. Coleridge (51 years Vicar of Crowthorne), and mother of Major H. J. Cann, Corner Close, Kilve, Bridgwater. 1844

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE.—Set of 12 handbells. Key 'E'; excellent condition; offers. —Box 1810, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 1810

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Holywell on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea if can be arranged. Reports are ready.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 1824  
ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Wilburton (6), Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1812

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Stoke Poges, Sat., Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1802

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Northern District.—Meeting at Bedale (8 bells), Sat., Aug. 23rd.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 1786

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Clifton (York), Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Meeting in tower 4. Make own tea arrangements. — T. H. Foster. 1819

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Caston, Sat., Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea promptly, please, to C. E. G. Banham, Caston, Attleborough. 1805

GUILDFORD GUILD.—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Puttenham on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. 1798

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS AND DERBYSHIRE ASSNS. — Joint meeting, Aug. 23rd. Crich (8). Bells 3 p.m. Bring own food. 1830

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Cranford, Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. No tea arrangements. Cafe nearby.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1803



**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Joint meeting at Repton, Aug. 30th. Tea 4.30. Names to S. H. Jones, 6, Brook End, Repton, by Aug. 25th. No name, no tea. 1821

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-Eastern District.—Meeting Sandal (6), near Wakefield, Sat., Aug. 30th, 2.30. Tea for those who send names by Aug. 25th to Mrs. Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. All ringers welcome. 1773

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Birstwith (8 bells), Sat., Aug. 30th. Names for tea to Jackson Ewbank, Rose Cottage, Birstwith, Harrogate, by Wed., Aug. 27th.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 1787

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Maidwell, Aug. 30th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton. 1825

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Western Division.—Meeting, Prittlewell (10), Sat., Aug. 30th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay (8) from 7.30 to 9. Names for tea by Tues., Aug. 26th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1840

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Grimsby District).—Meeting at Caistor, Sat. Aug. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Sharpe's Cafe. Important. Names for tea by Aug. 27th to Mr. H. Havercroft, 7, Council House, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1838

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington (5). Sat., Aug. 30th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1833

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke District) and **GUILDFORD GUILD** (Farnham District).—Combined meeting at Yateley on Sat., Aug. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5. Hawley and Sandhurst bells available after tea. Names for tea to S. J. Riddell, Yateley, Camberley, by 27th. 1831

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Meeting, Assington (6), Sat., Aug. 30th, 3 to 7.30. All Saints' (8), Sudbury, available 7.30 to 9. Own tea. Buses from Sudbury. Alight Bofford Corner.—A. Fitch. 1845

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, 3 p.m. Aug. 30th. Tea (1s. 9d.) 5 p.m. Names, early, to Mrs. J. W. Drury, Jesmond, Broughton Astley, Leics. Festival dance tickets on sale.—W. A. Wood. 1832

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at East Ardsley on Sat., Aug. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify Mr. C. Watson, 47, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, near Wakefield, by Aug. 26th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 1842

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Gloucester Branch.—Longney (8), Aug. 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 (cups of tea provided). Write by Aug. 25th to W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney. 1843

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech District.—Newton-in-the-Isle (6), Sat., Aug. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1849

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Colaton Raleigh, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers by Sept. 1st to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. Phone, Budleigh 719. Four peals of bells available. 1818

**SURREY ASSN.** (North-Western District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSN.** (Lewisham District).—A joint meeting will be held at Beddington on Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5.15. All will be welcome. Please notify Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, for tea, by Sept. 1st.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1822

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting, West Stow (6), Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to A. Gillings, Dis. Sec., Horringer. 1841

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Bath Branch.—Special meeting, Newton St. Loe, Sept. 6th. Address by Bishop. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. No tea without application. Names by Sept. 4th to Rev. Russell, Newton St. Loe Rectory, Bath. 1823

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton (6), Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 26th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 1809

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Old Whittington, cup contest, Sept. 6th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—H. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 1837

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Lam-burhurst (6) on Sept. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Break for tea 5, followed by business meeting. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 1829

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Easton (6) on Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Notify for tea H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex. 1839

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Hadleigh District.—Coppdock (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec. 1835

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Boxley (6), Sept. 6th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 1847

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Greasley, Notts, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Ratcliffe, Post Office, Guiltbrook, by Sept. 3rd.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec. 1848

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (8) from 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. each for those who notify Mr. J. W. Thompson, 16, Northolmby Street, Howden, E. Yorks, by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1846

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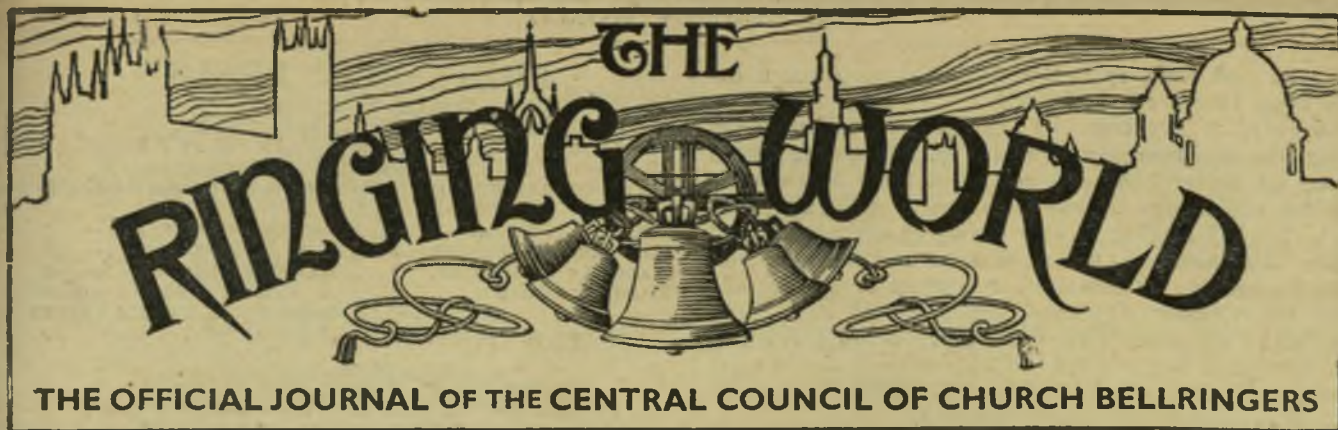
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## THE ANALYSIS

Five columns in this issue are occupied by printing the analysis of peals rung on tower bells during 1946. The space is not wasted. Tabulated in this fashion, it is possible for the practised eye to discern the trend of change ringing. The year 1946, with 1,795 peals, of which 1,555 were on tower bells, was a good ringing year and compared favourably with pre-war peal ringing. It marked a great advance on 1945, when the aggregate of peals was 1,304, with 1,126 on tower bells. The year was not only a good year as regards the number of peals but also as to the quality. There was an adventurous spirit afoot; a desire for variety in more difficult methods which was an encouraging sign.

More peals were also rung on higher numbers of bells. While in 1945 only nine peals of Maximus were scored, the number reached 15. Particularly praiseworthy was the work of the Leicester Guild with six peals of Surprise Maximus. In regard to Cinques, St. Martin's Guild stand pre-eminent with 12 peals of Stedman out of a total of 39. Cinques rung in 1945 were only 24 peals against 42. Peals of Royal showed a marked increase from 37 to 68. These peals were divided among 32 Associations, compared with 17 in 1945. Caters, however, still hold an unchallenged popularity in 10-bell towers with 86 peals. In this class of ringing the Worcestershire and Districts with seven peals head the list.

The most impressive thing about Major ringing was the big increase in Surprise peals. Of 676 peals, more than 40 per cent., or 282, were in Surprise methods. The previous year the total was 156 out of 464. Surprise peals were in 19 different methods, as against 14. Conspicuous is the list of the Kent County Association, with 14 peals of Cambridge and peals in 13 other Surprise methods. Double Norwich, with 115 peals, an increase of 21, was rung by 33 different Associations, compared with 21 in 1945. This method was most popular in Lancashire, with 16 peals. A similar honour is also held by Lancashire with regard to Treble Bob methods; in fact, peal ringing advanced considerably during the year in this Association. Peals of Plain Bob were almost stationary, numbering 137. With the desire for higher methods, Triples with 238 peals were only eleven more than in 1945, and it is in the Southern Counties that the desire for this class of ringing is most strong. Guildford head the list with 22 peals, followed by Oxford Diocesan



Guild 20 and Kent 17. Grandsire Triples show a decline from 146 to 127 peals.

Roughly, 22 per cent. of the peals recorded were Minor, the total being 339 against 177. These were spread among 41 different Associations, and there is no question that the number of first peals was as great as in any year. Six-bell ringing is very strong in the agricultural Guilds—Lincolnshire, Oxford, Chester and Salisbury, all being prominent. There were two peals in 25 methods from the Chester Diocesan Guild which have been dwarfed by the performance of 1947. While there was little change in the number of Doubles peals, 94 against 89, the enthusiasm of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild with 18 peals calls for special mention.

The Kent County Association have the distinction of being at the head of the table with 125 peals (14 in hand), their total having been swelled by some successful tours. Other leading Associations are Lancashire 103 (4 in hand), Leicester 97 (32), Oxford Diocesan 96 (3), Yorkshire 92 (1), Lincoln 90 (15), Chester 83 (7), Middlesex 76 (39), Essex 70 (28), Norwich 69 (3). Last year the pride of place was held by the Midland Counties with 93 peals. This Association has been divided into three, and Leicester with 97 peals, in gaining third place, have had a very busy year.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 8
*HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 4	LEONARD TUFFREY ... 10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. F. SMALLWOOD.  
\* 200th peal. The conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells, 100th peal with Albert Walker and his 100th peal for the Guild.

## TEN BELL PEALS

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL... .. <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 8
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 4	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 9
*KENNETH W. KNOWLES. 5	JOHN LUCK ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters on a working bell. A farewell peal to Miss Kathleen Hartill in appreciation of her work connected with St. Giles' Church.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT G. ANDREWS... <i>Treble</i>	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	† G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 8
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE. 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters and first on ten tower bells. † First peal of Stedman.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5044 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5
MISS EDNA F. BEDFORD 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 6
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK J. SOUTER ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 5
MRS. P. A. CORBY... .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

*PATRICK CROSS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	BERTRAM C. HINES ... 5
HARRY TURNER ... .. 2	ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 6
PETER J. EVES ... .. 3	JOHN SITCH ... .. 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS . <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal on eight bells. In memoriam the Rev. Viner George Ballance, Vicar of this parish, who died on July 26th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 2	JILL POOLE ... .. 6
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER... 7
*JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 4	*PETER J. STANFORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by P. J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major and first of Major as conductor.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MISS M. FLACKETT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
ARTHUR PEAKE ... .. 2	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 6
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND... 3	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 7
*REGINALD ROWLEY ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. G. CARTLIDGE.

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

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

NORMAN V. HARDING ... <i>Treble</i>	MISS PATRICIA HOLMES... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 6
*MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (13) 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
†WALTER LEE ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal in Kent Variation. † First peal of Treble Bob.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary on August 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Cassells 1, R. Lathbury 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, R. Saunders 4, W. D. Smith 5, T. G. Miller 6, E. V. Blake (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Christopher J. Green, chorister at the above church.



## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEO. E. W. GRIFFITHS...Treble	HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	JAMES WEBB ... 6
JOHN HAYES ... 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 7
DENIS MADDOCK ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.

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

## BOREHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb.

PETER CHILDS ...Treble	REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 5
ALBERT BARTHOLOMEW ... 2	LEONARD DAY ... 6
ARTHUR EDWARDS ... 3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 7
DAVID POPE ... 4	CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 115).

Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT.

## KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Haley's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ...Treble	PHILIP WALKER ... 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

## KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Pritchard's Four-part peal.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*VICTOR M. RUSSELL ...Treble	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 5
EDWARD B. SMITH ... 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 6
*LEONARD E. SHARPE ... 3	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 4	RONALD G. BUGG ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

\* First peal on eight.

## SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ...Treble	THOS. W. HAMMOND ... 5
ROBERT GREY ... 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 6
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	GEORGE SKELLAND ... 7
THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... 4	WM. H. DEACON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WM. H. DEACON.

For the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Horrridge.

## ASHFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

HILDRED S. WICKENS ...Treble	WILFRED W. RING ... 5
PERCY PAGE ... 2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

A birthday peal for W. A. Oldfield.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALICK CUTLER ...Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and example of J. Armiger Trollope, for some years Editor of 'The Ringing World.' 'Requiescat in Pace.'

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt. 58 lb. in D minor.

MICHAEL J. FOSTER ...Treble	CYRIL J. BURNS ... 5
GEORGE A. SPARKS ... 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	GEORGE SAYEK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hugh McMullan, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft 1929-40 and president of the Association 1937-40. Also in memory of J. Armiger Trollope, who rang his first peal on tower bells at this tower on June 8th, 1893.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, LONDON, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*GEORGE LEDSHAM ...Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

## ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ...Treble	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

A thanksgiving for the life and work of J. Armiger Trollope, who died on August 8th, 1947, aged 71.

## BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS...Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 6
*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
*GILBERT E. PLATER ... 4	SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal in the method. To the memory of J. Armiger Trollope.



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

Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

CLIFFORD IZZARD ... ..	Treble	*C. HENRY HARDING ...	4
RONALD J. SHARP ... ..	2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... ..	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* 50th peal together.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARWENNE,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

GEORGE VINNICOMBE ... ..	Treble	ALAN J. HICKS ... ..	4
*LEONARD C. DUKE ... ..	2	*ROBERT J. HICKS ... ..	5
CHARLES E. TAYLOR ... ..	3	*ALFRED E. HAM ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells and by the regular Sunday service band. In honour of the patronal festival.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

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

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JOSIAH MORRIS ... ..	Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ...	4
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... ..	2	A. NORMAN GEARY ...	5
RONALD RUSSELL ... ..	3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

For the institution and induction of the Rev. A. W. McCandless, A.K.C., as Vicar of Billesdon.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

The extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP ... ..	Treble	CYRIL A. PRINDIVILLE ...	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... ..	2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... ..	3	BRYAN F. SIMS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

First peal as conductor.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*MISS ROSSA LAMB (15).Treble	RONALD LUNN ... ..	4
*JOHN LINSAY ... ..	FRANK LAMB ... ..	5
ROLAND HIRST ... ..	ERNEST J. PADGETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

\* First peal.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DENNIS RANDALL ... ..	Treble	DAPHNE J. WEBB ... ..	4
JAMES F. HALCHLEY ... ..	2	RONALD G. BECK ... ..	5
FRANK J. HAZZARD ... ..	3	*HUBERT GODFREY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal. First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN W. SMITH ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH PRENTICE ... ..	4
DAVID E. SMITH ... ..	2	JOHN N. LINDON ... ..	5
WILLIAM H. HAYES ... ..	3	*HUDSON BERRILL ... ..	Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*JACK HUNT ... ..	Treble	FRANK A. PENN ... ..	4
MRS. F. A. PENN ... ..	2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	5
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	3	LEONARD CAVE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

\* First peal.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES BROWN ... ..	Treble	*FREDERICK W. STOKES..	4
*MISS BETTY BROWN ... ..	2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT...	5
*JOHN E. COOK ... ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

‡ First peal of London Surprise Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF

BIRMINGHAM.

On Wed., Aug. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... ..	1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... ..	5-6
*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... ..	3-4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD...	7-8
		GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..	9-10

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* 100th peal for the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor size 17 in A.

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... ..	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Witnesses: PETER J. H. SMALL and J. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF

BIRMINGHAM.

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1947, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

At 39, WENTWORTH PARK AVENUE,

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

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY...	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... ..	3-4
		*MISS EVELYN FLETCHER..	5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Doubles 'in hand.' † First peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... ..	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... ..	3-4	JOHN THOMAS ... ..	7-8
		MISS MARGARET ROWLAND	9-10

Composed by W. KENT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Thomas. Rung with alternate six courses in the Tittums and Handstroke home positions.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At 108, SHIPHOOKE ROAD, RUDHEATH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

DAVID VINCENT ... ..	1-2	JOHN WORTH ... ..	5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... ..	3-4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.



**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—At St. Nicholas' Church on August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Toms 1, W. Trevett (first quarter inside) 2, R. Trevett 3, J. Hayne 4, H. Ford (conductor) 5, A. Ellery (first quarter) 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. G. Beale (an old ringer) and Mrs. Beale.

**ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.**—On August 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. W. White 1, A. Roberts 2, J. W. Taylor 3, C. Aylett 4, T. Hastings 5, G. Gardner 6, C. H. Webb (conductor) 7, A. Barley (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the octave.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On August 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Jurd 1, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 2, L. P. Cook 3, Miss M. D. Pilcher 4, S. E. Cook 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes 7, F. W. Burnett 8.

**RAMPTON, OXON.**—On August 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, C. J. Gardner 2, E. J. Berry 3, A. G. Wells 4, H. W. Bishop 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8.

**BRISTOL.**—On August 14th, in the belfry of SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, on handbells, 1,260 Bob Royal: Miss A. Brown 1-2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3-4, T. Harris 5-6, R. Bryant 7-8, R. C. Seager 9-10.

**BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Pawley 1, J. R. Flint 2, J. A. Flint 3, G. R. Ball 4, W. R. Drury (first quarter as conductor) 5, C. E. Carr 6. Rung for the feast of St. Mary.

**EDENHAM, Lincs.**—On August 16th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1,280 Double Norwich: C. Scott 1, A. Mackers 2, H. M. Day 3, C. Wade 4, A. Holmes 5, W. Holmes 6, J. Cragg 7, G. W. Creasey (conductor) 8.

**FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.**—On August 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor (720, 300, 240): F. Cooner 1, R. Elliot 2, L. Paice 3, W. Jones 4, P. Mason 5, W. J. Parker (conductor) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's on August 17th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: S. Ansell (first quarter) 1, L. Lewis 2, A. Smith 3, H. Weaver 4, P. Blackman (conductor) 5, I. Harris 6. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar, the Rev. Roy McKay, and his family from Switzerland.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On August 10th, 1,260 Bob Major: N. Rummery 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, W. Gorringe 3, M. Cloke 4, A. Kemp 5, L. Jarvis 6, L. Pope 7, S. G. Waters (conductor) 8. Also 1,260 Bob Major: N. Rummery 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, Mrs. C. Hannington (first quarter Major) 3, M. Cloke 4, A. Kemp 5, L. Jarvis 6, L. Pope 7, S. G. Waters (conductor) 8. In honour of the church's patron, St. Lawrence.

**HINDON, WILTS.**—On August 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Phillips 1, A. Woods 2, C. Fry 3, G. Webb 4, J. H. Webb (conductor) 5, Jim Snook 6.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On August 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Wilkins 1, A. Heywood 2, D. Cox 3, W. Lee 4, A. G. Jones 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. G. Biggs.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On August 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. G. Jones 1, A. Heywood 2, A. Newton 3, A. R. Blaby 4, D. Cox 5, P. Newton 6, W. Lee 7, R. Biggs (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Double Norwich to be rung by the regular Sunday service band.

**IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.**—On August 21st, at the Church of St. Katharine 1260 Stedman Triples: B. Austin 1, Miss E. Walklate 2, G. F. Watson 3, P. J. Chapman 4, C. W. Bird 5, E. E. Whitmore 6, B. P. Morris (first as conductor) 7, H. Pettitt 8. First quarter-peal in method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**KEMPSTON, BEDFORD.**—At Roystone on August 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles and 540 Bob Doubles: E. Freeman 1-2, M. Stephens (conductor) 3-4, C. Izzard 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all the band.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On August 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. Andrews 2, S. Smith 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, F. Boreham 5, W. Dent 6, M. T. Symonds 7, L. Pryke 8.

**LUTTERWORTH, LEICS.**—On August 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. B. Webb 1, A. E. Barlow 2, R. J. Jackson 3, C. Underwood 4, E. C. Turner 5, F. K. Measures 6, E. W. Tipler (conductor) 7, A. J. Timson 8.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—At the Church of All Saints, Boyn Hill, on August 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Holmes 1, Mary Elkins 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, T. Goodchild 4, J. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, E. Eldridge 7, C. K. Lewis 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On August 5th, at St. Giles', 1,260 Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire, 240 April Day, 60 Stedman: E. Nobles 1, J. Dunkley 2, G. Parker 3, F. Benfield 4, W. R. Hammons (conductor) 5. First quarter of Doubles in four methods by all.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Sunday, August 17th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. H. Lawrence 1, Miss M. D. Pilcher 2, E. A. Jurd 3, J. H. Hunt 4, S. E. Cook 5, H. A. Nobles 6, W. Tate (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

**ROSS-ON-WYE.**—On August 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Hart 1, R. Poston 2, A. Hazelden (first inside) 3, P. Bird 4, C. W. Munday 5, W. Poston 6, W. T. Poston (conductor) 7, J. J. Webb 8.

**SELBY, YORKSHIRE.**—At the Abbey on August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Grundy 1, T. H. Foster 2, H. S. Morley (conductor) 3, E. Storr 4, A. Cryer 5, W. A. Hudson 6, F. Terry 7, R. Moate 8. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Many will doubtless endeavour to cap Mr. Eric Nobles' oddity of ringing from a chair. From Somerset comes the story of the treble rope being so long that the sally nearly reached the floor. A youthful performer was equal to the occasion and rang it while kneeling on a hassock. He was able to control the bell perfectly in this posture, but nearly hanged himself with the superfluous rope when standing up.

A frequent saying of Mr. William Robinson, sexton and verger of Ambleside, Westmorland, who had dug 600 graves in his time, was, 'Nobody will ever sweat to dig a grave for me.' They did not. He was cremated at Blackpool. A memoir of this well-known Lancashire ringer appears in this issue.

Birmingham ringers were surprised recently to find in 'The Birmingham Mail' a photograph taken in the belfry of St. Martin's of Mr. Albert Walker, with Mr. George Swann and Mr. Frank Smallwood. The occasion merited a picture, for it was Mr. Smallwood's 100th peal on 12 bells, his 100th peal with Mr. Walker and his 100th peal for the Guild.

Seven members were ringing their first quarter of Grandsire at St. Nicholas' Church, Ash, near Canterbury, on August 17th, when the bells were half-muffled for the unveiling of the memorial to the fallen, 1939-45. The exception was W. Bottrill. The band was Miss E. J. Holman 1. A. C. Gambrill 2, Miss D. M. Jenner 3, J. D. Ogilvy 4, W. Bottrill 5, W. C. E. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells (conductor) 7, A. Kemp 8.

Enjoying her honeymoon this week near Sandown, Isle of Wight, is Miss Mary H. Cole, daughter of Canon and Mrs. Cole, of Oatlands Vicarage, Weybridge. Miss Cole was married to Mr. L. F. Hopgood last Saturday. She is to make her new home at Isleworth, Middlesex. The best wishes of her many ringing friends are extended to her in her new life.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Four peals were rung to the memory of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope. Mr. C. W. Roberts, the Master of the Middlesex Association, conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Willesden, and the secretary of the Association that at Acton, which was a composition of Mr. Trollope's. The third peal was at Norwich and the fourth at Bromley, Kent.

It was at St. Peter Mancroft that Mr. Trollope rang his first peal on tower bells on June 8th, 1893, he having been elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association the previous year. Mr. Nolan Golden called this peal of Bob Major, 5,248 changes, the composition containing the extent of the combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and the 7648's and 7468's at course-ends. An attempt for a peal of Caters two days previously was lost after an hour's ringing owing to the tenor rope breaking.

Stationed at Gaza, Southern Palestine, 19059349 L.-Cpl. Turner R., 201 Provost Company, R.M.P., British Forces in Palestine, is anxious to hear of any other Service ringers stationed in this area. He receives 'The Ringing World' weekly and would be pleased to pass on his copy.

Misfortune befel Mr. Tony Appleton, of Godalming, during a ringing tour in Hants, Dorset, Somerset and Wilts. Cycling down a hill near Melksham, he collided with a motor-car. His colleagues left him at Melksham Hospital, suffering from concussion. He has since recovered sufficiently to return home.

Mr. A. J. Pitman will be interested in the peal of Spliced Bristol, Cambridge, London and Superlative rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, on August 15th. It was the peal we published on April 11th, and the conductor (Mr. J. C. E. Simpson) informs us that all the optional leads were rung as in Cambridge. A meritorious performance by a talented company.

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## COLLEGE YOUTHS HONOUR JOHN HARDHAM

It will be remembered that in 1946 members of the Ancient Society of College Youths kept green the memory of Benjamin Annable, who was Master 201 years ago. Annable was succeeded as Master by John Hardham, one of the members of his famous band. A happy suggestion by Mr. E. Alex. Young resulted in between 40 and 50 members of the Society visiting Chichester on August 9th to honour the memory of this famous Master of 200 years ago.

Perfect weather favoured the visitors, who were received by Mr. R. G. Blackman and the local Ringing Master, Mr. Falconer.

The bells at the Campanile were soon set going to well-struck touches in various methods up to London Surprise. Tea was served at the Tower Cafe and a distinguished company, including the Precentor of the Cathedral, the Mayor of Chichester, the president of the Central Council and the Master, secretary, treasurer and stewards of the Society, did ample justice to the good fare provided.

The company then adjourned to the Cathedral, where, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, the Rev. Brown-Wilkinson very graciously welcomed the visitors.

The Mayor of Chichester, on behalf of the civic authorities, also welcomed them and paid a high tribute to John Hardham and the Society, of which he was Master and such a prominent member. The Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil, expressed the thanks of the visitors and called upon Mr. E. Alex. Young to say a few words about the purpose of the visit.

Mr. Young spoke of the sterling character of John Hardham, who was a native of Chichester. He came to London and founded a business in Fleet Street (just a few yards away from St. Bride's Church), which prospered and attracted many famous people to his shop, including the great actor, David Garrick. There was no picture of him which could give an idea of his appearance, but he pictured Hardham as a man of slight build, as he was inclined to ring at the front end.

Hardham was a great friend of the poor and very often he provided deserving cases with an annuity out of his own pocket. After making several bequests, he left the residue of his fortune—about £22,500—for the relief of the poor rates at Chichester. That was a



The College Youths at Chichester at the entrance to the Campanile. The Master (Mr. G. W. Cecil) is standing next to the Mayor of Chichester, who is wearing his chain of office. Mr. E. Alex. Young is on the extreme left and Mr. E. H. Lewis next to him.

very considerable sum in those days and would be in present-day values roughly about £100,000. Hardham was a man of very simple tastes and directed that not more than £10 should be spent on his funeral. Mr. Young mentioned that he had recently visited Hardham's shop and had purchased a supply of his famous snuff taken from the '37' box. The Mayor of Chichester tried this and pronounced it to be excellent. Photographs having been taken, a company of College Youths ascended the tower and rang a service touch of Stedman Triples: E. G. Fenn treble, W. H. Pasmore 2, A. A. Hughes 3, J. Waugh 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, E. H. Lewis 6, R. F. Deal 7, A. B. Peck tenor.

At the business meeting which followed, six new members were unanimously elected to the Ancient Society, and hearty thanks were accorded to Mr. Blackman for making such splendid arrangements for the comfort of the party.

Altogether a most enjoyable and successful gathering, and the visitors returned to London, Portsmouth and other places with happy memories of Chichester and John Hardham. J. F. S.

Copies of the photograph can be obtained if application is made at once to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. Prices: 10 x 8, 4s.; 8½ x 6½, 3s.; 6½ x 4½, 2s.; postcards, 1s.

## OBITUARY

### DEATH OF A LANCASHIRE STALWART.

On August 11th, Lancashire lost one of its real backbone members by the death of Mr. William Robinson, of Ambleside.

In 1904 he was the pioneer in forming the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association and its first secretary, a position he held for 15 years. He was a keen ringer and instructor.

His keen interest may be gauged from the following exploit—one of many. He followed a Rugby team, and when they visited South Lancashire he would be running about the field all the afternoon, have tea, then ring in a peal. The train service home was inconvenient, causing him several hours' waiting at Preston, and then it only took him to Oxenholme, whence he was faced with a '6 miles' walk home. This he did, and he was always in his place in the belfry at 10 a.m. He would attend meetings at Kendal and then walk the 14 miles to his home.

Mr. Robinson was the caretaker at Ambleside Church for 20 years, and his genial disposition to everybody, whether ringers or not, caused him to be well known. This was shown by the large attendance at the church on Wednesday prior to the cremation at Carlton, Blackpool.

Although the time of the service was inconvenient and such short notice, there were over 30 ringers present. These included representatives from the following branches, viz., N. Newby, Furness; John Woods, Lancaster;

William Taylor, Preston; Peter Crook, Bolton; and W. H. Trueman and his son, of Swindon, who were staying in the district.

He must have been well known to many ringers outside Lancashire, because Ambleside is a popular holiday resort and he always accompanied the members of the National Police Guild to their annual meetings.

He rang and conducted many peals, but his pet performance was a 720 Bob Minor, rung double handed and 'silent' in a train whilst returning from a monthly meeting with Alf Brighton and another.

A widow and son are left to mourn their loss. The son is a regular ringer at Manchester Town Hall.

At a meeting at Kendal on Saturday last the members stood in silence to show their respect. For the service and during the afternoon Ambleside bells were rung fully muffled.

### MR. J. A. GODFREY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Arthur Godfrey, of Caythorpe, Grantham, and formerly of Gressenhall, Norfolk, on August 19th. He had been ailing since Whitsun, when he suffered an attack of bronchial pneumonia, from which he never fully recovered. He was 73.

Mr. Godfrey was for many years Ringing Master of North-West Norfolk, and he retained his characteristically keen interest in the activities of his numerous ringing friends right up to the time of his death.

## AN OUTING IN WARWICKSHIRE

Ringers from Burford, Oxford, had their outing on August 9th. Departing at 8.50 a.m., the journey was made via Stow-on-the-Wold, and the descent of the steep hill into Broadway, in perfect summer weather, afforded a magnificent view of the landscape. The first tower of the day was Badsey, Worcs., where an hour's ringing on the pleasant toned eight was enjoyed by all.

Stratford-on-Avon was reached shortly before noon, and after more ringing in this spacious belfry the party adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent lunch was served.

The next tower to be visited was St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters were the popular methods on this fine ring of ten. The writer also had the privilege of playing on the magnificent organ at this church. The coach was again boarded, to reach Leamington Spa a few minutes later, where the bells were soon set going to the standard methods, and the ringing on this delightful eight was a pleasure to all.

Tea was found in this town, which afforded a rest and put everyone in form for the last tower of the day—Southam. Arriving here at 6.30 p.m., the party were met by the Vicar, who extended a welcome to all, and ringing took place in various methods, including Double Norwich, and Spliced Stedman and Erin Triples. B. S. N.



# ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG ON TOWER BELLS DURING THE YEAR 1946

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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ASSOCIATION	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL	CATERS	MAJOR	TRIPLES
	Cambridge Yorkshire York Superlative Kent Treble Bob Little Bob Stedman Grandshire New Cambridge Cambridge Yorkshire York Belgrave Kent Treble Bob Oxford Treble Bob Plain Bob Little Bob Double Norwich Stedman Grandshire Erin Plain Bob London Cambridge Yorkshire Bristol Superlative Rutland Hinton Painswick Norfolk New Cambridge Lincolnshire Pudsey Isleworth Camdon Glasgow York Bognor Ablehead Aldersham Spliced Kent Treble Bob Oxford Treble Bob Little Albion Spliced Ox and Kent Double Norwich Gainsborough L. Bob Gains L.B. and P.B. St. Lawrence L. Bob Witcher Bob Plain Bob Double Bob Pershore Bob St. Clement's C. Bob Little Bob Marlborough Bob Norfolk Imperial Bob Cambridge Court Bob Wellington L. Court Canterbury Pleasure Syston Delight Stedman Grandshire Erin Union Double Oxford Bob Oxford Bob					
An. Soc. College Yths.		1	2			
Bath and Wells Dio.				1		
Bedfordshire						
Cambridge Univ. Gld.						
Chester Diocesan		1	1	1	5	5 6 2 3 1
Coventry Dio. Guild						4 2 3 1
Devonshire				1		
Derby Association			1	1		
Dudley and District						
Durham & Newcastle	1					
East Grinstead Guild						
Ely Diocesan						
Essex Association		1	1 1	1 1	1 2	1 2 2 2 1
Gloucester & Bristol	1	2				2 2 2 2 1
Guildford Diocesan				1	1	2 1 1
Hereford Diocesan						
Hertford County			1	2	1	2 3 2 2 1
Irish Association						
Kent County		1	1			4 1 6 2 4
Ladies' Guild			1 1 2	1		1 1 2 1 1 1 1
Lancashire Assoc.						
Leicester Dio. Guild	2 2 1 1	2	1 1 1	4	2 2	1 5 1 3 6 3
Lincoln Dio. Guild		7			2 1	1 3 3 2 2
Llandaff & Monmouth				1 1	4	1 3 2 2
London County Assn			1	1	5 1	2 6 1 6 1 1
Middlesex County						
Midland Counties					1	
National Police Guild						
Norwich Diocesan				1		
North Staffs Assn						
North Wales Assn						
Oxford Dio. Guild		2	1	1	3 3	7 5 5 1
Oxford University Soc.	1					
Peterborough Dio.					1 2	
St. David's Dio. Guild						
St. Martin's Guild						
Salisbury Guild	1 1	12	1 2 3		2 1 1	2 7 6 1 1
Shropshire Assoc.		1				
Soc. R. Cum. Youths				1		
Southwell Dio. Guild		1			1	1 1 1
Stafford Archdeaconry			1	2	1 5	1 1 1
Suffolk Guild		6		1	5	1 1 1
Surrey Association		1 1		2		2 5 1
Sussex Association			1		1 3 1	1 1 1
Swansen and Brecon			2		2 3	3 5 4
Truro Diocesan						
Universities Assoc.		2				
Win. and Portsmouth		1				
Worcester & Districts		1			2 4	3 4 2 1 1
Yorkshire Assoc.					3 4	5 3 2 3 3
Unattached	1			1 1	2	2 7 4
TOTAL	5 3 1 1 3 2 39 3	2 14 6 1 120	1 17 2 1 41 43 1 1	29 92 41 28 45 4 2 8 2 4 7 2 1 1 1 1 4 1	8 87 21 1 3 115 1 4 1 1 137 1 3 4 8 1 1 2 1 1 1 99 127 1 1 2 8	

\*London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge,

†Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire.

‡London and Cambridge.

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## ANALYSIS OF TOWER BELL PEALS (cont.)

ASSOCIATION	MINOR													DOUBLES										TOTAL, Tower Bells	TOTAL, Handbells*	GRAND TOTAL
	25 Methods	15 Methods	14 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	9 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method					
An. Soc. College Yths.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5		
Bath and Wells Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	—	35		
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	15		
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	13	24		
Chester Diocesan	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	1	1	4	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	7	83		
Coventry Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	2	28		
Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	9		
Derby Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	8		
Dudley and District	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2		
Durham and Newcastle	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	3	37		
East Grinstead Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2		
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	27	3	30		
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	42	28	70		
Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	1	19		
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	—	46		
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	20		
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	5	39		
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1		
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	111	14	125		
Ladies' Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1		
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	3	5	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	99	4	103		
Leicester Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65	32	97		
Lincoln Dio. Guild	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	2	—	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	75	15	90		
Llandaff & Monmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	20		
London County Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	15		
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	39	76		
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	16		
National Police Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2		
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	—	1	2	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	3	69		
North Staffs Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	10		
North Wales Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2		
Oxford Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	5	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	93	3	96		
Oxford University Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	10	17		
Peterborough Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	1	1	1	7	—	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	31	—	31		
St. David's Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1		
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	7	65		
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	1	42		
Shropshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	1	14		
Soc. R. Cum. Youths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	11		
Southwell Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	6	31		
Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	2	21		
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	—	36		
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	—	28		
Sussex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49	14	63		
Swansea and Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3		
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	6		
Universities' Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	8	23		
Win. and Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49	9	58		
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	1	55		
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	91	1	92		
Unattached	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5		
TOTAL	2	1	1	1	5	1	271	8	14	34	50	14	135	1	3	1	2	11	16	60	1555	240	1795			

\*Includes Guild of Clerical Ringers 1, Scottish Association 1

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

## NEW MASTER OF THE WIGAN BRANCH.

The Wigan Branch at their monthly meeting at Halsall on August 9th received the resignation of their Ringing Master, Mr. A. Parker. Mr. J. Booth was elected as his successor. Mr. G. Cudwell (churchwarden) presided, and thanks were expressed to the Vicar, who conducted a short service and gave an address to the ladies who waited at table and the local ringers.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. Rounds were rung for the very junior members, the youngest being nine years old. About 30 members were present.

## ANOTHER BOUQUET, MORTON!

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate the youngsters who rang the peal of Minor at Morton, Derbyshire, on August 1st, and wish them progress in the future. In the aftermath of war years we are sadly in need of new young blood in the Exercise, and the more enterprising young people we get such as these the better. In these days when amusement is 'laid on tap,' so to speak, it is gratifying to see at least one band of young men providing their own, and one which can be of service, and calling for real effort, team spirit and a fair amount of sacrifice.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

Peterborough Training College.

LETTERS  
More Oddities

Dear Sir,—Mr. Eric Nobles' memory must be very short about his illustrated oddity of ringing from a chair, or he would remember ringing with myself and others at Oundle last Boxing Day, where the treble man has to look up at the person on the 2nd, who rings from a similar contraption (only with no chair back to it), and the fourth ringer has to look up at the person on the 3rd, who rings from the stone steps as you enter the belfry. Between the 2nd and 3rd is the clock case. The ropes fall in a more or less half-circle.

There is also an oddity at Saddington, Leicestershire, where the 2nd ringer of the five has to stand on a stone platform above the level of the others to ring. When I got the ban removed on the ringing of Kelmarsh bells on December 14th, 1944 (and Mr. Frank Tysoe will bear me out), to try them we had to borrow four ropes from Bromham. One of these was very short, and the ringer had to stand on two hassocks mounted on top of a wooden form about 4ft. above the others. The bells had not been rung for 15 years owing to a dispute with the late Rector. Kelmarsh bells are now ringing once again. They are an interesting ring of six, all by Edward Arnold, 1774, tenor 9½ cwt. Shortly they are to be put on ball bearings, and contributions to the Rector, Canon Cattell, would be welcomed. About £230 is required.

Northampton.

P. AMOS.

P.S.—The church is a gem well worth pausing to visit by tourists. From 1812 to 1945 it had only three Rectors—George Hanbury, 1812-1862; Richard Dalton, 1862-1902; James Clifford Wall, 1902-1945. I am trying to find out where the longest ministry was held. So far Marston Trussell, Northants, has it, in John Whyte, who was Rector 61 years, from 1561-1622. Do any of your readers know of a longer ministry?

## CHAIR AT GRAVESEND

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Nobles likes to come to Gravesend on any wet Thursday, we have a leaky steeple which will enable him to ring the 2nd from a chair.

The 2nd at Swanscombe has a disconcerting habit of wrapping its rope round the clock, which it hurls across the chamber. The tenor of Orsett, Essex, has the oddity of lowering itself in the middle of a touch.—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT.

164, Parrock Street, Milton-next-Gravesend.

## ERIN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The peal of Erin Triples published in last week's 'Ringing World' is simply the original peal produced by Mr. J. W. Parker, with the omitted single transferred from the second to the twelfth course of the part.

Variations of ten-part peals of Erin Triples on the twin bob plan are confined to alterations of the positions of these omitted singles and corresponding inserted courses, and the transference of some or all of the two-bob courses from 34 to 56.

The number of these variations is strictly limited, and, in fact, they have already been worked out theoretically. So I fear there is no hope of further compositions being produced on this plan. Even six and three-part peals have been pretty well worked out.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham.

ADDITIONAL COPIES of a particular issue of 'The Ringing World' can be obtained if an order is sent with the report, peal or quarter-peal. Otherwise, the reserve of back numbers is very limited.



## Norwich Diocesan Association

### PRESENTATION TO MR. W. J. LEE.

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Norton Subcourse on August 9th, and was attended by 46 members. Ringing started early in the afternoon and was carried on till late in the evening, various Minor methods being rung to suit all comers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. Morris). Tea was held in the Church Hall and the business meeting followed.

The chairman, Mr. H. J. Eldred, invited Sir Edmund Bacon to take the chair. He was supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), Messrs. H. J. Eldred and J. Harwood (branch sec.). Also present were Mr. G. W. Fletcher (secretary, Central Council), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild) and Mr. H. Tooke (secretary, North Norfolk). John Ward, Percy Charles Punnett, Fred Charles Elke and Hilda Taylor were elected members of the Association. It was decided that Blofield be the venue for the next meeting, October 11th.

The President (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) referred to the distinguished services rendered by Mr. W. J. Lee, who recently retired from the chairmanship of the branch, and of his long service as an officer. On behalf of the members he presented him with a cheque and wished him many more years to enjoy his ringing. Mr. Lee appropriately thanked the president and members for their kindness.

Members attended from Beccles, Bergh Apton, Caistor-on-Sea, Fornsett, Gorleston, Haddiscoe, Loddon, Mulbarton, Kessingland, Norton, Norwich, Reedham, Saxlingham, Thurlton, Terrington St. John, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, Raveningham and Somerleyton.

### BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT

#### BRIDLINGTON PRIORY VISITED.

A record attendance of about 80 accepted the cordial invitation of Canon J. W. Lamb to the Society to visit Bridlington Priory Church on August 9th. The bells are a musical ring of eight, with tenor 26 cwt., and their go is all that can be desired. The service touch, 275 Stedman Triples, conducted by the Ringing Master (Lieut. Clem Glenn, R.N.), was well performed.

Canon Lamb conducted the service and gave a most interesting address. Special buses had been chartered to convey the company to a cafe, where full justice was done to the tea.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. G. F. Williams) was chairman, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), Mr. Clem Glenn, Mr. A. H. Fox, Canon Lamb, the Rev. G. S. Storer and Mr. A. E. Sellers, secretary.

Elected as honorary life members were Mrs. A. E. Lamb, Mrs. Albert E. Sellers and Canon J. W. Lamb.

Burstwick was selected for the October meeting, and Mr. D. A. Fewster promised to try and make the arrangements. Barton-on-Humber is the venue for the meeting on September 13th, when two splendid light rings of eight will be available and the Society will be joined by Lincolnshire friends.

Thanks to Canon Lamb and local ringers were voiced by Mr. A. H. Fox, president of the Eastern District. At the ringing which followed the first touch of Double Norwich by members of the Society was accomplished.

### MARRIAGE OF LIVERSEDGE RINGERS

The wedding took place at Liversedge Parish Church on Friday, August 22nd, of Mr. Gilbert Jones and Miss Hilda Paver. Both are ringers at Liversedge Parish Church and are members of the Yorkshire Association and the local ringing associations of Yorkshire. Curate Mr. Child performed the ceremony.

The Liversedge ringers and friends from Batley, Birstall, Earlsheaton and Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool, rang the bells before and after the service. The reception was held in the Parish Church Institute. The honeymoon is being spent in Devon.

## NOTICES

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### MARRIAGE

**JONES—PAVER.**—On Aug. 22nd, at Liversedge Parish Church, Yorks, Gilbert Jones, of Hightown, Liversedge, to Hilda Paver, of Cleckheaton.

1866

### RETURN THANKS

Mr. William Hart, 17, Powis Square, Brighton, wishes to thank all who sent messages of sympathy and floral tributes at the passing of his brother, Keith.

1865

Mrs. Keith Hart and family return thanks for the kindness shown in their sad bereavement.

1879

### FOR SALE

**SET OF 12 HANDBELLS**, tenor size 21 in D, in good condition, £10; seen any time.—Webb, 68, Browns-hill Green Road, Coventry.

1851

### PUBLICATION

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. A. Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Birstwith (8 bells), Sat., Aug. 30th.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec.

1787

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Western Division.—Meeting, Prittlewell (10), Sat., Aug. 30th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay (8) from 7.30 to 9.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

1840

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke District) and **GUILDFORD GUILD** (Farnham District).—Combined meeting at Yateley on Sat., Aug. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5. Hawley and Sandhurst bells available after tea.

1831

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech District.—Newton-in-the-Isle (6), Sat., Aug. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

1849

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Meeting, Assington (6), Sat., Aug. 30th, 3 to 7.30. All Saints' (8), Sudbury, available 7.30 to 9. Own tea. Buses from Sudbury. Alight Boxford Corner.—A. Fitch.

1845

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Monday, Sept. 1st, 7.15, at St. Mary's, Lambeth, a practice meeting; everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

1869

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, DERBY.**—Commencing Sept. 4th, ringing practice on Thursday instead of Wednesday, 7.30 to 9. Visiting ringers welcome. Standard methods.—George Freebrey, 76, St. Thomas Road, Derby.

1863

**SURREY ASSN.** (North-Western District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSN** (Lewisham District).—A joint meeting will be held at Beddington on Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5.15. All will be welcome. Please notify Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, for tea, by Sept. 1st.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

1822

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting, West Stow (6), Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to A. Gillings, Dis. Sec., Horringer.

1841

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Old Whittington, cup contest, Sept. 6th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—H. Chaddock, Hon. Sec.

1837

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Lamberhurst (6) on Sept. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Break for tea 5, followed by business meeting. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.

1829

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Easton (6) on Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Notify for tea H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex. 1839

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Hadleigh District.—Copdock (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec.

1835

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Boxley (6), Sept. 6th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone.

1847



LANCS. ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Christ Church, Aughton, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea in schools. Notify Mr. J. Lunham, 3, Primrose Cottages, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk. Make it a success. 1861

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (8) from 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. each for those who notify Mr. J. W. Thompson, 16, Northolmby Street, Howden, E. Yorks, by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1846

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting Balcombe, Sept. 6th, 3. Service and tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 1826

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Abbots Langley (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 3. Names for tea to C. Ridgeway, Marston, Abbots Langley, Herts. 1855

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Warfield (8), Sat., Sept. 6th, 6 to 9.—B. C. Castle. 1854

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting Old Alresford (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 2.30; also New Alresford (8). Service 4. Tea Village Hall 5. Names by Sept. 3rd to L. A. Tremear, The Dean, Alresford, Hants. 1854

NORTH WALES ASSN.—Meeting Rhyl, Sept. 6th. Service 3, followed by business meeting and tea Church House; Names by Sept. 2nd. Bells available: Rhyl (8) and Abergele (6).—W. Catherall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 1850

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting Withington, Sept. 6th. Bells available 3. Cups of tea at 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1836

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Quarterly meeting Bidford-on-Avon, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Small charge for tea. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham, by Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. 1858

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Sept. 6th, 2.30. Names for tea to Percy Johnson, 45, Watt Street, Gateshead, 8, by Sept. 4th.—Frank Ainsley, Sec. 1860

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting Balcombe, Sept. 6th, in conjunction with the Sussex Association (Northern Division) meeting.—Miss L. Skeet, 8, Cobbles Crescent, Crawley. 1827

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Peak Branch.—Tideswell (8), Sat., Sept. 6th, 3.15. Cups of tea only.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec., Darley Dale. 1875

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Kirkham on Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1877

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral, Sept. 6th. Ringing at 3. Meeting in the tower at 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1878

HEREFORD GUILD.—Combined practice will be held at Bromyard on Sat., Sept. 6th, at 5.30.—A. S. Tomkins. 1867

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Sat., Sept. 6th, 3.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 1872

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Netherbury (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. 1882

ESSEX ASSN.—Reopening St. Barnabas', Great Tey, on Sat., Sept. 6th, 6. Free tea (4.30) for all ringers sending names not later than Sept. 3rd to Mr. J. W. Dyer, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec. 1881

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting St. Mark's, Glodwick, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells 3. Cups of tea provided in school 5.15. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.—I. Kay, Sec. 1856

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Greasley, Notts, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Ratcliffe, Post Office, Guiltbrook, by Sept. 3rd.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec. 1848

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Dunster Deanery.—Meeting Wiveliscombe, Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow.—G. Stacey, Minehead. 1857

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per head) to those who notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1868

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly, Llanbadarn Fawr (8), Sept. 13th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, Hon. Sec., 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 1853

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting Beccles, Suffolk, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.45 at Y.M.C.A. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, without fail by Sept. 10th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Sylvia R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1852

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Harwich, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Tea only for names received by Sept. 8th.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thorington, Colchester. 1859

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Sept. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5. Will all requiring tea please send cards by Sept. 10th.—N. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 1864

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Horsell (6), Sept. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify me by Tues., Sept. 9th.—F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 1873

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Otley, Sept. 13th. Tea, apply to Mr. G. Appleyard, 35, South View Terrace, Otley, not later than Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available 2. Tea 5. Business meeting 6.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 1880

ESSEX ASSN.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Sept. 10th, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1876

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee meet 3.30 in vestry. Tea (3s. 6d. per head) served at 5 at Hagenbach's Cafe. Names to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, by September 16th. General meeting at Royal Hotel 6.—Leslie W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1874



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## UNDERSTANDING

The other man's viewpoint is constantly being exemplified. In the field of international politics some regard it as the basis of world peace; in industry it is the starting point towards team spirit; and among the all sorts and conditions of men who go towards forming the Church it is one of the secrets of unity. For example, the question might be asked, What is the price of coal? £4 a ton or more might be the answer. Through other spectacles the price is the mining village, the miners' homes, the conditions under which they live and work and the fatherless children.

True understanding will only be reached when we see the other side of the picture. The principle applies with equal force to ringers and parsons. Ringers are frequently reminded of their duty to the Church, and it is right that such talks and, if necessary, admonitions should be given. On the other hand mutual understanding will only be achieved if the parson succeeds in understanding the outlook of those in the belfry. The Rev. C. Carew Cox, in his notes as Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, makes a timely observation on this subject. He writes:—

'I do want to appeal especially for a knowledgeable backing of their ringers' work by the clergy generally, and would dare to suggest that the incumbent of every affiliated tower should become at least an honorary member of the Guild, if not a ringer. Also, that he should, whenever possible, accompany his ringers to the quarterly and annual meetings of the branches. The proceedings at the business meetings do help to widen interest and give some insight into the technicalities of ringing, and every parish priest should qualify himself to some extent to appreciate the prowess of his ringers beyond just thinking of them, perhaps, as pulling the bells.'

There is a school of thought which advocates that affairs in the belfry go sweeter without the presence of the incumbent. We do not subscribe to that view. Ringers desire to rank as servants of the Church in the same manner as the choir, and they need their priest just as much as any other section of Church workers. Their pride in service to the Church takes a different footing if it is understood that it is not the mere 'pulling of bells.' The Gospel for St. Bartholomew's Day has this telling phrase: 'They that exercise authority upon them are called bene-



factors.' Yes we ringers want our priests to be benefactors—not in the financial sense, but in the spiritual sense; and the basis of benefaction is doubly increased when it is given with understanding.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

BERNARD MOODY ... Treble	CLEMENT GLENN ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3	DAVID VINCENT ... 8
JOHN H. LENTON ... 4	*BERT SUTTON ... 9
GEORGE DOWLING ... 5	LEONARD RODMELL ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal on ten bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 29 cwt.

*HAROLD HARRISON ... Treble	†SIDNEY D. AINGER ... 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 2	*EDWIN H. NASH ... 7
†WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 8
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4	†GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
GORDON HARRISON ... 5	EDWARD H. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal on ten. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Caters 'inside.' Rung in honour of Princess Margaret's 17th birthday. J. T. Dyke's 600th peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5
CYRIL J. BURNS ... 2	HENRY TOOKE ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	CEDRIC CURSON ... 7
GEORGE SAYER ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... Treble	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
HAROLD F. WOOD ... 4	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the second VJ-Day.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... Treble	*LEONARD C. WELLS ... 5
*MARGARET E. GREEN ... 2	*REGINALD L. SILLS ... 6
†EDNA M. SILLS ... 3	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 7
†COLIN F. MILLS ... 4	†ROBERT PALMER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Major and first in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method. In honour of the fifth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. E. S. J. Hatcher.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	ALAN F. THIRST ... 5
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
JOHN S. WALTON ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Treble	LEONARD TREVOR ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the 70th anniversary of Mr. E. C. Gobey's birthday and his granddaughter's 12th.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5
JOSEPH SAXTON ... 2	HERBERT ROOK ... 6
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 3	LESLIE W. BACON ... 7
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. C. BRIGGS

First peal as conductor.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

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

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. in C.

PERCY SWINDLEY ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	JAMES S. WEBB ... 6
JOHN HAYES ... 3	HARRY PYE ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

HARRY BAXTER ... Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 5
BRIAN AUSTIN ... 2	B. D. J. SADDINGTON ... 6
RAYMOND H. IDLE ... 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 7
WILLIAM HECTOR ... 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by G. E. WATSON.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL. — On August 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. James 1, H. Miles 2, Miss J. E. Withey 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, W. J. Sanders 5, W. A. Darlington 6, E. Sanders 7, D. J. Whear 8. First quarter of Triples by 1, 3, 6 and 8.



**SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**  
 Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.  
 HAROLD A. NOBES ... *Treble* | CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 5  
 JOHN H. HUNT ... 2 | TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6  
 \*TOM PAGE ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7  
 ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 4 | FREDERICK W. BURNETT. *Tenor*  
 Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.  
 \* First peal of New Cambridge.

**HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**  
 Tenor 12 cwt.  
 \*CHARLES BROWN ... *Treble* | †HERBERT LOWMAN ... 5  
 †MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2 | KENNETH W. MAYER ... 6  
 KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3 | †CYRIL WARD ... 7  
 †ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 4 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.  
 \* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Superlative Surprise Major. First peal of Superlative Surprise Major as conductor.

**DISS, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., Aug. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**  
 Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.  
 ALBERT G. HARRISON ... *Treble* | ERIC G. BENNETT ... 5  
 SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2 | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6  
 ALBERT E. WHITING ... 3 | LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7  
 WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 4 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

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*On Mon., Aug. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**  
 Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.  
 \*JOHN COLLING ... *Treble* | †THOMAS W. DOBSON ... 5  
 †BETTY LONGSTAFFE ... 2 | GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 6  
 THOMAS SENIOR ... 3 | THOMAS COOKE ... 7  
 W. NORMAN PARK ... 4 | LUCIAN VENUS ... *Tenor*  
 Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.  
 \* First peal. † First peal in the method. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Venus for their 70th birthdays.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Aug. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**  
 Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.  
 WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... *Treble* | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5  
 JANET MATTINSON ... 2 | CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6  
 ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3 | HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7  
 EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4 | HAROLD A. MAY ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.  
 First peal of Major as conductor.

**CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Aug. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,  
**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**  
 Tenor 10½ cwt.  
 KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... *Treble* | †CLIFFORD BENN ... 5  
 \*JACK F. HODSON ... 2 | RONALD H. DOVE ... 6  
 †PATRICIA BARTON ... 3 | GORDON BENFIELD ... 7  
 †MOLLY AMBLER ... 4 | CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.  
 \* 25th peal. † First peal in the method.

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

*On Wed., Aug. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**  
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.  
 LEONARD TUFFREY ... *Treble* | JOHN PINFOLD ... 5  
 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2 | HENRY H. FEARN ... 6  
 \*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3 | \*FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7  
 \*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.  
 \* First peal in the method.

**WIMBORNE, DORSET.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Wed., Aug. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**  
 Tenor 17½ cwt.  
 EDWARD F. M. SAMSON *Treble* | W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5  
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2 | REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 6  
 MARY E. DAVIS ... 3 | THOS. W. KIMBER ... 7  
 DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

**QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., Aug. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**  
 Tenor 14½ cwt.  
 HARRY WILDE ... *Treble* | WILLIAM BARTON ... 5  
 GORDON BENFIELD ... 2 | JACK HODSON ... 6  
 \*PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3 | WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7  
 GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4 | SAM LONGBOTTOM ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WM. BARTON.  
 \* First peal in the method.

**GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Fri., Aug. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**  
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.  
 HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... *Treble* | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5  
 ALFRED BALLARD ... 2 | \*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6  
 ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7  
 SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4 | J. FREDK. MILNER ... *Tenor*  
 Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
 \* First peal of London Surprise Major.

## SIX BELL PEALS

**CHIDWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Aug. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**  
 Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.  
 CHARLES ROUSE ... *Treble* | .REV. NOEL E. HOPE ... 4  
 MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2 | HERBERT KNIGHT ... 5  
 JOHN THOMAS ... 3 | THOMAS W. TIMMS ... *Tenor*  
 Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
 First peal of Minor on the bells.

**ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**  
 Seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
 MISS BETTY BROWN ... *Treble* | CHARLES BROWN ... 4  
 \*SAMUEL H. SUTTON ... 2 | BERNARD H. DALTON ... 5  
 \*KENNETH KETTERINGHAM ... 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... *Tenor*  
 Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.



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## TUTBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*MISS NOREEN BRAIN ... Treble	EDWIN H. NASH ... 4
*MISS RHODA HEMMING ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
GORDON HARRISON ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since being augmented to six in 1934.

## MARTIN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*ERNEST VICKERS ... Treble	†CHARLES BROWN ... 4
†BETTY BROWN ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. T. Paddison, Vicar of the parish, who is shortly retiring.

## PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve extents of Stedman, eight extents of Plain Bob and twenty-two extents of Grandsire.

*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... Treble	†ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 4
†GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
†JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Doubles in three methods. ‡ First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

## TAYNTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Burford Guild.)

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*THOS. H. J. PRINCE ... Treble	THOMAS W. TIMMS ... 4
†FRANK SODEN ... 2	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN ... 3	†WILLIAM J. DIXON ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First attempt for a peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor and first of Bob Minor. First peal on the augmented six, and believed the first peal ever rung in the tower.

## WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

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

Comprising two 2.160's and one 720. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4
GEORGE F. LARGE ... 2	*FREDK. A. MERRICK ... 5
*C. WILLIAM NUTT ... 3	†THOS. W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal in the Oxford Variation. † First of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

## WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ARTHUR BELLAMY ... Treble	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 4
*ARTHUR GIBBS ... 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 3	JACK STUBBS ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK STUBBS.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 3-4	MARY E. DAVIS ... 7-8

Conducted by MARY E. DAVIS.

\* 150th peal. First peal as conductor. A 17th birthday compliment to the conductor.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

CHARLES MARSHALL ... 1-2	*ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 9-10
ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 32, KING EDWARD ROAD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

*LEONARD TREVOR ... 1-2	†WILLIAM A. STOTT ... 5-6
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7-8

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by T. W. SHEPPARD.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First peal in the method as conductor.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch)

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT 32, RUSKIN AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5-6
†JOHN FREEMAN ... 3-4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7-8
	†KENNETH W. MAYER ... 9-10

Composed by REV H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First ten-bell peal 'in hand.'

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8
JILL POOLE ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6	ERNEST MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed by SAM WOOD. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells by all, and first handbell peal on twelve bells by ringer of 1-2.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5999 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* 999th peal, with which the odd changes were specially composed to coincide.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours,

UNDER THE TOWER IN ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JILL POOLE ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

1,000th peal by Ernest Morris. 100th peal of Stedman by Alfred Ballard.



**BERRINGTON, SALOP.**—On August 24th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Noel Evans 1, Miss E. M. Duppa 2, S. Weir 3, W. H. Downes 4, W. H. Lloyd (conductor) 5, P. Owen 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Ringing Master, the late W. J. Beniams, Ludlow.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On August 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,248 London Surprise Major: G. Wm. Critchley 1, Albert Walker 2, Sidney O'C. Holloway 3, John Pinfold 4, Henry H. Fearn 5, James F. Harvey 6, Frank E. Haynes 7, George E. Fearn (conductor) 8.

**BRISTOL.**—On August 21st, in the belfry of SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, on handbells, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss A. Brown 1-2, T. Harris 3-4, E. J. Brown (conductor) 5-6, R. C. Seager 7-8.

**BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.**—At Higher Eastbrook Farm on Friday, August 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: G. Walford 1-2, W. Stevens (conductor) 3-4, Miss G. Stevens 5-6. First quarter as conductor and first quarter on handbells by ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

**COUND, SALOP.**—On August 23rd, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Doubles, being 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 780 Grandsire: E. Hill 1, Miss R. J. Lloyd (first quarter inside) 2, P. J. L. Purslow (conductor) 3, F. Owen 4, C. E. Edwards 5, E. Garbett 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late W. J. Beniams, Ringing Master, Ludlow District.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church on August 23rd, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. G. F. Reynolds 1, R. Pankhurst 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, Frank Bennett (conductor) 4, F. Perrins 5, F. Dallaway 6, A. Levett 7, H. Stalham 8. First quarter in the method for the ringers of 2 and 3. Also at St. Saviour's Church on August 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Percy 1, F. Waymark 2, R. Pankhurst 3, E. Gower 4, G. Becey 5, H. G. F. Reynolds 6, F. Dallaway (conductor) 7, C. H. Gatland 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—On August 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss N. E. Shorter 1, W. C. Parker 2, E. W. Butler 3, W. Shepherd (conductor) 4, E. Armstrong 5, R. C. Knight (Cambridge) 6, J. B. Hessey 7, R. Lathbury 8.

**FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.**—At Christ Church on August 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Davis 1, J. Petrott 2, T. Blow 3, W. Brownett 4, J. Hayward 5, Miss E. George 6, H. Simmons (conductor) 7, F. Jones 8.

**GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.**—On August 24th, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. John Godfrey: G. Chambers 1, G. P. Adams 2, R. Bunning 3, G. Bunning 4, A. J. Smalls 5, B. Gogle (conductor) 6.

**GOSBERTON, Lincs.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on August 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob: H. Brooks, sen. 1, R. Sellars 2, N. Hutcheson 3, W. Worthington 4, Fred Payne 5, H. Bennett (conductor) 6. Rung on the birthday of the conductor.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cape (first quarter) 1, R. Biggs 2, D. Cox 3, A. J. James 4, A. Heywood 5, W. Lee 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

**KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, August 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beal 1, L. Ellis 2, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 3, T. Harris 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, J. Owen 7, T. Veale 8.

**LONG BUCKBY, RUGBY.**—On August 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Perry 1, P. Amos 2, S. Osborne 3, J. Webb 4, E. Orland (first quarter as conductor) 5. Rung for the patronal festival.

**MABLETHORPE, Lincs.**—On August 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): Dorothy Clark 1, Peggy G. Kitchen 2, Christine Dunnington 3, G. A. Olliffe 4, J. Bramley 5, G. H. Dunnington (first as conductor) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

**POWICK, WORCS.**—On August 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Cook 1, J. F. Harvey 2, G. Cook 3, G. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

**PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.**—On August 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Cawse (first quarter) 1, R. A. Southwood 2, Mary Jaycock 3, D. G. Rice 4, W. G. Lavers (conductor) 5, G. W. Lavers 6.

**SANDHURST, BERKS.**—On August 24th, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): G. Searle 1, W. J. Parker (conductor) 2, L. Paice 3, J. Parker 4, C. Barlow 5, F. Purvey 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

**SHIPLAKE, OXON.**—On August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Jemmett 1, E. Smith 2, G. Cleave 3, W. Avery (first quarter) 4, E. Nash (conductor) 5, P. Aldridge 6, M. Tanner 7, A. Shepherd 8. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Dougal, who were married at this church, and sister to Mr. O. Porter, foreman of the Shiplake ringers.

**SOUTHPORT, LANCs.**—At Emmanuel Church on August 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Sumner 1, H. Wright 2, J. Sumner 3, Betty Sumner 4, E. Sumner 5, E. Raynor 6, N. Heaps (conductor) 7, Ernest Sumner 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for all except N. Heaps and E. Raynor, who come from Bradford.

**SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.**—On August 30th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford, also 720 Double Oxford: M. Rosin 1, S. F. Tuffley 2, Miss Stella Davis 3, G. Davis 4, R. F. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. W. A. D. Morris, for many years schoolmaster, organist and choirmaster in the parish.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On Aug. 24th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Duffield 1, W. Jarvis 2, F. Wigmore (conductor) 3, Miss Margaret Green 4, Miss Mary Whitlock 5, H. Piggins 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means 9, F. Moyes 10. First quarter of Caters by 1 and 4.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

The heartiest congratulations of the Exercise will go to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, who, after 41 years of ringing, reached the 1,000 peal mark last week. Mr. H. J. Poole, the conductor, tells us that the enthusiastic Morris insisted on getting the peal rung before he, Poole, left for a holiday!

Seventeen-year-old Mary E. Davis has reached 150 peals with the handbell peal of Grandsire Triples at Bournemouth on August 17th, and incidentally her first as conductor.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Burton-on-Trent on August 22nd was Mr. J. T. Dyke's 600th peal. His first peal was rung at the same tower 38 years ago.

'Old Joe,' the Leicester Rhythm King on handbells, still retain his form, in spite of his 80 years, as he very forcibly demonstrated in the recent peal of Stedman Cinques.

The clock and chimes of St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, kindly given by the late Rupert Richardson, will be dedicated by Canon Carnegie, of Spalding, on September 7th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing 2.30 and after service.

Had the peal attempt, which preceded the quarter-peal at Long Buckby, recently, been successful, it would have been the first peal on the bells, the only other attempt being in 1856, when unfortunately the 4th bell was turned over in the last 120.

In the columns of this journal is an appeal for the church bells of Hanslope, Bucks. About 18 months ago they were declared unsafe by the Church Council, and expert opinion advised that the bells be rehung, new fittings, new wheels and bell ropes provided; in fact, a complete overhaul. It was also decided to add two new bells, not recast the six into a ring of eight, in order to retain the individuality and depth of the bells. The cost will be in the neighbourhood of £750, but the Council have £500 in hand. The balance is needed.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Martin, Lincolnshire, marks the achievement of a years old scheme by the inhabitants of this small village to provide a peal of bells for their parish church. The church was built in 1876, a tower being added in 1911. Soon after this a bell fund was started, but it was left to the present Vicar, the Rev. J. T. Paddison, to bring the project to a successful conclusion. Only a small 'ting-tang' had been available for all purposes since the church was built, until the new bells were dedicated on June 7th this year by the Ven. K. Lamplugh, Arch-deacon of Lincoln.

The bells are a fine ring of six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are hung in a massive iron frame designed for eight bells. The tower being only about 9ft. square, the frame has had to be constructed in two tiers, the 5th bell and the two empty pits being in the upper portion. As there were no ringers in the village, an entirely new band has been formed, including three girls of school age, and instruction is being given weekly by ringers from the neighbouring tower of Blankney. Good progress is being made, and it is hoped that the bells will be rung by an entirely local band before the retirement of the Vicar in a few weeks' time.

To celebrate the eightieth birthday of Mr. Harrison Smith, ringer for over fifty years at Wickhambreaux Church, Kent, Frank Ellen 1, Jack Walter 2, Sidney Walter 3, Percy W. Smith 4, Edward Wood 5, and Stanley White (conductor) 6, rang a quarter-peal of Minor, 1,260 changes, on Aug. 21st. In spite of a recent serious operation, Mr. Smith continues to ring short 'touches.' He has an excellent record of service to the Kent County Association, and particularly to the Canterbury District, where for a number of years he held office as district representative. His many ringing friends will wish him well.

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## ERNEST MORRIS ACHIEVES AMBITION

## SIXTEENTH 1,000-PEAL MAN

Fifty-eight-year-old Ernest Morris, of Leicester, now joins the ranks of those ringers who have rung 1,000 peals. Only 15 men before him have achieved this feat, and of these, five, James Bennett, Frank Bennett, Alfred H. Pulling, James George and George Williams are alive. The last two are no longer active peal ringers.

It has taken Mr. Morris 41 years to fulfil this ambition; in August, 1906, he rang his first peal at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, and on August 28th his thousandth, a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques in St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, to which he has been attached all his life. His father, that grand old man Josiah Morris, rang with him in his first, and with him in this, his latest.

As a boy, Ernest Morris, who was born in Leicester on July 28th, 1889, was not content to simply ring for services and an occasional peal. He wanted to know who made the bells, how they were cast, in fact, all about them. Numerous articles and books are the result. Morris wanted to be able to ring any kind of bell, large or small, good going or bad, and in any method and on any number. His record shows how he carried out this ambition, how he tackled some very tough propositions in remote country places where the bells were deemed impossible, sometimes going two or three times until he got through. With the exception of three only, Morris has rung a full peal on all the possible bells in his own native county. Peals at 125 churches in his native shire is a number not reached by any other ringer in any one county, and this includes 49 first peals on the bells.

Mr. Morris is well known as a conductor, and his first peal as such was at Melton Mowbray, where he called Grandsire Triples in May, 1908. He has rung and conducted peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve, and he is a ringer who thinks as much of assisting in a peal of Doubles as he does a peal of Maximus.

## HIS RECORDS AND LITERARY WORK.

Morris has taken part in many record lengths, including conducting the longest by the Midland Counties Association of Doubles (6,600), Minor (7,200 and 10,080), Bob Major (7,008 and 13,440), Kent Treble Bob (10,912) and Oxford Treble Bob (7,840). He also conducted the longest lengths of Bob Major by Central Northants Association, one of 7,488, and another of 9,760 with 400 singles. He called the record peals of Little Bob (6,720), Little Canterbury (6,720), Spliced Treble Bob (Ilkeston arrangement, 9,120), and rang in 9,600 Kent and Oxford Spliced. He also took part in the record peals of Cambridge Major (7,008 and 12,896), and the recent record 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford Cathedral.

He called the quickest tower-bell peal ever rung, a 5,040 Cambridge Minor in 1 hour 50 minutes; and also the only 'Ernest' peal. He has rung peals with four sets of brothers, four fathers and sons, and five fathers and sons, while his handbell peals range from Doubles to Maximus and include the lightest and heaviest sets ever rung. His peals have been spread over 219 towers in 24 counties for 25 associations and guilds.

It is, however, not only in peal ringing that Mr. Morris has done some excellent work. He served the Midland Counties Association as its honorary secretary from 1925 until it was divided into Diocesan Guilds in 1945. He is now vice-president of the Leicester Guild and acts as consultant for bells on the Advisory Committee for the Leicester Diocese.

With a penchant for historical research, Mr. Morris has a complete record of every bell in Leicestershire and all historic facts known of them. He has completely revised and corrected North's book up to date, and it is hoped that this will be printed as soon as the paper



MR. ERNEST MORRIS

crisis permits. He is the author of a 'Chronology of British Bell Founders' and many historic articles on other subjects, but he is, of course, best known to ringers as the author of 'History and Art of Change Ringing' and 'Legends of the Bells,' two volumes of great interest and value. He has in the publisher's hands a new work entitled 'Bells of All Nations,' which covers every type of bell in all lands.

He transcribed all the ancient baptismal, marriage and burial registers of St. Margaret's, where he is now Parish Clerk and Clerk of the Vestry, and for this and other works was made a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He is a member of the Johnsonian Society.

Latest is the contribution of an illustrated article on bells for the new edition of Chambers' 'Encyclopedia' and others to the B.B.C., Apollo Magazine, Nautical Magazine, Mecano Magazine and many journals on subjects as widely removed as horse brasses, fire backs, door knockers and, of course, 'Bells.' The art of illuminated design Mr. Morris taught himself, and this has enabled him to write peal tablets and peal books.

And all this has been achieved with one eye. Ernest Morris has been blind in the right eye from birth. Following is a list of the 1,000 peals.

DOUBLES		Rung Conducted	
One method	...	33	32
Two methods	...	16	16
Three methods	...	11	10
Four methods	...	16	16
Five methods	...	3	3
Six methods	...	2	2
Fourteen methods	...	1	
		82	79
MINOR			
Plain Bob	...	57	51
Kent Treble Bob	...	3	3
Oxford Treble Bob	...	1	1
Single Oxford	...	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	...	6	4
York Surprise	...	1	

Two methods	...	11	9
Three methods	...	17	15
Four methods	...	8	8
Five methods	...	3	3
Six methods	...	1	1
Seven methods	...	5	4
Twelve methods	...	1	
		115	100

## TRIPLES

Grandsire	...	99	72
Stedman	...	94	17
Canterbury Pleasure	...	1	1
		194	90

## MAJOR

Plain Bob	...	83	54
Little Bob	...	7	7
Plain and Little Bob	...	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure	...	2	2
Little Canterbury	...	3	3
Canterbury and Plain	...	1	1
Bob Major & Grandsire	...		
Triples	...	2	2
Double Norwich	...	38	13
D.N.C.B. and Plain Bob	...	1	1
Forward	...	1	1
Duffield	...	1	
Shilton	...	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	...	28	13
Oxford Treble Bob	...	4	2
Ilkeston 'Spliced'	...	7	3
Worcester 'Spliced'	...	2	1
Liversedge 'Spliced'	...	1	1
Granta 'Spliced'	...	1	1
Spliced three methods	...	1	1
Spliced six methods	...	1	1

## Surprise:—

Superlative	...	42	10
Real Superlative	...	1	1
Cambridge	...	55	12
New Cambridge	...	2	
London	...	31	1
Bristol	...	24	1
Yorkshire	...	3	
York	...	1	
Staffordshire	...	1	
Pudsey	...	1	
Bognor	...	1	
Spliced Camb. & Sup.	...	1	1
		349	135

## CATERS

Grandsire	...	22	14
Stedman	...	88	14
Spliced Stedman and Gr.	...	1	1
		111	29

## ROYAL

Plain Bob	...	10	5
Kent Treble Bob	...	11	5
Oxford Treble Bob	...	1	1
Spliced Kent and Oxford	...	1	
Double Bob	...	1	

## Surprise:—

Cambridge	...	34	5
New Cambridge	...	1	
Goldsborough	...	1	
Leicester	...	2	
Pudsey	...	2	
York	...	2	
Yorkshire	...	1	
Melton	...	1	
		68	16

## CINQUES

Grandsire	...	3	2
Stedman	...	51	2
		54	4

## MAXIMUS

Plain Bob	...	3	1
Kent Treble Bob	...	3	1
Cambridge Surprise	...	14	
New Cambridge Surprise	...	1	
Yorkshire Surprise	...	3	
York	...	1	
Pudsey	...	1	
Superlative	...	1	
		27	2

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## Leicester Diocesan Guild

### MEETING AT MEASHAM.

Breaking fresh ground, the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild held its first meeting at this north-western outpost of the diocese on August 23rd. The officers had every cause for satisfaction, for, blessed with beautiful weather, over 40 members attended, the following towers being represented: Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Copt Oak, Oaks-in-Charnwood, Hugglescote, Ibstock, Shepshed, Quorn, Loughborough and Whitwick, with members of the local band, and visitors from Netherseal, Deptford, Chilvers Coton and an officer cadet from Newark. Cups of tea (complete with 'jam sugar') were kindly provided by the wives of the local ringers.

At the business meeting, Mr. H. O. Over being in the chair, five new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting in September at Mountsorrel. The secretary also stressed the importance of early application for tickets for the diocesan festival on October 25th. At the request of the chairman, members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. A. Trollope.

It was hoped that this meeting might result in another district being formed to cover an otherwise isolated and neglected area. Unfortunately, support for this project was not sufficiently strong enough. Mr. H. Kirby, of Shepshed, voiced the thanks of those present to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the ladies for liquid nourishment.

Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major, and good striking was the order of the day.

### WEDDING BELLS

The bells were rung and afterwards 'fired' at the wedding of Mr. Burley P. Morris, only son of Mrs. Morris and the late Mr. Morris, of Warkton, Northants, to Miss Mary Swift, younger daughter of Mrs. Swift and the late Mr. Swift, of 86, Normandy Avenue, Chipping Barnet, Herts, which took place at Chipping Barnet Parish Church on August 23rd. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Roche.

The bride, who wore a dress of white organdie, with veil and headdress to match, was attended by her sister, Mrs. J. Chapman, as matron of honour, whilst two little attendants were Miss Patricia Gardner and Master Roger Chapman. The best man was Mr. E. E. Whitmore, of Raunds, a friend of the bridegroom.

A reception was held at the bride's parents' residence, after which the happy couple left for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon is being spent. In the evening a peal of Grand-seal Triples was rung.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

#### TEWKESBURY BRANCH MEETING.

Most of the towers in the branch were represented at the annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, held at Tredington on August 16th. Visitors from outside the diocesan area from Upton-on-Severn, Kempsey, Rington, Hinton, Ross-on-Wye, Gloucester and Cheltenham were also present. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. O. C. Hughes, who also presided at the business meeting. An excellent tea was provided by the local ladies.

Five new members were enrolled, and the Rev. O. C. Hughes was elected an hon. member. Mr. A. R. Lister was elected chairman and also representative on the Management Committee. Mr. E. T. Newbury was re-elected hon. secretary. The annual outing, which this year takes in the Wye Valley district, was discussed.

The musical ring of five bells (tenor 7 cwt.) was kept going till nine o'clock to various methods, and a very enjoyable afternoon and evening were enjoyed by all.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

### Ringling and Music

#### CONDUCTOR ANSWERS.

Dear Sir,—Why the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor rung at Elland, Yorks, brings to Mr. V. A. Jarrett's mind the correspondence of the Basingstoke peal I cannot imagine. Musically incorrect or not, the calling was true, and, most important to me as conductor, the striking was of the best.

The ringers' ropes were as tight in the last seven twenty as the first.

The light six were chosen for the benefit of two young ringers attempting their first peal, and the smiles of happiness which lit up their faces when they heard 'This is all' amply rewarded the efforts of Mr. F. Linfoot and myself.

This is not the first nor the last peal which has been rung on the front six at Elland, and if at any time it was deleted from the records of the Association, it will still be seen recorded on a peal board in the bell chamber of St. Mary's, Elland.

The tenor is 15 cwt. 3 qr. in F, the fifth is odd struck, the sixth rope slips the wheel if not kept tight, and the seventh is apt to drop when ringing. In the light of the above stated faults, these bells cannot be truly termed an excellent ring of bells.—Yours truly,

FRANK RHODES.

#### —AND A RINGER.

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read Mr. Jarrett's letter on the musical demerits of the Elland peal, and was more than surprised when he stated that our bells were an excellent ring of eight and should provide no difficulty for a Minor peal on the back six. This is contrary to the opinion of many local ringers, whose considered judgment I have every reason to respect, and who for years have been telling me that the tenors run badly.

I can assure Mr. Jarrett that I considered which six would be best to ring before we started the peal, and decided on the light six in the interests of (1) good striking, which to my way of thinking is the major point next to the truth of the peal; (2) of the comfort of the ringers; and (3) in consideration for the ringer of the 3rd, who on the back six would be ringing the odd-struck 5th, and who incidentally is a young first pealer of 15 years. We started with the hope of ringing a good peal, well struck, and we were highly satisfied with our performance.

Elland, Yorks.

FRED LINFOOT.

### LONGEST MINISTRY?

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Amos regarding length of a ministry at Marston Trussell over a period of 61 years, I would point out that Gulval, near Penzance, had a 73 years' ministry by the Rev. W. W. Winkfield. Gulval had three bells prior to 1889, when they were made six to commemorate 50 years' incumbency, and in 1913 another two bells formed the octave. These were in memory of the late Vicar, who was parson, guide and friend for 73 years. He was born before Waterloo, lived in six reigns, and was Vicar of Gulval under seven bishops.

Addlestone, Surrey.

W. SHEPHERD.

### ANOTHER CLAIM FOR IRELAND

Dear Sir,—In your issue of August 15th I see Mr. Dukes claims his peal of Doubles to be the first peal in two methods rung in Ireland, but this is not quite correct, as I myself conducted a double-handed peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor at Lamberton Lodge, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, about the year 1915. This peal with several others of Minor from one to seven methods will be found in the Irish Association's peal book. I feel quite sure Mr. Dukes will not resent this correction.—Yours truly,

West Ewell, Surrey.

A. HADLEY.

### Tribute to a Great Man

Dear Sir,—May I also be allowed to pay my humble tribute at the passing of a great man? All in all, there is no doubt that Mr. J. A. Trollope is the greatest ringer of all times. Of course, there are some who in one particular line have outshone him, whether it be, say, Mr. J. W. Parker in certain branches of composition, or the few great names one can think of in the sphere of practical ringing, but considering everything, there is nobody who has reached so great heights in so many ramifications of the art, and it is hard to imagine that anyone ever will reach such heights again. One hopes that it won't be long before plans are set on foot for some worthy memorial—personally a memorial library seems to be most fitting (this could take any of several forms), but perhaps I am a little premature in this.

I am grateful for your leading article. I am sure you speak for all members of the Council in regretting that what was intended as helpful suggestions should have been wrongly thought to be lack of appreciation of all that Mr. Trollope had done for ringing. But perhaps it is almost inevitable that this is the case whenever both are required. Personally I believe one can be both critical and appreciative at the same time, and that the two are not necessarily incompatible—here was a case in point. Be that as it may, we shall be all agreed that in the passing of Mr. Trollope we have lost an exponent of our art unique and irreplaceable, and I shall always be proud to know that I did talk with him on one occasion.—Yours faithfully,

Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

### HANSLOPE CHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Hanslope Parochial Church Council, I was instructed to write and ask if your paper would assist us with our appeal for £250 needed for the addition of two bells to the present ring of six. The two bells will be a memorial to our late Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Harkness, and his wife, and to those who served in the two Great Wars. Anything you can do to assist us would be more than appreciated.

The existing six are as follows: Treble, 32½ in., 6½ cwt., Bowell, Ipswich, 1906; 2nd, 35½ in., 8½ cwt., Taylor, 1815; 3rd, 36½ in., 9½ cwt., Hall, Drayton Parslow, 1752; 4th, 38 in., 10½ cwt., Robert Atton, Buckingham, 1625; 5th, 42½ in., 14½ cwt., Robert Atton, Buckingham, 1626; 6th, 49 in., 22 cwt., Briant, Hertford, 1814. In the key of 'D', and a lovely mellow tone. No. 4 was recast by Bowell in 1906.

The two new bells were cast on Aug. 22nd at the Whitechapel Foundry, and it is hoped the dedication service will take place the last week in September.—Yours sincerely,

STANLEY W. PLATTEN,

Hanslope, Bucks.

Hon. Sec., H.C.C.

P.S.—We shall be the only village with eight bells in the north of the county.—S.W.P.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to congratulate Mr. J. C. E. Simpson and his ringers. I note that they rang my composition of Spliced Surprise Major, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, which was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 11th, in which all the bells have to do all the work of each method, at St. Lawrence's, Frodsham, on July 18th, and again on August 15th.

Seeing that most of the ringers rang their first peals of Spliced Surprise Major, their performances are all the more remarkable.

I think anyone studying the composition will agree that it is one of the most difficult in the four methods.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Port Talbot.



## OBITUARY

## MR. E. D. TAYLOR.

Bells of Loughborough's memorial carillon on August 28th sounded the sombre tones of Chopin's Funeral March as a token of homage to one of the world's foremost bell founders, Mr. Edmund Denison Taylor, whose death occurred on the same day at Loughborough, at the age of 83.

Mr. Taylor, whose home was at Buckland, Burton Walk, Loughborough, had been ill for about a week in a local nursing home.

A great-grandson of Mr. Robert Taylor, who founded the firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the Loughborough bell founders, Mr. Denison Taylor took an active interest in the business for the greater part of his life, and even up to the time of his death concerned himself with its progress.

## MR. T. LOFTHOUSE.

By the death of Mr. Tom Lofthouse, people's warden and ringer at Chorley Parish Church, the church has lost one of its most willing workers. Mr. Lofthouse, who was 68 years of age, had been ill for some time, but his death in hospital on August 15th was unexpected. He had taken part in ringing for both morning and evening services the previous Sunday.

Tom, as he was called, had been a ringer for over fifty years, and a member of the Lancashire Association for 40 years. He was one of the few practising ringers who were in the 'old Lancashire Six-Bell Association.' Though not a great peal ringer—he rang only seven—he took part in the only local peal in Chorley.

As a young man he was a Sunday School teacher, and later chairman of the Bible Class, sidesman and for the last 12 years people's warden. He was a member of the parish committees and at times was on the Church Council.

Prior to the interment in the local cemetery, a service was held at the Parish Church, a large congregation of his friends and fellows being present to pay their respects to one who was described by the Rector of Chorley, in his words of appreciation, as an honest Christian gentleman. Before the service the whole pull and stand was rung 68 times and then a touch of Stedman Triples by the following: F. Rigby, T. Barker, F. G. Bradley, H. Southworth, Ruth Bradley, A. Rigby, A. Tomlinson and A. Hatch. F. R.

## MR. A. PRESTIDGE.

His many friends will hear with regret of the death of Mr. Albert Prestidge, who until 1936, when ill-health forced his retirement, was for over 37 years a ringer and for upwards of 30 years the leader of St. Andrew's Parish Church, Netherton, ringers. Mr. Prestidge died at his residence on August 10th after a long and painful illness. He was one of the oldest members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the Dudley and District Guild, and a life member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

As a tribute to his memory a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by James George, was rung by the following ringers: Thomas A. Townsend, H. Hill, H. Hubball, Miss M. Tromans, H. J. Shuck, L. Clissett, W. Davies (conductor) and L. Prestidge.

## MR. O. J. SMART.

The Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild has suffered a severe loss in the death, after a short illness, of Oscar James Smart, Ringing Master for 16 years and steeple captain of Andover Parish Church for even longer. As Ringing Master he was untiring in his efforts to promote the art in his district, and many in and around Andover owe their knowledge of ringing to his kindly and patient instruction. The funeral service on August 23rd was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. A. C. Fletcher, assisted by the Rev. S. A. Gidlow, chairman of the district. The bells, which had recently been rehung, were rung fully muffled in his honour.

## Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1946

Association.	CINQUES	ROYAL	CATERS	MAJOR	TRIPLES	MINOR	DOUBLES	TOTALS																			
	Stedman Grandsire Kent Treble Bob Plain Bob Little Bob Stedman Grandsire Yorkshire Cambridge Kent Treble Bob Oxford Treble Bob Double Norwich Plain Bob Hereward Bob New London Ct. Bob Little Bob Double Bob Spliced Stedman Grandsire St. Clement's Coll. B. Spliced 11 Methods 7 Methods 5 Methods 4 Methods 3 Methods 1 Method 8 Methods 3 Methods 2 Methods 1 Method																										
Cambridge U. Gld	1	1	2	1	4			13																			
Chester Diocesan	1	1	1	1	1			7																			
Coventry D. Guild	1	2	1	1	1			2																			
Durh'm & Newcle	1	1	1	1	1			3																			
Ely Dio. Assn.	1	1	1	1	1			5																			
Essex Association	1	1	1	1	1			24																			
Glouc't'r & Bristol	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3																			
Gld Clerical R.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																			
Hertford County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5																			
Kent County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14																			
Lancashire Assn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	32																			
Leicester Diocesan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15																			
Lincoln Diocesan	1	2	2	1	8	3	1	39																			
Middlesex County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10																			
North Staffs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7																			
Norwich Diocesan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3																			
Oxford Diocesan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3																			
Oxford University	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10																			
St Martin's Guild	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7																			
Salisbury Guild	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																			
Scottish Assn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6																			
Shropshire Assn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																			
Southwell Dio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14																			
Soc. R. Cum. Yths	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9																			
Stafford Arch.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																			
Sussex County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8																			
Trent Diocesan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																			
Universities Assn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																			
Win. & Ports. Dio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																			
Worcester & Dia.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																			
Yorkshire Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																			
Totals	6	1	513	1	15	9	1	116	2	971	1	1	1	4	12	15	1	1	4	1	1	6	24	1	1	311	240

\*St. Clement's, Crayford College. Double Bob and Plain Bob. †Kent and Oxford. ‡Plain, Double, Reverse, Hereward, Pershore, Double Oxford and Double Norwich Court Bob. §Oxford Bob and Grandsire.

## AN APPRECIATION

Members of the West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association assembled at their meeting at Caston on Saturday last, stood in silence on hearing the news of the passing of John Arthur Godfrey, a former chairman and Ringing Master of the branch.

Elected a member of the Norwich Association in 1899, Mr. Godfrey was known to every ringer in Norfolk, he having lived in turn at Yarmouth, Cromer, Fakenham, Cawston, Dereham and Gressenhall. His first peal was also the first peal on Gorleston bells, then a peal of six, on April 11th, 1901, and altogether Mr. Godfrey had taken part in about 180 peals, 167 of which were for the Norwich Association—10 of them being on handbells.

John Godfrey was a great enthusiast and a great friend. He taught numbers of ringers, was diligent at his church on Sundays and would go anywhere at a moment's notice to assist in any special ringing or to take part in a peal attempt. He was a good striker, on six bells especially, where he was particularly 'at home.' He was rarely absent from meetings and never without a happy smile and a cheery greeting for everybody.

From 1934-9 he was the efficient Ringing Master of the branch, and then became chairman, an office he relinquished in 1944 owing to failing health. Recently he had gone to live with his son at Caythorpe, Lincolnshire, where he died on August 19th, aged 73. He will be much missed in the Norwich Diocese. N. G.

## DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

## SPECIAL VISIT TO HIGHWEEK.

A number of members of the Devon Guild of Ringers, which included the president of the Guild (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) and a visitor, Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, of London, spent an enjoyable evening at Highweek on Thursday, August 21st, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley, of Perry Farm, Highweek. Assembling at the Parish Church, an hour's ringing under the supervision of Mr. Lilley included some very good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Minor.

At Perry Farm light refreshments were provided by Mr. Lilley and his relatives, after which a few courses of double-handed Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells. At the conclusion of the visit the President voiced the great appreciation of the visitors to Mr. and Mrs. Lilley and their family for the arrangements made and for their very kind hospitality, and he mentioned that it was his first visit to Perry Farm. The fine weather and pleasant surroundings added to the enjoyment of the visit.

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## SITUATION VACANT

**GARDENER-HANDYMAN**, either single to live or occupy the lodge with wife assisting in house; good ringing district; 8-bell tower adjoining.—S/Lr. York-Bramble, Fountains Park, Netley Abbey, Southampton. 1893

## PUBLICATION

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. A. Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Lamberhurst (6) on Sept. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Break for tea 5, followed by business meeting. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 1829

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Easton (6) on Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex. 1839

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Boxley (6), Sept. 6th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 1847

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (8) from 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1846

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting Balcombe, Sept. 6th, 3. Service and tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 1826

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Abbots Langley (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 3. 1855

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Reopening St. Barnabas', Great Tey, on Sat., Sept. 6th, 6.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec. 1881

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Combined practice will be held at Bromyard on Sat., Sept. 6th, at 5.30.—A. S. Tomkins. 1867

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Meeting Old Alresford (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 2.30; also New Alresford (8). Service 4. Tea Village Hall 5. 1854

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.**—Quarterly meeting Bidford-on-Avon, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Small charge for tea. 1858

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting Balcombe, Sept. 6th, in conjunction with the Sussex Association (Northern Division) meeting.—Miss L. Skeet, 8, Cobbles Crescent, Crawley. 1827

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury (6), tomorrow (Sat.), Sept. 6th, 2.30. Refreshments provided.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec. 1897

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Sat., Sept. 6th, 3.—A. B. Peck. 1905

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Dunster Deanery.—Meeting Wiveliscombe, Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow.—G. Stacey, Minehead. 1857

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per head) to those who notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchingdon, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1868

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Quarterly, Llanbadarn Fawr (8), Sept. 13th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, Hon. Sec., 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 1853

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Meeting Beccles, Suffolk, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.45 at Y.M.C.A. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, without fail by Sept. 10th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Sylvia R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1852

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Otley, Sept. 13th. Tea, apply to Mr. G. Appleyard, 35, South View Terrace, Otley, not later than Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available 2. Tea 5. Business meeting 6.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 1880

**ESSEX ASSN.**—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Harwich, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Tea only for names received by Sept. 8th.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thornton, Colchester. 1859

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Sept. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5. Will all requiring tea please send cards by Sept. 10th.—N. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 1864

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Horsell (6), Sept. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify me by Tues., Sept. 9th.—F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 1873

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Sept. 10th, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1876

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Gilmorton (8), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wed., Sept. 10th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 1898

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest at Gamston (6), Sat., Sept. 13th, 3. Good bus service. Names for tea to Mr. S. Carnall, Gamston, Retford, by Sept. 9th. Ringing after contest until 9. Reports for 1946 now ready.—H. Denman. 1899

**NAILSEA HARVEST HOME, SOMERSET.**—Sept. 13th, ringing all day. Service 3. Tea 4.15. Sports, fun fair and dancing. All ringers welcome.—Leonard Derrick. 1911

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Christchurch Branch) and **SALISBURY GUILD** (Wimborne Branch).—Combined meeting Bournemouth, Sept. 13th. Ringing St. John's (Surrey Road) (8) 2.30. Tea in Central Bournemouth 5.30. Ringing St. Peter's (8) 6.30. Short business meeting.—Rev. C. A. Phillips and Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Secs. 1913

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—District meeting at Hunsdon, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 9th, to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon. 1902



**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting Mobblerley, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 1903

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Shelley, Sept. 13th, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. F. R. Brook, Lilac Nook, Shelley, near Huddersfield, not later than Sept. 10th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafston, near Barnsley. 1910

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual branch meeting, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Broughton-in-Furness, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4, 2s. Important: Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness, not later than Wed., Sept. 10th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1909

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Meeting Quainton (5), Sept. 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 1908

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Bolney (8), Sept. 13th, 3. Tea 5. Twineham (5) after. Names to Mr. A. Gillings, Bolney Lodge Gardens, Bolney, by Sept. 11th.—C. A. Bassett. 1904

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting on Sept. 13th, 3, at Oxendon (5). All welcome. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 1907

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1906

**LANCS ASSN.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting Brindle, Sat., Sept. 13th, 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec. 1883

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rossendale Branch.—Bacup, St. Saviour's (8), Sat., Sept. 13th, 3. Meeting in tower 6. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—J. Porter, Chesham Green Cottages, Chesham, Bury. 1861

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Sept. 13th. Bells, two rings (8) 2. Service 4.15. Meat tea (3s.). Notification to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, by Sept. 10th.—Albert E. Sellers. 1885

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, West Hallam, Sept. 13th, 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—Fred Shaw, Dis. Sec. 1870

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Swindon Branch.—Purton (heavy six), Sept. 13th. Tea 5.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 1890

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Botolphsham (5), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at British Legion Hut. All welcome.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1892

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—On Sat., Sept. 13th, St. Peter's Church, Cargleton. Bells available (8) from 3. Own arrangements for tea.—C. Lawton, Branch Sec. 1886

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting Blackrod, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to S. Jolly, 112, New Street, Blackrod, by Sept. 11th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1887

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting Netherbury, Sept. 13th, not Sept. 6th as previously advertised.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 1888

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting St. Luke's, Great Crosby, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5. Cups of tea provided; please bring a sandwich.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 1896

**CHISLEHURST (ST. NICHOLAS').**—Weekly practice on Tuesdays at 7.45 will be resumed on and from Sept. 16th. Sunday ringing at 5.45 as usual. 1889

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Paston, Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea 5, in Village Hall. Knapton bells after tea.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 1912

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Joint meeting North Collingham (6), (six miles from Newark), Sept. 20th, 2.30. Cups of tea only. South Collingham available after tea.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec., Lincoln District. 1901

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting Quadring, Sept. 20th. Meat tea for those who notify me by Sept. 13th.—J. E. Allen, Virginia Cottages, Donington, Spalding. 1834

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee meet 3.30 in vestry. Tea (3s. 6d. per head) served at 5 at Hagenbach's Cafe. Names to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafston, near Barnsley, by September 16th. General meeting at Royal Hotel 6.—Leslie W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1874

**DEVON GUILD.**—S.W. Branch.—Meeting Kelly, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5. Special coach from Plymouth 1 p.m. Fare 7s. 6d. Names by Sept. 15th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1871

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Lower Heyford (6), Sat., Sept. 20th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Collins, The Green, Lower Heyford, by Thursday, Sept. 11th, please.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1894

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting at St. Augustine, Kilburn, on Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.45, followed by tea. Further ringing at St. Mary's, Willesden, 6.30.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1884

**NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Birmingham, Sept. 20th. Ringing: 11-12, Aston Church; 12-1, St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Bath Street, Bishop Ryder's Church, Gem Street; 3-4, St. Philip's Cathedral, Colmore Row; 4-5, St. Martin's, Bull Ring. Lunch 1. Tea 5, Police Headquarters, Steelhouse Lane; inclusive cost 6s. 6d. (limited). Names to L. Tuffrey, 52, Lakey Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham, by Sept. 13th. Social 7.30-10.30, Police Headquarters.—H. G. Jenney, Sec. 1895

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Cuckfield.—Sunday service ringing 10 to 11 a.m., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Practice Fridays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Visiting ringers always welcome. Nearest station Haywards Heath. Frequent bus service. 1467

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**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On August 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. N. White 1, Miss K. Burchall 2, F. W. Foster 3, Miss G. Burchall 4, N. T. Moxon 5, F. G. Hooper (conductor) 6, A. E. Chilton 7, R. Sleep 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by ringers of 1, 7 and 8. Rung to mark the birth of a son to J. W. Raithby and a daughter to G. Elsey, both of St. Mary's, Newark.



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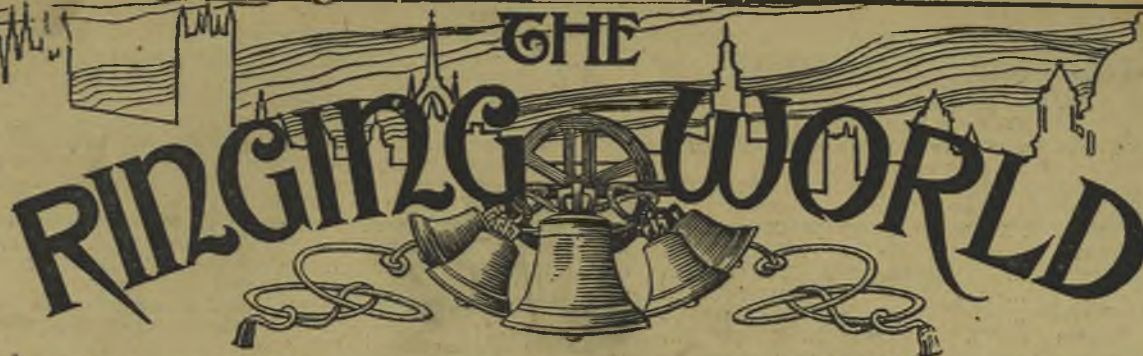
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### PROPAGANDA NEEDED

Ambling around country villages and searching for bells and ringers is a broadening experience, full of pleasant surprises and at times rude shocks. The writer was in the 'round' and 'call changes' counties last week and had the privilege of discussing various ways of ringing with one who had had nearly 50 years' experience of 'stoney' ringing. And it was illuminating.

He was what he classified himself—a 'call changer,' and frankly admitted that he was not too struck with those 'methods' men. 'Methods,' he maintained, could only be rung on light bells and, further, there had been a 'methods' ringers' meeting at his church, and the striking had been very bad, which he attributed to the fact that the bells were heavy! To this argument a recent experience in a neighbouring county seemed an appropriate reply. Here some ringers on their 'outing' were contacted, and it was noted that they travelled complete with calling board. Accompanying them to one tower which had a light ring with the 'go' excellent and almost new bells hung on ball bearings, the writer was appalled by the bad striking. The veteran eventually agreed that there was good and bad amongst both kinds of ringers.

It then occurred to the writer that, while appeals for good striking could be made to 'method' ringers through 'The Ringing World,' as was constantly being done, there was no vehicle of approach to change ringers. A copy of this journal was shown to the veteran, and to a question if he had ever seen 'The Ringing World' before he replied in the negative, adding that he did not know such a paper existed! What a shock, after so many years of publication, to find a man who had been ringing for nearly 50 years was ignorant of this journal and its purport! A copy was given to him, and he was told how to procure it weekly.

The story does not end there. This tower was within a sixpenny bus ride from a city where there are several rings of bells and change ringing is practised. For such ignorance of change ringing to exist points to the need of propaganda. It is doubtful if my friend of nearly 50 years' experience will ever change his mode of ringing; he is too set in his ways; but it is incumbent upon all who cherish the art of change ringing to see that the younger generation are given an opportunity of learning 'method' ringing and come under its fascinating spell. There must be a concerted effort by all who love change ringing to proselytise these 'stoney' towers. The task is by no means easy.

PETER CROOK.



## TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 9
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	ALAN F. THIRST ... 10
*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6	GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* 50th peal for the Society. Rung as a compliment to Mr. M. J. Morris for his 79th birthday. Also 250th peal together for M. J. Morris and G. F. Swann, rung on the 35th anniversary of their first peal together. The composition has the tittums and handstroke home positions at alternate course ends throughout the peal.

## TEN BELL PEAL

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 6
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 8
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 9
HENRY TOOKE ... 5	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam John Arthur Godfrey, who took part in several peals on these bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

EILEEN H. BASTOW ... Treble	R. BENSON ... 5
J. BOOTH ... 2	S. L. PARRY ... 6
A. TOMLINSON ... 3	F. DUNKERLEY ... 7
C. SHARPLES ... 4	I. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Arranged by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER ... Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES ... 5
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by the Association. Eightieth method or extension of method for Mr. Maurice Hibbert. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. T. K. Lowdell, M.A.

ASH-BY-WROTHAM, KENT. — On August 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. B. Marchant 1, A. V. Kemp 2, Edna M. Sills 3, P. C. Wright 4, R. L. Sills (conductor) 5, C. E. East 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

E. Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 24 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE ... Treble	CHARLES W. WARD ... 5
*ENID WALKLATE ... 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 6
FREDK. A. BARKER ... 3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 7
*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 4	JOHN W. LANGLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Burley P. Morris to Miss Mary Swift, which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY R. PARKINSON ... Treble	*CLIFFORD A. BENN ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	ERNEST H. RAYNER ... 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3	JACK F. HODSON ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	GORDON BENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Rev. E. Bankes James' Ten-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PETER J. EVES ... Treble	HENRY W. SHADRACK ... 5
JOHN SITCH ... 2	WILLIAM J. BARRETT ... 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... 7
ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW ... 4	ALFRED MEADOWCROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Cornell, captain of the local company, who has completed 40 years as a ringer at this church.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CAPT. A. R. POYNTZ ... Treble	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	JOHN THOMAS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	CYRIL E. LANXON ... 7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	JANET MATTINSON ... 5
VERNON J. BENNING ... 2	*HELEN Y. GARDNER ... 6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 3	+PETER R. LAYTON ... 7
*R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal. + First peal 'inside.'

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On August 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Hazelden (first quarter) 1, W. Poston 2, C. W. Munday 3, H. Symonds 4, G. Hanks 5, J. J. Webb 6, W. T. Poston (conductor) 7, A. W. Davis 8.



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## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT ... 2	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

## EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... Treble	GEORGE DAVIS ... 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	S. FRANK TUFFLEY ... 6
*REGINALD F. CROOK ... 3	*MARK ROSIER ... 7
*JAMES W. WILSON ... 4	REGINALD W. REX ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

\* First peal of Major.

## GULVAL, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Treble	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 5
ROBERT W. BARBER ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN ... Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS ... 5
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 2	ALBERT FORD ... 6
MISS MARY WALSHAW ... 3	RICHARD BENSON ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL.

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

CYRIL TABERNER ... Treble	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
*FRANK E. HAYNES ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Wilfred E. Box.

## PENZANCE, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 7
MRS. T. J. LOCK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. A. C. F. DAVIES Treble	*FRANK HEYES ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	†JOSEPH E. WILSON ... 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3	THOMAS WILSON ... 7
*HARRY ANDERTON ... 4	*ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIS. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the Provost of Blackburn (the Very Rev. William Kay, D.S.O., M.C., M.A.) and Mrs. Kay.

## LYDD, KENT.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY F. CARTER Treble	JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 5
*HELEN Y. GARDNER ... 2	*R. W. M. CLOUSTON ... 6
*JANET MATTINSON ... 3	VERNON J. BENNING ... 7
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal of Treble Bob for the Society.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

## ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*HARRY COMMINS ... Treble	CLAUDE TARR ... 5
STANLEY BRISTOW ... 2	EDGAR QUICKE ... 4
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 3	HARRY PURCHASE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.

\* First peal of Minor.

## HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	*RONALD G. BUGG ... 4
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
*GEORGE E. WATERMAN ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

## ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

One 240 and forty 120's, ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK BIRCH ... Treble	HARRY C. JONES ... 4
*FRANCIS PERCELL ... 2	FRANK REED ... 5
WALTER LEE ... 3	†JOHN THOMAS CROSS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

## DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. 10 callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT Treble	JACK F. HODSON ... 3
MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 4
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor	

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band and for the Guild.

BRISTOL.—On August 10th. in the belfry of SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, on handbells, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss A. Brown 1-2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3-4, T. Harris 5-6, R. C. Seager 7-8.



### EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.  
CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble | JOHN D. ROCK ... 4  
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 2 | E. PETER ROCK ... 5  
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor  
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Surprise by all the band, except the conductor, and on the bells.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

HERBERT REASON ... Treble | DOUGLAS JENNINGS ... 4  
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 2 | EDWIN JENNINGS ... 5  
HENRY PRATT ... 3 | ERNEST W. PYE ... Tenor  
Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

MERROW, SURREY.

### THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

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

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F.

ERIC T. LEE ... Treble | HAROLD A. MAY ... 4  
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5  
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor  
Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal on the bells, recently rehung in ball bearings, since 1939. The conductor's 175th peal, conducted 92.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND MILBURGH,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

\*PETER T. ROBBINS ... Treble | MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4  
†JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2 | BETTY SPICE ... 5  
PETER W. B. SEMMENS ... 3 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor  
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Consisting of 4 six-scores each of New, Union, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, 3 April Day, 8 Old, 10 Stedman and 5 of Grandsire, being 42 different six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*VICTOR SAVAGE ... Treble | RONALD G. BECK ... 3  
\*FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 2 | †LEONARD DERRICK ... 4  
\*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Tenor  
Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in eight methods of Doubles. First peal in eight methods of Doubles as conductor, who has now rung a peal in 80 Somerset towers.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

### THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

\*HENRY V. WARNES ... Treble | †IAN A. MORRISON ... 4  
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 2 | JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5  
†ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 3 | JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

ROBERT CRITCHLEY ... Treble | JOHN POUNDS ... 4  
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 2 | WILFRED CORE ... 5  
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3 | JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor  
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung for the 69th birthday of Robert Critchley.

KEEVIL, WILTSHIRE.

### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 21 cwt.

\*LEONARD CAVE ... Treble | HARRY PROUT ... 4  
FRED SLATFORD ... 2 | PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 5  
\*STANLEY R. COCKELL ... 3 | HAROLD SMITH ... Tenor  
Conducted by HAROLD SMITH.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Fred Slatford.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

\*FRANK W. PHILLIPS ... Treble | ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... 4  
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 2 | †LEONARD G. TOOKE ... 5  
FREDK. W. MIDDLETON ... 3 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor  
Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

## HANDBELL PEALS

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6  
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8  
Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

TRING, HERTS.

### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1947, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

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

Seven 720's, five different callings. Tenor size 14 in C sharp.

E. H. LEWIS ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4  
\*MISS BRENDA FELS ... 5-6  
Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT HILLTOP,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2 | WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5-6  
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | \*DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 7-8  
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. Dobbie. Witness: The Family.

\* First peal 'in hand.' Rung on the 35th anniversary of the record Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

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The Bishop of London, in his recent primary charge, asked that experiments should be made to reach the man-in-the-street, and that new methods and new types and times of services should be tried. The Rector of Acton, the Rev. Percival Gough, decided that St. Mary's should make such an experiment, and that the bells should play their part in it.

So on August 11th, the evening service was held in the church garden, a pleasant stretch of grass backed by trees and shrubs, with the church on one side and high buildings, which protect it from much of the main road noise, on the other. By 6 o'clock people began to arrive, and for half an hour the bells sounded their joyous message, and many well-known hymns and sacred songs were chimed. The Rector announced the first hymn, the bells gave out the tune, and, singing, the choir moved down the church steps and crossed the lawn to their appointed place, followed by the Rector, with the Rev. F. H. E. Harfitt, who was to preach.

The F to F range of the bells was suitable for singing, and the combination of bells and voices was pleasant. In spite of the distance between choir and chimer, the synchronisation of the Magnificat, 23rd Psalm and five hymns was excellent. The Nunc Dimittis was sung as the recessional.

Many passers-by stopped to listen and join in. The words of the hymns were striking and beautiful, set to familiar tunes within the scope of eight bells. That limitation, however, gives a wide choice of both hymn tunes and chants. The service aroused much interest and was felt to be a missionary effort well worth repeating.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BRISTOL.**—On August 27th, at St. John's School of Ringing, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, Miss A. M. Bennett 2, W. Rawlings (conductor) 3, John Tillin 4, John Davey 5, Brian Mason 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. J. Leaker, buried on this date. First quarter for ringers of 4, 5 and 6.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At All Saints' Church on August 26th, 1,274 Spliced Oxford Bob, Grandsire and St. Clement's Bob Triples: Miss B. Cowlin 1, S. May 2, A. E. Easton 3, S. C. Driver 4, J. E. Pennells 5, S. G. Smith 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, T. Reed 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—At the Church of St. Andrew on August 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Reeve 1, J. Fowler 2, Miss J. Peacock (first away from treble) 3, R. Brown 4, G. Dawson 5, E. V. Blake 6, E. Furbank 7, F. V. Gant (conductor) 8.

**MORECAMBE, LANCs.**—On August 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Schofield (first quarter) 1, Betty Schofield 2, E. Stuart 3, John Woods 4, E. Swain 5, J. E. Burles (conductor) 6, J. Skeats 7, H. Palmer 8.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On August 30th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wallis 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, G. B. Grover 3, H. A. May 4, G. L. Grover (conductor) 5. First quarter for ringers of 1 and 2.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On August 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Hunt (conductor) 1, Miss M. D. Pilcher (first in the method inside) 2, L. P. Cook 3, A. D. Mills 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, S. E. Cook 7, W. Tate 8.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's on August 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: William May 1, R. Darvill 2, P. Sadler 3, Mrs. R. Darvill 4, W. Perry 5, E. May 6, R. Brown 7, F. Souter 8, F. Lufkin (conductor) 9, R. Chambers 10.

## Kent County Association

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Sixty-five members from Beckenham, Bromley, Bexley, Crayford, Dartford, Erith (St. John's and Christ Church), Lee, Lewisham, Penge, Sidcup, West Wickham, Woolwich and the local band, together with visitors from Gravesend and Wrotham, enjoyed a successful meeting at Shoreham in glorious summer weather on July 26th.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by service in church, conducted, in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. P. Giddons), by the Rev. W. James, Rector of Boscastle, Cornwall, who gave a very interesting address. The lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford), and Mr. V. J. Benning (Christ Church, Erith) played the organ.

After tea the business meeting was held in the west end of the church, Mr. V. J. Benning being elected to the chair. Five ringers were elected members of the Association, and the elections of six members previous to peals were ratified.

St. John's, Erith, was chosen as the place for the annual district meeting, to be held on Saturday, October 25th.

Suggested arrangements for a combined meeting with the Surrey Association, to be held at Beddington on Saturday, September 6th, were confirmed.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. W. James, Mr. V. Benning and Mr. J. Whiffin (captain of Shoreham ringers) concluded the business, and the tower bells were again put to use until 9 p.m.

During the afternoon and evening all tastes and ranges of talent were catered for, rounds and all the standard methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol and London Surprise being rung as required.

**ROSS-ON-WYE.**—On August 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Hazelden (first quarter) 1, W. Poston 2, C. W. Munday 3, H. Symonds 4, G. Hanks 5, J. J. Webb 6, W. T. Poston (conductor) 7, A. W. Davis 8.

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The complete ring at  
Lichfield Cathedral has  
been recast by Messrs.  
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gift from the Freemasons of Staffordshire.  
Rededication is on October 26th.

With the 17 new towers he has visited on a  
ringing tour in Hants, Dorset, Somerset and  
Wilts, Mr. A. Pat Cannon's total is now 1,080.

Mrs. F. John Marshall has completed  
her 150 peals, and not Miss Mary E. Davis,  
as was wrongly stated in this column last  
week. Mary's enthusiasm will, we trust, en-  
able her to reach this exalted position at an  
early date.

A young lady from Leicester, who rang  
Sherborne tenor during a recent tour, is  
anxious to know whether she is the first of  
her sex to have this honour.

Group Captain T. V. Lister, R.A.F. (retd.),  
is the new chairman of the Tewkesbury Branch  
of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and  
not Mr. A. R. Lister, as stated on page 428.

Mr. R. H. Dove informs us that the first  
peal at Tutbury, Staffs, was rung on Febru-  
ary 2nd, 1935—Bob Minor, conducted by Mr.  
Jack Bailey. The claim in last week's issue  
of the first peal since augmentation to six in  
1934 is consequently not upheld.

Just after the start of the peal at Keevil,  
Wilts, on August 30th, the Vicar entered the  
belfry and—without disturbing the band—  
placed an envelope on the table. The de-  
lighted ringers later found it contained money  
for refreshments.

A friendly gathering followed the peal at  
Marrow, Surrey, on August 27th. The ringers  
had tea with Mr. J. Gould, the local captain,  
and his wife and members of the Marrow  
band in the Church Hall. The Rector, the  
Rev. A. C. G. Oldham, was also present.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Doyen of Manchester  
ringers is Mr. Edwin Bur-  
roughs, who reached the  
age of 90 on August 25th and is still remark-  
ably fit. He completed 57 years as a ringer  
at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, but then  
found the steps too many for him; neverthe-  
less, his interest in ringing is unabated. An  
attempt to ring a peal of Stedman Triples in  
his honour went astray after two and a half  
hours' ringing, but the band hope to try  
again another year and each succeeding year.  
A pleasant hour was spent with Mr. Bur-  
roughs afterwards, handbells being intro-  
duced, which were much enjoyed by him.

The last peal of Grandsire Caters rung at  
St. Michael's Church, Aylsham, Norfolk, until  
the peal on August 24th, was almost 51 years  
ago, and was conducted by J. Armiger Trol-  
lope from the treble.

Errata.—In the analysis of peals rung dur-  
ing 1946 we are informed that two handbell  
peals were rung for the Swansea and Brecon  
Diocesan Guild which were not recorded  
although they are included in the total. Also  
Cambridge University Guild is credited with  
three handbell peals of Doubles. These should  
be three of Minor in one method.

Mr. Wm. H. Male, of Warwick, has at last  
accomplished a peal on bells. This was on  
July 17th, on the back eight of a chime of  
ten bells, constructed by Mr. T. Male. The  
apparatus consisted of ten house bells, tuned  
and fitted to play by keyboard, and the com-  
position was Holt's Original, and occupied  
three hours and nine minutes. Then on  
August 4th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples  
was tapped on them in the morning, and in  
the evening one of Holt's peals of Bob Major  
was hammered out in two hours and fifty-eight  
minutes. Mr. T. Male witnessed the peals  
and turned the pages of figures from which  
they were read.

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## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association covers the counties of Durham and Northumberland, which are the respective dioceses of Durham and Newcastle. The Association was formed in August, 1877, and, in order to obtain a view of its operations, one is well repaid by a brief glance at the background of the country.

Bounded to the east by the coastline of the two counties, it extends from the north of Yorkshire to the Scottish border, and to Westmorland and Cumberland in the west; it is a land steeped in tradition. From earliest times matters ecclesiastical have been closely integrated with Northumbria, and recall the Venerable Bede, his monastery at Jarrow, his solitude on Holy Island, Lindisfarne, the Cathedrals of Durham and Newcastle, jewels of those northern cities, the deaneries and Collegiate Churches of Darlington, Staindrop, Chester-le-Street, Lanchester, and others, the Abbey of Hexham, with its monks' night stairs, and the names inter alia of Bishop Auckland, Bishop Wearmouth, Monkwearmouth and Monkseaton.

From the days of the Prince Bishops and the border raids, when men went about their occupations sword in hand, rural Northumberland has changed little; sheep still graze in the shadow of the Roman Wall, and Otterburn tweed is still spun, but on Tyneside and in Durham County a vast change was wrought by the Industrial Revolution. The dales of Tyne, Wear and Tees still preserve their charm, but the development of the coalfields and the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway marked the beginning of a new era. The busy ports of Hartlepool, Sunderland, Shields and Newcastle, and the great shipyards, steelworks, railway undertakings, collieries, and the diversified ancillary activities of a vast industrial expansion were the result.

Bells existed here from time immemorial, but records are very sparse. Three pre-Reformation bells, however, hang in Newcastle Cathedral, and three similar bells at Heighington were made a peal of six by the addition of three by Taylor. With the growth in population, more bells were heard, but the earliest known attempt at combination was the Newcastle and Gateshead Society, which was ringing peals some hundred and fifty years ago. There is evidence of continuing combination, culminating in the formation of the present Association. The inaugural meeting was held in the Choristers' Schoolroom of Durham Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th, 1877, with Canon Rogers in the chair. This was recorded in 'Church Bells' of that time, and was followed by the first ringing meeting at North Shields, on November 24th, 1877, the first President being William Reed of that town, the Secretary G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, and a membership of 99, the title being The Durham Diocesan Association (changed to its present style in 1882).

Then began the building of an organisation to stand the test of time. With a not large number of rings available, perseverance brought its reward, and enthusiasm reached a high level. A scheme for recording Sunday service ringing, and awarding of certificates, introduced by S. O. Ferry, proved so popular

that two divisions became necessary. Two wars, and industrial depressions, made their presence felt on the membership, however; this had risen to 380 in 1897, 460 in 1922, 712 in 1927, but dropped to 554 in 1930, 516 in 1939, and 481 in 1946. A tablet recording the names of the 41 members who fell in the 1914-1918 war was unveiled in Newcastle Cathedral on April 7th, 1923, upon which a wreath is laid at the Annual Festival.

A great day for the Association was in 1914, when its first ring of twelve became an accomplished fact by the augmentation of the ten in Newcastle Cathedral, although the first twelve-bell peal (Kent Maximus) had been rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1894.

The first peal by the Association was Grand-sire Triples (Taylor's six-part) rung at Christ Church, North Shields, on October 1st, 1878, by G. H. Park, J. T. Gibson, W. H. Park, R. Smith, J. Coulson, W. Reed (conductor), G. A. Overton and S. Nott. All were North Shields men except the 7th, who was from Darlington. It was the first peal for all.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL

In those days publications were few, and everything was done in the 'hard way'. It was not, therefore, until December 26th, 1903, that the first peal of London was scored, when two peals were rung in this method, one at All Saints', Newcastle, conducted by T. T. Gofton, and the other at St. John's, Newcastle, conducted by C. L. Routledge. Owing to an earlier start, Tom Gofton's peal came round first, and took priority, but two peals of London, rung simultaneously in the same city by local bands, was a feat in 1903.

Amongst other performances was the turning in of Newcastle tenor to Superlative (1894), and Double Norwich (1898) by F. J. Harrison, being the heaviest tenor rung to peals in those methods at that time; the first peal of Real Double Superlative (March 9th, 1922) at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, of Premier Surprise (February 28th, 1922) at Whitley Bay, the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge and Superlative) at Whitley Bay, composed by J. W. Parker and conducted by J. A. Gofton, the double-handed peals of London by the four Gofton brothers, and seven Surprise Minor methods double-hand by the three Parks.

Of stalwarts there are R. Story, president 1883-1905; F. Lees, vice-president 1877-97; C. L. Routledge, president 1908-20, 1926-8, and seven years secretary; T. T. Gofton, conductor

of 186 peals; J. W. Parker, composer and conductor, whose research, compositions and untiring efforts stand as his monument; W. Story, W. Brown (founder of the Wednesday Guild), E. E. Ferry, J. Stuart and J. Symm. A faithful band of long service members is still with us: W. H. Barber with a relish for difficult compositions (e.g., Carter's odd-bob-and-single-one part, whilst blindfold), J. E. Keen, W. Sheraton, Dr. Barrow, O. Simm, G. W. Park, J. W. Shipp, R. L. Patterson, the reigning president, and many others, whilst juniors are Dick Gofton, double-hand London at 16, and R. S. Stratford, London 'inside' at 12 years of age.

In 1912 the territory was divided into districts, each with its own secretary and vice-president, and power to arrange its own meetings. This proved entirely successful and flourishing organisations now exist.

The Central Council met at Newcastle in 1913, when five peals were scored, and 610 members and friends, with the Lord Mayor and Bishop Wood, were guests of Gillett and Johnston and 'The Evening Chronicle' at the North-East Coast Exhibition in 1929, to a demonstration of the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial Carillon, tea at the exhibition, and a social evening and refreshments afterwards. A president's badge in enamel and silver gilt was presented to the Association in 1935 by the then president, Councillor A. Payne, O.B.E., J.P.

Enjoying the support of the Bishops and clergy, the members, whilst never monotonously unanimous, faithfully carry out the Association's objects, and preserve a spirit of friendship unaffected by triumph or disappointment, and nowhere can this be more clearly seen than at the annual festivals, which year by year come round to the pleasure and profit of all.

Entering upon its 70th year with one ring of twelve, 4 of ten, 37 of eight, 24 of six, and 2 of five, and 460 members,

the Association views the future with the same confidence extant in 1877.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.

The large number of out-diocesan visitors was a pleasing feature of the quarterly meeting held at Chepstow on August 23rd, when visitors were present from Hempstead and Norton in Gloucestershire, Newark-on-Trent, Ross, Gorseinon, Morriston, Sidmouth, Bristol, Cheitenham and Nailsea (Somerset), in addition to representatives from various towers in the area, about 50 in all. Visitors were entertained to tea by the local band and their wives.

At the meeting, which, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, was presided over by the curate, the Rev. L. W. Sapsford, points to be raised at the annual meeting, the increase of the subscription to 2s. and the division of the Association into districts, were advanced by Messrs. Stitch and Prosser.

Six new life members were elected, also six new members from the Chepstow tower. It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Penhow. The secretary was asked to send the promised donation towards the restoration of Blaenavon bells. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 17s. 9d.



## OBITUARY

### MR. E. DENISON TAYLOR.

The funeral of Mr. Edmund Denison Taylor, whose death in the Loughborough Nursing Home on August 28th was reported last week, took place on September 1st at Loughborough Parish Church.

Mr. Taylor had entered the nursing home the Thursday preceding his death following an examination by a specialist the previous day. On the Tuesday he had attended at his office as usual. His home was Buckland, Burton Walks, Loughborough.

The son of the late Mr. John William Taylor, sen., he was born in Pack Horse Lane, Loughborough, where the bell foundry was first established in the town. He was educated at Loughborough Grammar School and was then apprenticed to a Leicester iron founder, after which he took his share in the management of the bell foundry, together with his father and his brother, Mr. John William Taylor, jun.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., died in 1906, and the brothers carried on together until the death of Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., in 1919, since when Mr. E. D. Taylor had been assisted in the management by his nephews, Mr. Pryce Taylor, who died in Canada in 1927, and Mr. Arnold Taylor, who was killed in action in 1916. In recent years another nephew, Mr. Paul Taylor, has assisted to run the business.

### AN AUTHORITY.

As a bellfounder, Mr. E. D. Taylor had a complete knowledge of all matters connected with the art of bell-making from start to finish. His opinions on bells were sought all over the world, and at any gathering of campanologists his words carried weight and were received with respect. During the time that he directed the business many thousands of bells, large and small, were cast and sent out to all parts of the world.

An expert of modern methods of tuning of bells, he had paid many visits to the U.S.A. and to the Continent. It was largely due to his enthusiasm for carillons that several carillons were erected in this country, notable among which is the Loughborough War Memorial carillon.

Many of the famous carillons in the U.S.A. were made under his direction at Loughborough, and at the opening ceremony of one he met President Coolidge.

### HUNTING ACCIDENT.

In addition to being an active bellringer up to the time when he lost the proper use of his left arm through a hunting accident while out with the Quorn Hounds at Wysall early in the century, he was deeply interested in music and attended many concerts. He was a skilled performer on the violoncello and piano and in the late 1890's he formed and conducted his own orchestra.

As a sportsman he was well known, and played for Loughborough Town Cricket Club, being a useful all-rounder. He was a member of the Notts and Leicestershire County Cricket Clubs.

Mr. Taylor was a bachelor. The flag on the bell foundry tower hung at half-mast as a tribute to his memory.

His only surviving brother is Mr. Owen J. Taylor.

### THE FUNERAL.

The Rector (the Ven. W. J. Lyon) officiated at the funeral service, when the representative congregation included the Mayor (Cdr. W. R. Banner). In a short address, he referred to Mr. Taylor's career as a bellfounder, and his paternal interest not only in his business but also in the workpeople, for whom he did many an unobtrusive act of kindness.

The chief mourners were Mr. Owen J. Taylor (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor (nephew and niece), Miss Margaret Taylor (niece), Mr. and Mrs. Moore, London (nephew and niece), Major Mears, Letchworth (nephew), Mr. Denison Mears and Miss

Pamela Mears, Nurse Reeve, Mrs. Adams (housekeeper) and Mr. Jim Smith, an employee for 64 years.

The bearers were the six oldest employees of the bell foundry, Messrs. G. Black, T. Roper, B. Harris, W. Burnett, W. Smith, and A. Smith.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. E. Morris, and Mr. H. Withers represented St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

Present from the firm were Mr. John Odham (general manager), Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. F. H. E. Stubbs, Mr. C. E. Morley (cashier), Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. J. Brailsford, Mr. E. Frisby, Mr. J. E. Littler, Mr. J. Humphrey, Mr. A. Fidler and others.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by the handbell ringers, who were Messrs. J. P. Fidler 1-2, Harry Withers 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Horace Stubbs 7-8.

In addition to the family and other wreaths there was one from the staff and employees of Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

### MR. E. STONE.

The death occurred on August 28th of Mr. Ernest Stone, of Coventry, in his 59th year. He was a native of Nuneaton and for many years a member of the Parish Church Society of ringers. He also did a great deal of work for Chilvers Coton Church, having panelled the belfry in oak. His work as a joiner brought him to Coventry in 1938, when he became a member of the All Saints' Society of ringers at Allesley.

Interment took place on September 1st at Keresley Church, and was attended by a large number of ringers from Allesley, Bedworth, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke-in-Coventry and Keresley. Those present were Mr. F. E. Pervin (Ringing Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild), Mr. T. W. Chapman, of Worcester, Mrs. and Mr. A. H. Beamish (secretary and auditor of the Guild), Mr. A. Roberts, Mr. E. Sibley and many others.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Bastin, Vicar of Keresley, and the Rev. F. W. Moyle, Rector of Allesley, and at the close a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon Mr. Stone's own handbells by the Allesley ringers: C. H. Webb 1-2, H. G. Summers 3-4, J. H. W. White 5-6, J. W. Taylor 7-8; and in the evening a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung at Allesley.

Mr. Stone rang 125 peals, 116 being for the Coventry Diocesan Guild and nine for the Midland Counties Association. He is survived by a widow, two sons, both ringers and both at present serving in the Forces, and one daughter. J. H. W. W.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Western Branch took place at Caston on August 23rd. This village is somewhat off the beaten track, and an attendance of twenty may be considered very satisfactory at this, the first meeting to be held there. All four branches of the association were represented.

Divine service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. King, who also presided at the business meeting. Supporting him at the meeting were the association president, general secretary and Ringing Master, as well as the branch officers. The annual meeting was fixed for November 22nd at Swaffham.

Tea was provided and served by the Rector and ladies of the church, who were cordially thanked by the president, Rev. St. John Heard. Prior to starting the business, all present stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late J. A. Godfrey, a keen supporter and sometime chairman of the branch, and also in memory of J. A. Trollope, a Norfolk man.

W. J. E.

## A Month of Tours

### THROUGH SUFFOLK, HEREFORD, SOMERSET AND DERBYSHIRE.

The fine weather has made August a month of tours and outings, and many bands of ringers, travelling by coach and car, have visited the villages and towns within their reach.

On August Bank Holiday, members and friends of the Ely Association toured mid-Suffolk. The party from Downham, Terrington St. John, Shouldham, Attleborough, Cambridge and Ely visited North Lopham, Debenham, Framlingham, Wilby, Stradbroke, Fressingfield and Diss under the organisation of Mr. E. H. Martin. Standard methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung. The party were entertained at Debenham by the reminiscences of Mr. W. J. Groom.

Herefordshire was toured by the St. Paul's Society of Change Ringers, Burton, who began at Bromyard, visited the city of Hereford and rang at All Saints' (8) and the Cathedral (10) and continued to Eardisland (6) and Leominster (10). And to finish with, the band rang a course of Grandsire Caters in hand in the last-named town!

The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild chose to visit the lovely dales of Derbyshire on August 16th. The varied countryside and the valley of the River Derwent promoted as great an interest as did the ringing at Chesterfield, Derby and Duffield. Mr. Pagett, Ringing Master at Derby, surprised the visitors by ringing 1-2 simultaneously in rounds on the whole ten, a noteworthy feat, for he has not rung for five years owing to ill-health.

A trip into the county of Somerset was taken by the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on August 30th. Ringing at High Littleton (6), Chewton Mendip (8), Wells Cathedral and St. Guthbert's, Wells, Ditcheat and Bruton was enjoyed, and Grandsire and Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were among the methods rung.

West Surrey ringers on August 23rd visited towers in Hants and Berks, Alton, Basingstoke (St. Michael's), where a wedding was in progress, All Saints', Newbury, and Bucklebury. Handbell ringing and refreshments were enjoyed before the return home.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The district meeting, which was held at Puttenham on Saturday, August 23rd, will probably remain an outstanding memory for those present, because of the fortunate combination of a brilliant summer day with the beauty of one of Surrey's most beautiful villages. Ringing on the village bells began soon after three, and was continued until service time and resumed after tea and the brief business meeting.

The meeting decided to use one of the available Saturdays in November for holding an extra district meeting at Old Woking if acceptable to the Woking band. If not, the arrangement will be carried out at Worplesdon. About forty members and welcome visitors were present from Aldershot, Clondont, Carshalton, Guildford, Godalming, Ewhurst, Horsell, Seale, Sutton-in-Ash, Notts, Twineham, Sussex, Puttenham, Worplesdon and Pirbright.

### 5,120 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

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Composed by Edwin Timbrell and believed to be rung for the first time at Preston on April 7th, 1947.



## Young Ringers go on Tour

FROM WINCHESTER TO MARLBOROUGH.

On Saturday, August 9th, twelve young ringers, whose ages range from 16 to 23 years, met in Winchester for the start of a unique and memorable ringing tour. Gathered from such towns as St. Albans, Bath, Bristol, Coventry, Godalming, Guildford, Leicester and London, and representing some ten or twelve associations, few had met each other before, but as is usual amongst ringers, a friendly band was quickly formed.

The tour, which lasted a fortnight during ideal weather conditions, took the ringers through the lanes and by-ways of Hampshire, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire. Travel was by bicycle over roads which sometimes became mere cart tracks, of, as in one case, a stretch of Hampshire downland. The nights were spent in youth hostels or in barns and fields where accommodation was unobtainable.

First ringing of the tour was at Sparsholt, where a band of ringers, a congregation and part of the choir were provided. No doubt a church organist could have been produced had the need arisen! Handbell ringing in the Close and service ringing at Winchester Cathedral, where a complete young band rang the opening touch, 168 Grandshire Triples, and, finally, attended at service, filled the afternoon. More service ringing, again by the tourists alone, took place at St. Maurice's for evensong.

Monday, the 11th, was the beginning of ringing at many famous and historical towers. Among the 55 visited were such well-known names as Romsey Abbey, Bath Abbey, Wimborne Minster, Queen Camel, Wells Cathedral, Trowbridge Parish Church and Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon. At the beautiful Abbey of St. Mary, Sherborne, a member of the fair sex showed how a tenor bell should be rung!

On Friday, August 22nd, the tour came to an end. The finale was a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor on the fine six at St. Mary's, Marlborough, and although several attempts were made to ring a touch on the eight at St. Peter's Church, they were unsuccessful.

The standard of ringing, generally, was high, and methods rung included Grandshire (Doubles to Cinques), Stedman, Plain Bob (Minor to Royal), Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Single and Double Court Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Handbell ringing proved to be popular at the hostels, although double-handed ringing was too much for some of the band. Only one tenor was not turned in, and that was the 57½ cwt. tenor of Wells Cathedral, where the band voted against a touch of Bob Major, to the disgust of the tenor man.

Despite many warnings by 'old timers', the band did not suffer too severely from blistered hands, but how legs ached after climbing those Somerset towers!

The tour was made possible by the enthusiasm and the careful arrangements of Messrs. T. Mark White and Eric Lee, and with them the band wish to thank the many incumbents and tower-captains who co-operated so readily. Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Tony W. J. Appleton, one of their number, who was unfortunately involved in a road accident while on the tour.

R.O.F.

### 5.248 BOB MAJOR

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

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## A Cornish Ringing Week

What seems to be developing into an annual ringing week in Cornwall took place during the last week in August, when there was another gathering at Carbis Bay. West Cornwall gave enough scope for a week's ringing, and a plan of a peal attempt each morning followed by visits to three or four other towers was worked upon.

The call of the sea and the sun was very strong, but the first peal was successfully rung on Saturday, August 23rd, at Carbis Bay. The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Gulval on Monday by four husbands and their wives created great interest, and later in the week, on Friday, they again scored with Bob Major at Penzance. Bad luck dogged the rest of the peal attempts, those at Helston, St. Keverne (someone lost the end of the rope after two hours!) and St. Anthony-in-Meneage failing. This last was among the best ringing of the week.

Other towers visited included Zennor—a lovely drive along the coast to ring the six—Madron, Ludgvan and St. Hilary (all 6's), Wendron (6), Tuckingmill, Camborne (two 8's where local ringers joined in), Landewednack, Mullion, Cury, Manaccan and St. Mawgan-in-Meneage (all 6's); and Phillack (8), where the local captain, Mr. Shepherd, conducted the last touch of the evening on Friday.

Col. and Mrs. C. F. Jerram entertained the party at the house, Pengwedhen, Helford, on Thursday, and Saturday morning saw the break-up of the party, but a remnant went to Crowan for Grandshire Triples. The attempt did not last long, however. Thanks were expressed to the many incumbents who took much interest in the ringing.

Local ringers, too, were interested and several shared in the ringing; at two six-bell towers a lady in each case completed a ladies' band. It is unfortunate that some helped in the arduous task of looking after the babe and three young children, and helped with the transport, and were involved in the three failures.

### CHATTERIS RINGERS' MEMORIAL

For many years there has existed a strong feeling of comradeship among the ringers of Chatteris, Cambs, which found expression on September 3rd, when a tablet to the memory of two of their number, Russel Paul and Joseph Haylett, who fell in the second world war, was unveiled and dedicated.

Ringing preceded a short service conducted in the belfry by the Vicar, where the ringers were joined by the relatives of the fallen, the district secretary (Mr. C. Gimbert) and the general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association (Mr. W. W. Cousins). The simply-worded tablet is of bronze with engraved letters in white enamel, the cost being defrayed by the local ringers.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

#### PRESENTATION TO FORMER SECRETARY.

Thirteen towers were represented at the Dorchester Branch meeting at Charminster on August 16th, when Canon A. Wilkinson Markby (Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and chairman of the branch) presented Mrs. Godley, of Stratton, with an illuminated address and a gift from the ringers in appreciation of her services as hon. secretary from 1944-47.

The address had been prepared by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, Rector of Upwey, and accompanying it was a list of 128 members from all towers who had subscribed towards the gift. Canon Markby spoke of Mrs. Godley's outstanding work for the branch, a tribute that was warmly endorsed by the ringers.

The Vicar, Rev. D. B. Eperson, and Canon Markby conducted the ringers' service, and at tea thanks were extended to the Vicar, the local ringers, and the lady helpers for their hospitality.

## Sanity Questioned

Dear Sir,—The various references in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' to ringing oddities can, I think, be capped by a recent experience of members of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers. This should not, however, be regarded as typical of the ringing activities of the society!

On visiting the tower at Bronllys, during the society's ringing tour this summer, the ropes were found to be extremely low. One member found he could ring much better sitting down, but in a few minutes the whole band had descended to its knees, in which position a touch of Bob Minor and then a well-struck course of Cambridge Minor were brought round. In each case the word 'stand' brought the ringers to their feet, and the bells were set at the call 'stop'!

Although doubts were expressed by certain onlookers concerning the sanity of those participating, it was generally acknowledged that the striking was some of the best experienced at the tower.

BETTY SPICE,

Sittingbourne, Kent.

### WELL-KNOWN RINGERS WED

The wedding of Mr. E. Dennis Poole, secretary of the Shropshire Association, to Miss Patricia Fletcher, took place at Malinslee Church, Shropshire, on August 27th. Both bride and bridegroom are well-known and keen ringers. The Rev. T. Eland, Vicar of Coalbrookdale, officiated. Ringers present at the reception included Messrs. A. Woodvine, J. Harley, L. Bray, A. Pritchard, W. A. Farmer, F. G. Beddow and J. W. Humphries. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rev. T. N. Crowther Green, Rector of Brierley Hill and a former treasurer of the Association.

Before and after the ceremony the six bells of Malinslee Church were rung to Plain Bob. Kent and Stedman, and two peals are to be attempted in the near future in honour of the event.

### REVIEW

#### 'DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS'

The complaint has often been made that the style of writing used in ringing text books is so involved as to go over the head of the average ringer. That criticism can hardly be made of the excellent work on 'Double Norwich Caters, the method and its proof,' written by Edgar C. Shepherd and just published in useful size book form. The work shows that the author has been at great pains to help the student to compose and prove touches and peals in this fascinating Cater method, and he is to be congratulated on having dealt with his subject in simple terms, easily understood.

The Rev. H. Law James and his brother made an attempt some 40 years ago to popularise this useful method by ringing a peal with the Gloucester St. Michael's band, under the conductorship of that great pioneer, the late John Austin. Tradition in ringing, as in many other things, however, dies hard, and the effort misfired, probably through the discouraging attitude of the Editor of 'The Bell News,' who regarded the method as a 'novelty.'

Those lucky bands who possess a ring of ten bells will do well to study this latest book, which provides us with a welcome alternative to Grandshire and Stedman Caters. We can well do with booklets of the kind under review, and it is to be hoped that others who are gifted in the same way as Mr. Shepherd may by his example be induced to deal with other methods in the same simple but effective manner.

J. F. S.



## NOTICES

## MARRIAGE

**BOWLER. — KENNAIRD.** — On Sept. 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Finsbury Park, London, Leonard H. Bowler, to Jessie Kennaird. Future address: 44, Pad-dock Road, Cricklewood, N.W.2.

1921

## SITUATION VACANT

**GARDENER-HANDYMAN**, either single to live in or occupy the lodge with wife assisting in house; good ringing district; 8-bell tower adjoining.—S/Lr. York-Bramble, Fountains Park, Netley Abbey, Southampton. 1893

## ACCOMMODATION

Does any ringer know of homely **LODGINGS** for veterinary student, aged 19, in Reading, Streatley, Goring or Pangbourne district?—Replies appreciated by his father, Mr. J. Oldham, Bell Foundry, Loughborough.

1942

## PERSONAL

E. Many happy returns. Your address, please.—O.

1891

## PUBLICATIONS

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

While they last, Nichols' 'Bells Thro' the Ages' (21s.) may be had for 8s. 6d., plus 8d. postage, from E. Morris, Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 1918

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1868

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Meeting Beccles, Suffolk, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.45 at Y.M.C.A. Meeting to follow.—Sylvia R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1852

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Horsell (6), Sept. 13th, 3. Service 4.30.—F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 1873

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1876

**ESSEX ASSN.** — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Harwich, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thoring-ton, Colchester. 1859

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.** — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Otley, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available 2. Tea 5. Business meeting 6.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 1880

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Christchurch Branch) and **SALISBURY GUILD** (Wimborne Branch).—Combined meeting Bournemouth, Sept. 13th. Ringing St. John's (Surrey Road) (8) 2.30. Tea in Central Bournemouth 5.30. Ringing St. Peter's (8) 6.30. Short business meeting.—Rev. C. A. Phillips and Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Secs. 1913

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—District meeting at Hunsdon, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon. 1902

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting Mobberley, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 1903

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Bolney (8), Sept. 13th, 3. Tea 5. Twineham (5) after.—C. A. Bassett. 1904

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1906

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting Netherbury, Sept. 13th.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 1888

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting Ashover (8), Sept. 13th. Bring food and families and let us have a good day out.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1934

**CHISLEHURST (ST. NICHOLAS').**—Weekly practice on Tuesdays at 7.45 will be resumed on and from Sept. 16th. Sunday ringing at 5.45 as usual. 1889

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Evening meeting at All Saints', Fulham, Thurs., Sept. 18th. Bells 7 to 8.30.—F. A. Finch. 1931

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at

Paston, Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea 5, in Village Hall. Knap-ton bells after tea.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 1912

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** and **SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Joint meeting North Collingham (6), (six miles from Newark), Sept. 20th, 2.30. Cups of tea only. South Collingham available after tea.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec., Lincoln District. 1901

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting Quadring, Sept. 20th.—J. E. Allen, Virginia Cottages, Donington, Spalding. 1834

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee meet 3.30 in vestry. Tea (3s. 6d. per head) served at 5 at Hagenbach's Cafe. Names to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, by September 16th. General meeting at Royal Hotel 6—Leslie W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1874

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting at St. Augustine, Kilburn, on Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.45, followed by tea. Further ringing at St. Mary's, Willesden, 6.30.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1884

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Aldermaston (8), Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Names to Miss Davis, Bucklebury, Reading, by Sept. 17th. 1945

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Steyning, Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 15th.—E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1944

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.**—Quarterly meeting Sept. 20th, Blackwell (6). Send names for tea to A. Smithson, 10, Bamford Street, Newton, Derbyshire. 1941

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting Holy Trinity Church, Morecambe, Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to H. Palmer, 14, Orford Street, Morecambe, not later than Wed., Sept. 17th.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 1950

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Henbury (8), Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea; cafes available.—Special meeting Abson (6), Sept. 26th. Please notify for tea.—Miss M. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 1939



**DEVON GUILD.**—S.W. Branch.—Meeting Kelly, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5. Special coach from Plymouth 1 p.m. Fare 7s. 6d. Names by Sept. 15th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1871

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Dundry, Sat., Sept. 20th, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1940

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting Eccleston, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. 1947

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Autumn meeting, Buckland, Sat., Sept. 20th Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wed., Sept. 17th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 1937

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Totterhoe (6), Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—H. C. Hillyard. 1936

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Great Easton, Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5; bring own food.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1935

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting Sat., Sept. 20th Essenden (6), 2.30, Northaw (6) 6.30. Tea 5. Bus service 342, Barnet to Essenden, leaves Barnet Station 1.31 p.m., 2.31 p.m.; Hertford P.O. to Essenden leaves 2.27 p.m. Service 341 from St. Albans to Hertford—leave bus at Essendon Mill—leaves Hertford bus station at 31 and 51 minutes past hour; leaves St. Albans (10), 7.45.—T. J. Southam, Joint practice nights: Tuesday, Sept. 16th, St. Albans Cathedral (12), 7.30; Mon., Sept. 29th, St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), 7.45.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1930

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Wyke Regis, Sept. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Buses at 10-minute intervals from Weymouth. Please notify by Sept. 15th.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1926

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Farnham Branch.—Meeting at Bagshot (8), Sat., Sept. 20th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. The official opening of the bells after rehangings. Names for tea by Sept. 18th to J. Corbett, Sunnyside, Bagshot.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 1922

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting Woodchurch (6), Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 1929

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Practice meeting Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, Sept. 20th. Bells from 3.30. Tea for those who notify me by Sept. 16th. Gentlemen, please help us!—E. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. 1924

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Meeting St. Mary Bourne, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Cooper, Wakesford Lodge.—F. S. H. Marle. 1919

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern Branch.—Annual Clent, Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea Parish Hall 5. Business to follow.—Bernard C Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1923

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Next meeting Peterborough, Sat., Sept. 20th. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 16th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 1914

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting Uttoxeter, Sat., Sept. 20th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1915

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall, District.—Elveden, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea 5. (Please advise Mr. A. S. Atkins, 21, The Dell, Elveden, near Thetford.) Business meeting at 5.30. All ringers and others interested will be welcomed.—A. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 1916

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSN.**—Meeting at Liversedge Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Tea for those who order from F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge. Meeting after tea.—S. Manchester, Sec., 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1917

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting Apsley, Herts, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5, and tea following. Names to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Sept. 24th. Bells at Hemel Hempstead (8) available in evening. Routes: Green Line buses 706, 707 and 708 to Apsley Mills; trains: L.M.S., Euston to Apsley.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1927

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Newport (8), Sept. 27th, 3. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements (several cafes).—E. D. Poole. 1948

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Meeting Brampton, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 1928

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting at Cannock, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Notification by Tues., 23rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1925

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting Wantage, Sat., Sept. 27th. Service 3.30. Tea; notify before 24th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 1920

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—East Devon.—Luppitt, Sat., Sept. 27th. Service 4. Business and tea after service. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 1932

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1933

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wimbledon on Sat., Sept. 27th. Ringing at Wimbledon 3 to 4.30, followed by service, and tea at the Wimbledon Hill Hotel. Christ Church, Mitcham, bells from 6.30; St. Mary's, Putney, 7 to 8. Notice for tea to Mr. F. W. Wicks, The Lodge, 10, Arthur Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19, by Sept. 23rd, please.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1938

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting Cassington, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd to H Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 1943

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.**—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Sat., Oct. 4th, at 5.45 prompt. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) obtainable from branch or general secs. not later than Mon., Sept. 29th. Early application desirable. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) available for ringing 3 to 5.30.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1949



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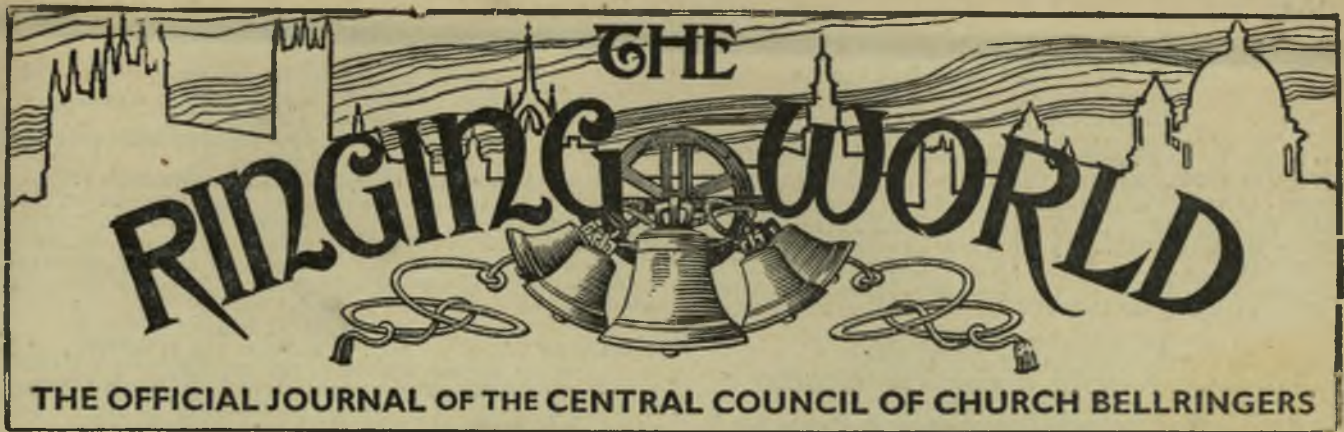
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## AN AMERICAN WANTS TO KNOW

A copy of the Rev. F. F. Rigby's book, 'Elementary Change Ringing,' has reached Mr. Ralph R. Mahlum, of Long Beach, California, U.S.A., and has aroused in him and five other members of the choir of the First Congregational Church in Long Beach an interest in change ringing. His church hopes to introduce a carillon. He writes to the president of the Lancashire Association: 'The growth of bells and particularly carillons is apparent in America, but all too slow. Few of our churches have rings of bells—mostly one bell only—and many none at all. The only time they are rung is on Sunday morning, the five-minute period before 11 o'clock church service, as well as before Sunday School. Many communities have even dispensed completely with the bell, and it hangs idle on the roof-top in the dusty belfry.'

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This interest in bells is particularly welcome. There are in the States a number of English ringers who have settled there, among them being Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, who is making the journey by air this month to British Columbia to renew his handling of bell ropes and, if possible, to stand in a peal with a distinguished English visitor. Change ringing is practised in Australia, where ringers produce a typescript monthly journal, and Canada, and also to a limited extent in South Africa. If this venerable English art should find favour in the United States it will be an added means of cementing friendship between the two peoples and possibly a means of earning dollars by the export of British bells and carillons. The leading bell founders, we know, are sparing no pains in endeavouring to increase this avenue of trade, and recent issues have mentioned new rings of British bells at Malta and in Australia. It is to be hoped that at an early day mention can be made of securing American contracts.



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DAVID VINCENT ... .. 4	GEORGE BEECH ... .. Tenor
	JAMES A. PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... .. 6
MRS. J. E. BAILEY ... .. 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	DAVID VINCENT ... .. Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5
*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
THOMAS BARKER ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
ROGER LEIGH ... .. 4	*JAMES E. BURLS ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. In memoriam to Mr. William Robinson, of Ambleside.

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## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD WHITEHEAD ... .. Treble	*GEOFFREY DODDS ... 5
ALBERT DISERENS ... .. 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 6
MRS. A. DISERENS ... .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
*GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Arranged and rung for the wedding of Cyril A. Burgess (one of the local band) to Miss Peggie Binney, also of Birmingham.

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ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ... 5
ALBERT E. MILLS ... .. 2	ERIC BRUNTON ... .. 6
*STUART SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES CLEGG ... .. 7
JACK CLEGG ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for the diamond jubilee of the church.

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

Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 5
*RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... 6
GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 3	*HARRY J. MILLATT ... 7
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

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Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM ALLMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 5
DENIS MADDOCK ... .. 2	CECIL RADDON ... .. 6
JOHN W. BEST ... .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 7
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Arranged by J. W. GRIFFITHS. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 7th. First peal of Little Bob on the bells.

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STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
LEONARD MANNERING ... 4	GEORGE WOOD ... .. Tenor

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ADAM DEAS ... .. 2	JOHN HEDLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4	*WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.

\* First peal of Triples. A farewell to the Provost, the Very Rev. G. E. Brigstocke, on leaving Newcastle to become principal of St. Bede's College, Durham.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 34 cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING ... .. Treble	CHARLES RICHARDS ... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
*ALAN F. THIRST ... .. 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

\* First peal of London. First peal of London as conductor.



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BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Macclesfield Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MALCOLM HARWOOD ... Treble	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
ALAN A. POITS ... 3	†EDWARD SEED ... 7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Kingdon), who has accepted the living of St. Mary's Within-the-Walls, Chester.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	C. HENRY WEBB ... 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 7
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4	GEORGE GARDNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. H. W. WHITE.

In memory of Mr. Ernest Stone, who was a service ringer at this church.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

HILDA M. TAYLOR ... Treble	*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 5
*JANET MATTINSON ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method. † 300th peal.

## SIX BELL PEAL

CHILDSWICKHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

MICHAEL P. MORETON ... Treble	M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... 4
BETTY SPICE ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
*DAVID GALLOP ... 3	C. JOHN DICKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. JOHN DICKINSON.

\* First tower-bell peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

## North Yorkshire and Durham Tour

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER ALLMAN ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. ED. CAWSE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Treble	LEONARD TREVOR ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of London on the bells.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
*W. NORMAN PARK ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

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

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*W. NORMAN PARK ... Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
*JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by J. ED. CAWSE.

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

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ... Treble	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	†WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
†W. NORMAN PARK ... 3	†RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 8
†JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	†ARTHUR FIRTH ... 9
LEONARD TREVOR ... 5	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by J. ED. CAWSE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county and for the Association.

SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9½ Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

W. NORMAN PARK ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*W. NORMAN PARK ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ...
*ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...
*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	*LEONARD TREVOR ...
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the county and for the Association. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. This peal contains 1,280 London, 1,568 Cambridge, 992 Superlative and 1,312 Bristol with 106 changes of method.



### CATTERICK, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*MISS D. M. KILLINGLEY Treble	W. NORMAN PARK ...	5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ...	6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	7
LEONARD TREVOR ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

\* First attempt for a peal.

### DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

#### A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE F. NEWTON ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ...	5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ...	6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ...	7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

### A Birmingham Tour

#### PEALS RUNG FOR CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. NORTHFIELD.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH Treble	BRIAN D. PRICE ...	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ...	6
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	7
*ROGER LEIGH ... 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal of Surprise.

### SOLIHULL.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON ...	6
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ...	7
†ROGER LEIGH ... 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	8
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ...	9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by PAUL K. WILLIAMSON.

\* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor.

### SELLY OAK.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. B. James' Arrangement.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROGER LEIGH ... Treble	*REV. E. G. BENSON ...	4
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	5
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

### EDGBASTON.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Treble	JOHN B. ROWSELL ...	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ...	6
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 3	BRIAN D. PRICE ...	7
DR. A. M. CUNNINGHAM ... 4	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

### BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEOFFREY DODDS ... Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 2	ROGER LEIGH ...	6
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 4	*FRANK E. HAYNES ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* 300th peal.

### A Week in Worcestershire

#### PEALS RUNG FOR THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

##### UPTON-ON-SEVERN.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR ... Treble	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ...	7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.

First peal of Major on tower bells as conductor.

##### HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

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

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ...	5-6
ERIC A. DENCH ... 3-4	MRS. J. THOMAS ...	7-8
PHILIP A. CORBY ...		9-10

Composed by W. H. BARBER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

##### EVESHAM.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	FRANK SADLER ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	7
ERIC A. DENCH ... 3	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	8
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* 50th peal of Stedman.

##### WORCESTER.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	JOHN THOMAS ...	6
†THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	7
†MRS. J. THOMAS ... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

##### HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS ...	5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 3	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	7
ERIC A. DENCH ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

##### DODDERHILL.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JOHN THOMAS ... Treble	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

##### HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN.

On Sun., Sept. 7, 1947, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.



**AYLESFORD, KENT.**—On Aug. 31st, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Homewood 1, J. Upton 2, A. Lambert 3, J. Homewood 4, L. Wells 5, E. S. J. Hatcher (conductor) 6, G. E. Avis 7, A. Green 8. In honour of the 80th birthday of Mrs. Joy Smith.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Godfrey (first quarter in method) 1, Miss B. Frost 2, Miss A. Holden 3, K. Medhurst 4, H. Holden 5, A. Ball 6, A. Williams (conductor) 7, Mrs. E. Roscoe 8.

**CLEWER, BERKS.**—On August 31st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles, ten callings: W. Butler (first quarter, conductor) 1, R. Posnett 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, F. Rolfe 5, S. L. Posnett 6. First quarter of Stedman by all and by a local band.

**EWERBY, Lincs.**—On Aug. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: R. Parker 1, S. Proctor (conductor) 2, L. Squires 3, A. Mackears 4, H. Squires 5, C. Blakey 6, F. Proctor 7, John Cragg 8, R. Woods 9, T. Hall 10. Also three courses Stedman Caters.

**EVERSHOT, DORSET.**—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. T. Groves 1, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 2, H. Smith 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. Vine 5, W. Groves 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Giles Fox-Strangeways, 13-year-old son of Lord Ilchester's heir.

**EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.**—At St. Giles' Church on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. A. Hastings 1, A. E. Bristow 2, D. Ellender 3, H. Polwell 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5, I. A. Morrison 6.

**FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**—At St. Mary's on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Eastwell (first quarter in method) 1, Miss R. Tabraham 2, W. Eastwell 3, D. Pearce 4, A. Birch 5, A. Gale 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, B. Matthews (aged 13, first quarter) 8.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, J. Stephenson 2, M. Chilcott 3, W. Langdon 4, W. J. Paice 5, J. Chilcott 6, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 7, H. Langdon 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On Sept. 7th at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: H. Platt 1, G. Cherry (first quarter of Double Norwich) 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, C. V. Hare 5, H. W. Else 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, F. Croft 8.

**KEYSOE, BEDS.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Stapleton 1, F. W. Lack (conductor) 2, G. Seth 3, S. Litchfield 4, A. Stapleton 5. Rung with bells half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. W. Gell, churchwarden and member of the local band.

**LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 1st at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wynd. Rossiter 1, O. Tucker 2, W. Ashman 3, E. King (conductor) 4, E. Trim 5, G. Ashman 6. Rung for St. Giles' Day.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Madely 1, R. Hazeldine (first in method) 2, W. J. Chester 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to E. Dennis Poole and Miss Fletcher, who were married last week.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—At 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, on Sept. 3rd, on handbells, 1,264 Bob Major: J. K. Wagstaff (first quarter of Major in hand) 1-2, P. A. Salter 3-4, T. Groombridge, jun. (conductor) 5-6, T. Groombridge, sen. 7-8.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Colyer 1, Elsie Savory 2, Ruth Geraghty 3, H. Punt 4, W. N. Genna 5, T. Collins (conductor) 6, W. Pickthall 7, H. Stratford 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for 2, 3 and 4.

**RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Robinson 1, Ian Napper 2, W. M. Rowe 3, R. S. Rowe (conductor) 4, J. Duncan 5, E. Wright (first quarter) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

**SWINDON.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,440 Kent Royal at Christ Church: C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss N. Davis 3, H. H. Aberham 4, W. A. Theobald 5, P. L. Harris 6, F. J. Daniell 7, J. Berry 8, F. Warrington 9, W. W. Daniell 10. First quarter of Kent Royal for 2 and 3. Also first quarter on ten bells for 4.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Sept. 3rd, at All Saints', 1,248 Bob Major: F. Warrington (composer and conductor) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, L. W. Fisher 3, A. Sinfield 4, C. H. Harding 5, F. W. Lack 6, H. Fields 7, B. Sims 8. Late start prevented peal attempt.—On Sunday Sept. 7th, 1,296 Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Nicholls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, L. W. Fisher 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Rung on the back six.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Piggins 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, Miss M. Whitlock 3, A. Upsall 4, W. Storey 5, W. Jarvis 6, W. Freeman 7, F. Wigmore (conductor) 8.

## IN MEMORIAM. ERNEST STONE

**STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.**—At St. Michael's Church on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. M. Callow (first quarter) 1, R. W. Hayne 2, M. Callow 3, D. Ellender 4, F. Brassington 5, A. Roberts 6, T. W. Sheppard (conductor) 7, Sgt. B. Ellender, R.E. 8.

**CHILVERS COTON.**—At All Saints' Church on Sept. 1st, an attempt for Grandsire Caters failed after an hour's ringing: D. Gibbons 1, J. F. Clarke 2, J. Thompson 3, Miss M. Beamish 4, Miss M. V. Godderidge 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. Gibbons 7, H. Harris 8, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 9, J. E. Moreton 10. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

**NUNEATON.**—At St. Nicolas' Church on Sept. 2nd, 1,376 Bob Major: J. E. Moreton 1, Miss M. Beamish 2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3, A. H. Beamish 4, J. Aldridge 5, G. J. Stoneley 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

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The peal of Belgrave Surprise Major at Tring, reported in our last issue, was the 80th method on tower bells rung by Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, of Bushey. Such a variety in only 338 peals is unique in the Exercise. Mr. Ernest Morris in his 1,000 peals rang 81 methods—80 of which were on tower bells.

There is some sad news for Lancashire. The peal of Treble Bob Royal, 5,120, rung at Preston on April 7th, 1947, is false. See correspondence columns.

A 25-year-old error has been rectified by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The annual report for 1921 omitted a peal of Stedman Triples rung on Boxing Day, 1921, at the Minster Church of St. Denys, Warminster, which is now recorded in the latest report.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner is anxious to trace the whereabouts of a book written by Mr. J. A. Trollope entitled 'The Science of Change Ringing.' It is a handwritten book very handsomely bound.

Among the satisfactions of authorship to the Rev. F. F. Rigby is the recent order he has received for six copies of 'Elementary Change Ringing' from Long Beach, California. He never expected his work would be earning dollars for Britain.

Appropriately it was the Cathedral Sunday service ringers who rang the farewell peal to the Provost at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on August 30th. The peal was also a birthday compliment to J. E. R. Keen and John Anderson, and was rung on the 'Dixon Eight.'

The picture of Whiston, Yorks, young ringers which appeared in 'The Ringing World' has created interest among the handbell ringers of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Worcester, Mass. Mr. J. William Cooper, the Ringing Master, who is a native of Worcester, England, has forwarded to Mr. Norman Chaddock a photograph of his ringers.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

This issue may rightly be described as a summer peal tour issue. In our peal columns are tours in Birmingham district by the Cambridge University Guild, another in Yorkshire and Durham and a third in Worcestershire.

In the schools broadcast on Wednesday, November 26th, at 2 p.m., the B.B.C. announced: Church bells—bellringing in an English village.

Notice is given by Mr. John Freeman that members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will make a further attempt to ring 14,144 London Surprise Major at Heydour on October 4th. The composition was published in our issue of July 11th.

While on holiday recently in North Devon, Mr. Peter Crook located four ancient peal boards which had not been recorded by the Peal Boards Committee. Much useful work for this committee of the Central Council could be accomplished if ringers on their travels kept their eyes open.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby have followed a week's holiday in Cornwall with a second week in Worcestershire. The second week was memorable for Mr. Eric Dench. He had previously rung peals on six successive days and did not want to leave it at six again. His seventh was an early morning affair 'in hand.' He was to have called the party at 5 a.m. with a cup of tea, but, in fact, he had to be called himself at 7 a.m.!

Further information about the peal at Exeter Cathedral, when William Pye rang the 72 cwt. tenor single-handed, is that for that peal John Thomas cycled from Bristol to Exeter! He started at 6 and got there at 12, and then rang in the peal. Mr. N. E. Hope, late Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, our informant, says that Thomas told him it took 10 minutes to get any feeling in his legs at the end of the peal.

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## Hampton Court Bells

Recently the bells at Hampton Court Palace were cleaned and rehung. In the process an almost indistinguishable founder's mark was discovered on the two quarter bells. A tracing of the mark was made by the contractors concerned—Messrs. Mears and Stainbank—and identified as belonging to William Culverden, an early 16th century London founder.

An illustration of the tracing accompanies this article. The late H. B. Walters, F.S.A., in his work, 'Church Bells of England,' makes the following observations:—

... and finally we have William Culverden (1510-1523), whose foundry shield is the most elaborate of all, and a rebus device of the most subtle description (305). Long a puzzle, it was finally elucidated by the ingenuity of Mr. A. D. Tysen. The centre of the shield is occupied by a large bell, on which the letters FOWN of the word founder are visible: below are a W and a figure of a bird. On either side are inscribed the words, FN DNO COFIDO, with a trefoil and DE below: and in the base is a mark like two P's conjoined, one being reversed. The name of Culverden being known as that of a founder from records of the period, it was ingeniously pointed out that culver is an old English word for "pigeon," the kind of bird evidently here represented. Combined with the W and DE we thus get "W. Culverden." Now the significance of the text is apparent, for the Vulgate of Ps. x (xi). I. runs: "In Domino confido; quomodo dicite animae meae, transmigra in montem sicut passer." The other two marks are still unexplained, but the trefoil may indicate a reference to the Holy Trinity, Culverden having had some relations with the Priory of that name in Aldgate.



The Henry VIII. astronomical clock in the turret is being restored by the Ministry of Works, and regilding of the dial is in progress. The hour bell was cast by Thomas Harrys, a London founder, between 1478 and 1490. The astronomical dial of the clock was installed by Henry VIII., but the existing mechanism is of later date.

### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

## A NOTE ON METHOD RANGE

(WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO 'BRISTOL')

By A. Yorke-Bramble.

A correspondent in these columns, recently claiming that Drayton is 'an illegitimate Surprise method,' and giving his reason as lack of internal place-makings when the treble is passing the cross-sections, said, 'Bristol Royal has the same fault.' Now it may be shown that the 'natural' extension of Bristol Surprise from the Major to the Royal compass has no such fault.

It is now a quarter of a century since this matter was before the notice of the Exercise in the pages of 'The Ringing World.' During 1922 and 1923 in a series of articles on method construction and extension, and in correspondence, both public and private, with the brothers James (Banks and Law), C. D. P. Davies, E. S. Powell, J. Armiger Trollope, George Baker and others, I discussed, inter alia, the Bristol method range from Major to Maximus. In the issue numbered 615 and dated December 29th, 1922 (page 820), appeared the concluding article with the figures for the method on each compass. Needless to say, the correspondents voiced their various criticisms; but the Royal version as published embodied, I believe, more of the recognised features than any other one version at that time put forward; and it certainly had not the fault of no internal places at the treble's crossing of sections, such as the correspondent has alleged.

But it had one feature about which I was none too happy. This occurred in the changes at the quarter and three-quarter rows of the full 'lead,' i.e., those where the treble is dodging in 5.6. Here adjacent places were made simultaneously in 3.4 and 7.8. The figures of this section were included as from another version of the Royal, which my old correspondent George Baker sent me at that time.

Another arrangement of this same section, however, with places at 7ths and 10ths in the first two rows, and at 1sts and 4ths in the second two rows, was also sent to me in 1922 by the late J. Armiger Trollope, in the course of some very lengthy private correspondence, and it seems to me preferable to include this arrangement of the rows of the sections with the treble in 5.6 for the finalised mode of Bristol Surprise Royal.

In taking up again the threads of method research after an absence of some years I am uncertain as to whether these finalised figures have yet become generally known; but here they are, for the half-lead from rounds, spaced in the sections:—

In any event this 'natural' version has:—

- (a) Regular lead-ends.
- (b) Bristol-type shunts.
- (c) Mr. Baker's 'pivot bell' as for a double method, throughout the range; in this case No. 2.
- (d) Associated lead-ends of the Bristol range.
- (e) Corresponding section rows as found throughout the range.
- (f) The typical Bristol working-bell path throughout;
- (g) The best music obtainable in the Bristol method on Royal compass.

At this encouraging time of greater effort and achievement in ringing generally, it may be opportune to put forward the following point of view for the student of method construction: A method may be built or evolved originally in any one bell-compass of the range of rings; and this may be known as its 'basic compass.' For example, Bristol was evolved in the

major compass. The basic compass of Bristol is therefore major; similarly that of Stedman is doubles. Once evolved, a method can be considered as to its application to higher or, in some cases, lower compass; and even, sometimes, to all compasses, both odd and even; as, for instance, the Grandsire system. Application upwards is properly known as 'extension,' while application downwards may be called 'contraction.'

Some methods are found to have quite 'natural' extensions above, and contractions below, the basic compass, while others are found to be strictly applicable only in one direction; that is to say, providing the conventions of method construction as covered by the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council are always observed.

Bristol applies both above and below its basic compass. In other words, contraction to Bristol Surprise Minor is possible. In fact, it approximates to No. 29 of the C.C. Collection of Legitimate Methods, in the Surprise Minor group, known as Norwich Surprise. The latter differs, however, in having one less pair of places made in the half-lead, which prevents it evolving as the double method that Bristol is throughout its range.

But this is material for another article.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at St. Michael's Church, East Ardsley, on August 30th, when members were present from Armley, Guiseley, Leeds, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell and the local company. After ringing various methods during the afternoon, a very enjoyable tea was served by the local company in the Church Schools.

The business meeting was held in the tower, with the president (Mr. John McGlenn) in the chair. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to the Vicar and wardens for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and this was supported by Mr. G. Benfield. The Rev. C. A. Roberts, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said they were always very pleased to receive the Society at East Ardsley and were more than grateful to the members for coming and ringing the bells. He felt that such Associations as these performed an excellent work in cementing the friendship between the various towers.

The vote of thanks to the local company for making such splendid arrangements was proposed by Mr. F. Rayment, who said that the way in which Mr. Watson and his friends had made the preparations was quite an achievement in such difficult times.

Mr. E. Watson, in replying, said they were always pleased to receive the Association at St. Michael's, in fact they welcomed anyone who would come and ring their bells. The local company were few in numbers now, but they tried to keep the bells going for service ringing. Mr. Pinder also expressed pleasure at receiving the Society and hoped they would come again soon.

The President announced that the next meeting had been arranged for Liversedge on Sept. 27th, and that a joint meeting with the Selby and District Society was being arranged for Kippax in November.

### SUFFOLK GUILD

A sad lack of interest was shown at the meeting at Assington on August 30th, when only ten Suffolk Guild members showed up. from Assington, Hadleigh and Sudbury. Anxiety to make the most of the 'basic' ration brought visitors from Fulbourne and Sawston, Cambs, St. Albans, Herts, and Cheltenham, Glos., and Wickham St. Paul, Essex. After tea the fine eight at All Saints', Sudbury, were put to good use. It is probable the next meeting will be a joint one with the Essex Association, when the secretary hopes more support will be forthcoming.



## CORRESPONDENTS' PAGE

## New Era of Change Ringing!

Sir,—It would seem from the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' that we may be entering a new era in change ringing where all this rot about bothering what a peal sounds like outside will be discarded and thrown overboard. Let us hasten to salute these brave reformers, Linfoot and Rhodes, in comparison with whom even Kippin must be labelled 'reactionary.'

Just take a look at the present position and compare it with the golden future that may now be not so far away. Think of a youngster who learns to ring rounds at a tender age and might then pass on to 'covering' but for the weight of the tenor, which is too great for him. What a shame it is that the present antiquated rules of the Central Council debar him from ringing a peal when he could quite easily 'cover' with the treble. In future we may hope that this will soon be recognised, for, after all, with eight bells the treble has the same note as the tenor only an octave higher, and the ropes would still fall in a clockwise direction. It may sound a bit unusual to the 'old fogies,' but think of the pleasure that it will give the little chap!

Another valuable reform that is surely long overdue is one which will benefit ten and twelve-bell towers. No longer shall we have to bother about the music of the peal and be tied down by these ridiculous and out of date conventions so that a peal of Major will have to be rung on the 'back' eight. No, we shall be able to go to a tower with twelve bells and pick out the eight most suitable. For instance, we shall leave out the tenor because it goes up false and we should have to waste time turning the clapper; the seventh is odd struck, the fifth has a weak stay and the rope on the second looks a bit frayed so we shall leave those three out as well and use the eight left. Once again the reactionary old fogies are going to turn up their noses and make loud protests, but it will be quite all right as we shall take care to strike well, use a true composition and avoid any errors in the production of the changes.

Doubtless the Central Council will be bitterly opposed to these new ideas and will seek to shelter behind its antiquated rules drawn up years ago before progressive ideas like these were heard of. But all ringers who have the future of our art at heart must band together to compel them to move with the times. Let us show them that we are in earnest by holding meetings at Basingstoke and Elland if necessary and burying copies of their out of date rules with due ceremony. Surely the ideal is to abandon rules altogether, for it is impossible to lay down any set which will cover all possibilities. Think, for instance, how with the aid of wireless it would be possible through each ringer wearing headphones to have a peal rung where each bell was ringing in a separate tower. Do our present rules recognise such a possibility?

I could wish that my name were better known in ringing circles and that thereby my plea might be made the more forceful, but as the campaign for reform gets under way I feel that my name will be much more in evidence in the new era that is dawning for change ringing.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

K. OSSE.

## 'ODDITIES'

Dear Sir,—Apropos 'oddities,' about four years ago I rang the treble at Holbeck, Leeds, from a chair placed on top of a table, not as an acrobatic performance, but being the only one who could reach the sally after the broken rope had been temporarily refixed, during ringing for the Vicar's induction.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds 5.

## The late Mr. J. A. Trollope

Dear Sir,—Will you permit a further note on the lamented death of our late Editor? Some 55 years ago he, with two schoolfellows, George and John Burton, and Alfred Brighton and myself, shared in many pranks, escapades and excursions in our eager ringing quest for fresh towers to add to our lists, in Norwich and Norfolk. 'J.A.T.' was the chief instigator of these affairs, and it is a joy to recall his gaiety, humour and good comradeship when they were in progress. They were carefree and happy days, with tower or handbell ringing wherever and whenever possible at any time of the day or night, and we enjoyed them to the full.

The splendid tributes you have published from his later friends give an added sadness to his passing, for they make grievous reading. When he was practically writing our entire paper during the later war years he often referred in letters to his ever-present dread that his health would break down under the strain and anxiety of the job. Small wonder if it had—for what a job, and what a great one he made it! It could only have been his unquenchable will-power which kept him going.

I hope his critics now feel as unhappy about the whole business as do his friends of earlier days. May Mother Earth rest lightly on a gallant and joyous comrade.

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Red Roof, Sheringham, Norfolk.

## RECTORS' SERVICE

Dear Sir,—At Maidwell, William de Foxton was Rector 1282-1352. In more recent times the Rev. Thomas Holdich was Rector and Squire from 1800-1868. He insisted upon preaching until he was 95 years old. The inhabitants said of him, 'He saw us into the world and sure enough he'll bury us.'

CHARLES W. DIXON.

Post Office, Maidwell.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. P. Amos, may be interested to hear of the 69 years' incumbency of John Higgs, Vicar of Quatford, Shropshire, from 1694-1763. The son of a local miller, he reared a large family on a stipend of £15 per annum.

If your correspondent will communicate with me directly I shall be pleased to give him further particulars of this cleric and several other instances of long service in the church of which I have details, as I feel your space can be more profitably devoted to ringing matters than a discourse on ecclesiastical history.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRED E. BOX.

140, Wentworth Road, Harborne, Birmingham 17.

Dear Sir,—In the Parish Church of Ashill, Norfolk, there is a stained glass window to the memory of one Bartholomew Edwards, who served there as Rector for 76 years, 1913-1889, and died in his hundredth year. There are two other records of 76 years in the same county.

This information is given in Arthur Mee's 'Norfolk' in 'The King's England' series, and we are also told that the longest ministry in any pulpit is one of 77 years. Unfortunately we are not told where this took place.

WALLACE W. COUSINS.

Terrington St. John.

## POEM WANTED

Dear Sir,—John Bunyan, the famous author of 'Pilgrim's Progress' and a ringer at Elstow, Beds, wrote a poem for boys and girls on 'Bells.' If any reader can supply me with a copy of this poem I should be glad if they would write me direct. ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester.

## Another Claim for Ireland

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Hadley's letter under the above heading, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the 5th inst., Mr. Hadley is quite right in his statement, and I must apologise for not making it clear that the handbell peal rung on August 4th was the first in two Doubles methods on handbells. I sent in the report with the full knowledge that more than one Minor method had already been rung. However, I have the peal already recorded in the peal book with the footnote, 'First peal in two Doubles methods on handbells in Ireland.'

For the benefit of your readers and Mr. Hadley's memory: Mr. Hadley conducted the first handbell peals for this Association of one Minor method, Plain Bob on March 23rd, 1914 at Arklow; two Minor methods, Kent and Oxford, on September 19th, 1915, at Arklow; three Minor methods, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, on August 21st, 1915, at Arklow; seven Minor methods, Oxford, Kent, Grandsire, College S., Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob on November 9th, 1915, also at Arklow; and Grandsire Doubles, September 10th, 1913, at Arklow.

I thank Mr. Hadley for drawing my attention to the error, which I can assure him was not intentional.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinson, Dundalk.

## FALSE TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I greatly regret to inform you that the 5,120 Treble Bob Royal by E. Timbrell, published on page 440 of Sept. 12th issue of 'The Ringing World,' is false. The Wrong leads of the 2nd and 9th and 5th and 7th courses are false against each other. The natural course-ends involved being 42356 and 43265 respectively.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

## USEFULNESS?

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. M. Houghton's letter appearing in 'The Ringing World' dated August 8th is the most scathing and unchristianlike letter which I have had the misfortune to read. I would much rather read Mr. Male's report of his achievement than Mr. Houghton's conceited and distorted views, which have done untold harm.

Mr. Houghton should visit Mr. Male's home, and if he has any conscience at all he will fully appreciate the stupidity and usefulness of his own composition.—Yours faithfully,

F. I. EATON.

## 52 TOWERS IN EIGHT DAYS

Dear Sir,—Your contributor, R.O.F., cannot claim that a recent ringing tour from Winchester to Marlborough was unique. On Aug. 21st, 1937, a party of seven met and rang the bells of St. Mary's, Marlborough. Later that day, and on the eight days that followed, 52 towers were visited and many miles covered. Cycles were ridden when possible, and pushed over Exmoor and its spurs. Youth hostels were used for bed and breakfast, and village inns for mid-day meals. The tour was very successful and was repeated in 1938 and 1939. Accounts of these are to be found in 'The Ringing World,' 1938, page 542, and 1939, page 531.—Yours faithfully, E. B. HARTLEY.

43, Grendon Gardens, Wembley Park.

## OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I saw in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago a lead of Oswald Delight Major, a peal of 5,066 being rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, on January 17th. The figures are the same as my method of Drayton Surprise, which I composed in 1941. I called it Drayton because Market Drayton, Shropshire, was my birthplace and I conducted there for some peals.—Yours faithfully, E. WEATHERBY.

1235 Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.



## Oxford University Society

### A FARMING-CUM-RINGING HOLIDAY.

Following the success of a similar enterprise of last year, 17 members of the O.U.S.C.R., with the addition of several ringing friends and relatives, have just spent an extremely enjoyable fortnight at the Honeybourne Volunteer Agricultural Camp at Weston-sub-Edge, near Campden, Glos. It was originally planned to work on the land by day and ring in the evening, but the dry weather and local labour conditions combined to provide less work and consequently more ringing than was anticipated.

Evening practices were held at Bretforton, Broadway, Willersey (sixes) and Campden and Badsey (eights), and on Sundays service ringing was enjoyed at Evesham, Badsey, Mickleton and Willersey in co-operation with local bands.

Two tower-bell peals of Bob Minor were rung for the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Offenham and Childswickham, each of which enabled first peals to be scored. A highlight of the fortnight's ringing was the day tour on August 30th, when Hinton-on-the-Green, Tewkesbury, Upton-on-Severn, Pershore and Evesham were visited. On this day the help of Messrs. W. Williams, G. I. Lewis, C. Camm and G. J. Hemming was much appreciated.

Not only was this a profitable fortnight's ringing—methods ranged from Grandshire and Plain Bob for beginners to Lincolnshire and Pudsey Surprise Major—but pleasant surroundings, glorious weather and convivial company combined to make a memorable holiday for all. This was due in no small measure to the unstinted hospitality of tower captains and clergy in the neighbourhood, and the Society wishes to thank most warmly its ringing friends for their ready and repeated co-operation this year. Their friendly welcome was most appreciated, and all members concerned in this year's farming-cum-ringing holiday look forward to renewing their acquaintance with the ringers and towers in the Honeybourne district next summer. B. S.

### REPTON'S RECORD ATTENDANCE

Repton, the chief town in the great Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Mercia and one of the places where Christianity was first proclaimed, was the venue for the joint meeting of the Midland Counties Guild and the Derbyshire Association on August 30th.

This historic town lies in South Derbyshire situated on rising ground above the Trent, which is about a mile distant, and to-day Repton has one of the great public schools of England, which is the pride of the county. The late Archbishop and the present Archbishop of Canterbury were at one time headmasters of Repton School.

Upwards of 80 members and friends were in attendance from Derby (Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Andrew's and St. Luke's), Alvaston, Spondon, Ockbrook, Ilkeston, Ripley, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Stoke, Norton-in-the-Moors, Rotherham, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Castle Donington, Melbourne, Ashby, Burton (St. Paul's, St. Modwen's and All Saints'), Newhall, Winhill, Overseal, Netherseale, Lullington and the local company.

During the afternoon and evening some good ringing was accomplished in most of the standard methods, with special attention being given to the claims of learners present. Tea was partaken of at the Boot Inn, after which Mr. W. H. Curson, chairman of the M.C.G., thanked the local people for arranging such an excellent tea.

Mr. W. Lancaster, secretary of the Derbyshire Association, suitably replied, after which he made reference to the passing of Mr. F. Denison Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and former president of the Midland Counties Association, whose achievements were known not only in the Midlands, but throughout the country. The members stood in silence.

## Yorkshire Association

### NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS.

Two very successful meetings of the Northern District have been held recently. On August 23rd about 35 ringers met at the ancient and magnificent Church of St. Gregory, Bedale, and after raising the bells in peal, rang a touch of Stedman Triples to welcome a newly-married couple as they left the church. The fortress-like tower of Bedale Church had at one time a portecullis and houses a pre-Reformation tenor bell; the floor of the ringing chamber consists of very old riven oak slabs.

At the business meeting, held after tea in the Chantry House, two new members were elected. Much use was made of the good old ring of eight bells, and touches were also rung on a ring of handbells, recently restored, which is over 100 years old and the property of the Northern District vice-president.

August 30th saw the members of the Northern District at Birstwith; in this Niddale village there is a fine modern ring of eight bells rung from ground floor level. Good use was made of the bells and many members obtained practice in new methods.

A short business meeting was held in the vestry of the church, at which Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president of the Western District) presided in the unavoidable absence of the Northern District vice-president, Mr. J. B. Hutchinson. In speaking to the members, Mr. Johnson recalled the difficult days through which the Northern District had passed and gave the members a message of encouragement for the future.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Pitttlewell with its fine peal of ten bells was the venue for a very successful meeting of the South-Western Division on August 30th, some 40 members and friends making the most of a perfect summer's day.

The Vicar (the Ven. Gowing) conducted the service and extended a warm welcome to all. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was £1 4s. 6d.

Tea was served in the Church Hall. The business meeting which followed was presided over by the District Master, Mr. J. Chalk. Two new members of the Hornchurch band were elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Brentwood on January 10th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for use of bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. Lufkin for making all arrangements, which made the meeting such a success. Mr. Lufkin responded.

Good use was made of the bells, and methods ranged from Grandshire to Cambridge Surprise.

A visit was also made to St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay, where many members had their first pull on this very fine ring of eight by Taylors.

### THE MIDDLESEX AT CRANFORD

A most delightful meeting was held at Cranford by the South and West District of the Middlesex Association on August 23rd. Some good ringing was enjoyed by the 35 members and friends, ranging from rounds to London Surprise, under the supervision of the Master, Mr. F. A. Finch.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, under the chairmanship of the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles, who spoke with eloquence of the grievous loss the Association had sustained, particularly the South and West District, by the passing of Mr. J. A. Trollope, in which district he had resided and worked so unceasingly for fifty years. The loss was severe, but, said Mr. Coles, he had left a legacy of which they were justly proud, a name that would go down in history, and his 'two boys,' both officers in our Association, worthy successors of J. A. T. The secretary was asked to send a message of sympathy to Miss Trollope, and the meeting stood in silence.

## Ringers' Outings

### GLASGOW VISIT CARLISLE.

Carlisle was the venue of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, Society for their outing on September 6th. A party of 30, comprising 16 ringers (including three from St. James, Paisley) and their friends left Glasgow at 9 a.m. by coach. With a break at Moffat they arrived at Carlisle in good time for lunch.

Met by Mr. Ling, the party was escorted to the Cathedral tower, where the bells were kept going until 4.15 with attempts at Stedman, Grandshire, Kent and Cambridge. After tea an hour was spent with the temperamental ring of eight at St. Stephen's. A start was made for home at 6.30 p.m., with a 'break' at Lockerbie, arriving back in Glasgow at 10.30 p.m. after a perfect day.

Thanks are due to Messrs. J. Boustead and J. Ling, of the Cathedral, and Mr. Forsyth, of St. Stephen's, for their arrangements and assistance, and to the Dean of Carlisle and the Vicar of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells.

### FAST GRINSTEAD'S TOUR.

The Fast Grinstead and District Guild held their summer outing on August 30th, starting the day with some good ringing on the handy eight at Warnham, but not so good on the noisy eight at Pulborough, where, on descending from the tower, the hospitality of a local lady was enjoyed.

Soon after, experts and learners alike were having fun and games on the light and flighty six at Storrington. After taking a wrong turning, Washington was reached—a pleasant surprise, for none of the party had previously 'discovered' this lovely little six.

Then on to the joys of Henfield's beautiful octave and Frank Cruttenden's excellent teas. With everyone satisfied the day concluded with some good ringing on the light six at Ardingly.

### NORTON SUBCOURSE.

On September 6th, the ringers of Norton, accompanied by their wives and friends, making a party of 25, held their annual outing. Towers visited were Gorleston, Happisburgh, Paston, Aylsham, Buxton, Scottow and Wroxham. In ideal weather a most enjoyable day was spent in ringing methods ranging from Kent Royal to Bob Doubles.

The ringers wish to thank all incumbents for the use of their bells, and steeplekeepers for making belfry preparations.

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### BIRTH

**GOLDEN.**—On Sept. 11, 1947, at Stork House Nursing Home, Norwich, to Iris, wife of Nolan Golden, a sister for Christine on her second birthday. 1986

### HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of 12 HANDBELLS, preferably in key E, but not essential; must be in good condition.—Please write Webb, 41, Coronation Road, Basingstoke. 1955



## PUBLICATIONS

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.  
'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee meet 3.30 in vestry. Tea (3s. 6d. per head) served at 5 at Hagenbach's Cafe. General meeting at Royal Hotel 6.—Leslie W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1874

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting at St. Augustine, Kilburn, on Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.45, followed by tea. Further ringing at St. Mary's, Willesden, 6.30.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1884

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Aldermaston (8), Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. 1945

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch—Autumn meeting, Buckland, Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 1937

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern Branch.—Annual Clent, Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea Parish Hall 5. Business to follow.—Bernard C Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1923

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Upper Cam, Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Notify for tea by Sept. 17th.—Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Cromhall, Charfield. 1951

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Wyke Regis, Sept. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Buses at 10-minute intervals from Weymouth.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1926

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting Sat., Sept. 20th Essenden (6), 2.30, Northaw (6) 6.30. Tea 5. Bus service 342, Barnet to Essenden, leaves Barnet Station 1.31 p.m., 2.31 p.m.; Hertford P.O. to Essenden leaves 2.27 p.m. Service 341 from St. Albans to Hertford—leave bus at Essendon Mill—leaves Hertford bus station at 31 and 51 minutes past hour; leaves St. Albans (10), 7.45.—T. J. Southam, Joint practice night: Mon., Sept. 29th,

St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), 7.45.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1930

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Farnham Branch.—Meeting at Bagshot (8), Sat., Sept. 20th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. The official opening of the bells after rehanging.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 1922

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Practice meeting Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, Sept. 20th. Bells from 3.30. Gentlemen, please help us!—E. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. 1924

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, Sept. 20th, 3. Higham evening. Tea provided. Names to H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding. Dance tickets on sale.—W. A. Wood. 1952

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Sept. 20th, Whitnash, 3. Tea 5, at Pattison's in Leamington. Ringing at Leamington Parish Church 6.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1996

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—Church of the Annunciation. Practice Thursdays, 7.15-9; Sunday ringing, 5.30; commencing Sept. 18th and 21st respectively. A young band is being taught here, and any outside help would be greatly appreciated. 2½d. fare; bus 227 from Chislehurst S.R. station to Gordon Arms.)—Frank C. W. Knight, 4, Cambray Road, Orpington, Kent. 1973

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall, District.—Elveden, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea 5. (Please advise Mr. A. S. Atkins, 21, The Dell, Elveden, near Thetford.) Business meeting at 5.30. All ringers and others interested will be welcomed.—A. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 1916

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSN.**—Meeting at Liversedge Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Tea for those who order from F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge. Meeting after tea.—S. Manchester, Sec., 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1917

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Newport (8), Sept. 27th, 3. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements (several cafes).—E. D. Poole. 1948

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—East Devon.—Luppitt, Sat., Sept. 27th. Service 4. Business and tea after service. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 1932

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting Apsley, Herts, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5, and tea following. Names to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Sept. 24th. Bells at Hemel Hempstead (8) available in evening. Routes: Green Line buses 706, 707 and 708 to Apsley Mills; trains: L.M.S., Euston to Apsley.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wimbledon on Sat., Sept. 27th. Ringing at Wimbledon 3 to 4.30, followed by service, and tea at the Wimbledon Hill Hotel. Christ Church, Mitcham, bells from 6.30; St. Mary's, Putney, 7 to 8. Notice for tea to Mr. F. W. Wicks, The Lodge, 10, Arthur Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19, by Sept. 23rd, please.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames 1938

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting Cassington, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd to H Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 1943

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting at Cannock, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Notification by Tues., 23rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1925

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—The half-yearly meeting on Sept. 27th, at Ashton-under-Lyne, coincides with the town's centenary celebrations. All ringers welcome. 1982

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting Wantage, Sat., Sept. 27th. Service 3.30. Tea; notify before 24th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 1920

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Meeting Brampton, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 1928

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting Northleach, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) open 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 23rd to J. C. Acock, Mill End, Northleach, Cheltenham. 1984



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (Northern Branch) and the **LADIES' GUILD** (Lincolnshire District).—Joint meeting, Gainsborough, Sept. 27th. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 at the Silver Grill. Meeting in choir vestry later. Names for tea to Mr. L. Lunn, Crow Garth Lea, Gainsborough, by Tuesday previous (most important). 1983

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting Sept. 27th, Tamworth (8), 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 23rd to J. W. Cotton, 3, Coronation Street, Overseal. 1994

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District. — Mount-sorrel, Sept. 27th, 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting Church Hall, 5.15; bring own food.—C. W. Hall.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting Mayfield (8), Sept. 27th, 2.30. Tea at Old Brew House 4.30. Notify Mr. W. A. Kitchenside, South Street, Mayfield, not later than 23rd—John Downing, Hon. Sec. 1967

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Bunbury (8), Sat., Sept. 27th, 3. Please make own tea arrangements.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 1959

**OXFORD GUILD.**—South Oxon District.—Combined practice Thame, Sept. 27th, 6. Annual at Thame on Sat., Oct. 18th. Details later.—H. Badger. 1958

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.**—Ringing practice at Tiverton on Sept. 27th, 3, for Stedman and Major. Tea.—F. C. Smale. 1966

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—70th annual festival, Durham, Sat., Sept. 27th. Cathedral bells available. Service 3. Committee 4 at Cathedral. Dinner (6s. 6d.) at Three Tuns Hotel, 6. Names by 24th to W. N. Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 1957

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Wendover (6), Sept. 27th, 4. Names for tea by 24th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Norton, Letchworth, on Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells (8) now augmented from 3. Ringing at 4. Service 5. Tea 5.30 at Three Horseshoes, opposite the church, provided for all who notify T. Warrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth, by Thurs., Sept. 25th. Frequent bus service passes church.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 1969

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting Aston, Sat., Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at the Holte Hotel (opposite the church) 5 (price 3s.). Names for tea to Mr. F. Price, 172, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham, 23, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at North Lopham (8), Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.25. Tea 5 p.m. at The White Horse, South Lopham, for those who let me know by the 23rd.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 1960

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Upham, near Southampton, Sept. 27th, 2.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Sept. 23rd.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 1965

**NORWICH ASSN.**—West Norfolk.—The Robert Cooke and Charles S. Tuthill memorial plaques will be dedicated in Fakenham Church on Sat., Sept. 27th, 3. Ringing after service and during evening. Tea shops near church.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 1972

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ashbourne, Sept. 27th, 3. Tea 5. Names to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, by Sept. 22nd latest. 1974

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting Leigh Parish Church, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1989

**CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSN.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting Carlisle, Sept. 27th. Cathedral (8). Business meeting in tower 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ling, 99, Denton Street, Carlisle, by 23rd.—S. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1993

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Meeting Liversedge, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3. Tea arranged for those who notify Mr. F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, by Sept. 23rd.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec. 1988

**YORKSHIRE ASSN** (Southern District) and **DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting Doncaster Parish Church (8 bells, tenor 30 cwt.), Sat., Sept. 27th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster, by Tues., Sept. 23rd. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1992

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne on Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available from 2.30 at St. Michael's (12) and St. Peter's (8). 1987

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Ufford (8) on Sept. 27th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. A good tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.—C. W. Pipe. 1991

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting at Kewstoke, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Room. Names for tea to Mr. G. Prescott, 1, High Street, Worle, Weston-super-Mare, by Tues., Sept. 23rd.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 1976

**CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.**—Chigwell Row (8), Sept 27th, 3.30-9. Interval 5 to 6 tea. This is a practice meeting. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1978

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Baughurst, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. A. West, Church Green, Baughurst, by Sept. 24th.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 1985

**CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL.**—Monthly practice for the last Saturday in Sept. (27th) cancelled.—R. C. Thrift. 1970

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.**—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Sat., Oct. 4th, at 5.45 prompt. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) obtainable from branch or general secs. not later than Mon., Sept. 29th. Early application desirable. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) available for ringing 3 to 5.30.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-Western District.—A meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10) on Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea before Tues., Sept. 30th, to Mr. J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. All invited.—Mary Elkins. 1954

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General meeting Syston, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Parish Room, Broad Street. Names must be sent by Oct. 1st to Mr. E. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics.—H. W. Perkins, Sec. 1980

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Stan-  
ton (6), Oct. 4th, 3. Service 4.30.  
Cups of tea; bring own food. Buck-  
land (6) also available 7.—C. Rouse,  
Prestbury, Gloucestershire. 1979

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—  
Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting East  
Coker, Oct. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea  
and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant,  
Martock. 1977

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—  
Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly  
meeting Bozeat, Oct. 4th. Rededi-  
cation service 3.30. Names for tea  
early to Rev. S. F. W. Powell, St.  
Mary's Vicarage, Bozeat. 1971

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general  
meeting will be held at Sudbury on  
Oct. 4th. Two or three 8-bell towers  
available from 2.30. Fuller details  
later.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh,  
Suffolk. 1990

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Quarterly  
meeting Ripley, Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30.  
Committee meeting Vestry, 3.30. Tea  
5.30 only for those who notify F.  
Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston,  
by Sept. 30th. 1964

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern  
Division.—Meeting Goldhanger (6),  
Oct. 4th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names  
for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cot-  
tage, Boreham. 1981

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRM-  
INGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at  
Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham,  
on Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (8) avail-  
able from 3. Short service at 4.30.  
tea at 5.30 for those only who advise  
Mr. W. G. Anker, 4, Florence  
Avenue, Florence Road, Sutton Cold-  
field, not later than Wed., Oct. 1st.—  
T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec 1975

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY  
GUILD.**—The first weekly practice  
of the term will be held on Wed., Oct.  
8th, at 8, at St. Benet's Church.—E.  
J. Lindley, Trinity College. 1753

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT  
ASSN.**—Six-bell contest for associa-  
tion cup to be held at Kirkheaton,  
near Huddersfield, Sat., Oct. 11th.  
Tea provided, 2s. 6d. Names for tea  
and entries to reach me before Sat.,  
Oct. 14th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green  
Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1956

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—Jubilee Ser-  
vice and dinner, Oct. 18th. Ringing  
Bishopsgate, 1.30-3; Clerkenwell,  
2.30-4; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-  
4.30. Service St. Giles' 4.30;  
preacher, Bishop of London. Dinner,  
Slater's, 393, Strand, 6.30. Money  
(12s.) to E. Turner, 41, Windsor  
Road, Ealing, before Sept. 30th,  
please. 1963

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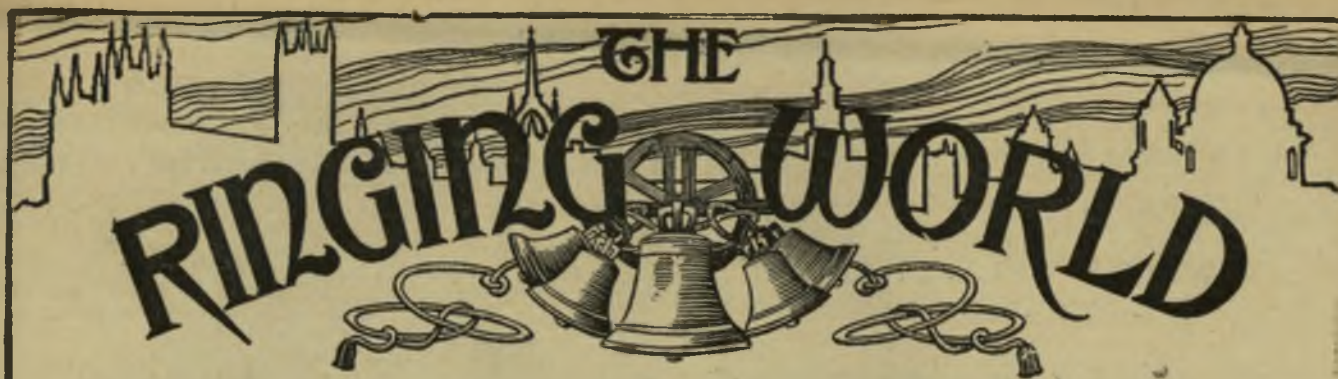
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## 'RINGING TOWERS'

'The Ringing World' is not the only publication devoted exclusively to the art of change ringing. Last April 'The Ringing Towers,' the monthly journal of the New South Wales Association, made its first appearance, and the four issues which have reached us via Mr. A. G. Williams, of Bexley, Kent, are good reading. Much of the information is intimate and personal, but most issues contain an article of instructional value.

The New South Wales Association was formed in February, 1946, and since then has made considerable progress in raising the standard of ringing and in getting bells ringing again, not only in Sydney, its birthplace, but also in outlying places in N.S.W. The Association feels that the best method of establishing ties between the various centres of ringing in Australasia is by the journal, 'Ringing Towers,' and while present issues are in typescript it is to be hoped that funds will permit of a printed publication at an early date.

Although the standard of change ringing in Australia is below that of any Diocesan Guild or County Association in this country, the New South Wales Association embarked on a courageous policy when it was formed. The qualification of membership is the ability to ring a working bell to 120 changes of Doubles. Commonplace as this rule is to us, it was a revolutionary step to them, as no other organisation in Australasia had set any similar condition on membership. The qualification was difficult to introduce in the rules, as out of 40 odd foundation members only eight to ten could ring 120 changes of Doubles. To accommodate the majority, probationary membership was introduced.

Already 'Ringing Towers' has contacted the Christchurch Cathedral Society, New Zealand, and this society are giving the new venture every support. Apart from the Christchurch Society, other keen ringers in New Zealand are Mr. A. Roberts, of New Plymouth, Mr. Barnett, of Wellington, and the composer, Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin. At the moment, the Christchurch Society are trying to get a 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the light six. The ten bells at Christchurch are rung every Sunday. There is a ring of five at Papanui, three miles out, and hopes are entertained of buying or casting a treble for this church.

To Mr. W. M. Rowe, who we believe is acting as Editor, we wish every success. The first issue contained an Easter message from the Right Rev. C. V. Pilcher, Bishop Coadjutor of Sydney. He writes, 'I can never



forget the bells of the churches of the English countryside at the season of Easter. I was in charge of a beautiful church among the Cotswold Hills of Gloucestershire. The sound of pealing bells, rung by the skilful English bellringers, floating over valley and hill from a neighbouring village, filled the air.'

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
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ALBERT WALKER ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 10
ALBERT W. COLES ... 5	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 11
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 6	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

MRS. R. F. DEAL ... Treble	*BERT J. LUCK ... 7
EDWARD J. BEER ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 9
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 6	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.  
\* First peal of Stedman, first of Cinques and 50th peal. To commemorate the bicentenary of the Society.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 6
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
JOHN SCOTT ... 3	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by P. K. WILLIAMSON.  
First peal in the method as conductor.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*MISS AUDREY GRAINGE Treble	†REX GRAINGE ... 6
PHILIP WALKER ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	*JOSEPH M. STRETTON ... 8
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 9
HERBERT W. IMPEY ... 5	*WILLIAM ALLEN ... Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.  
\* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Treble	ALICK CITLER ... 5
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

A compliment to Mr. Leonard H. Bowler and Miss Jessie Kinnaird, who were married earlier in the day.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*FREDK. R. HARRIS ... Treble	JAMES FERNLEY ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 3	JOSEPH WITTAKER ... 7
ALLEN POTTS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

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

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
MISS JILL POOLE ... 2	*HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7
†L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 4	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
HARRY BAKER ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
*WILFRED W. RING ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 4	HERBERT F. GOODEARL ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal in the method.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heydour's Transposition of Thurstan's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MADELINE M. LYON ... Treble	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5
JACK F. HODSON ... 2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 6
JOHN WALDEN ... 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 7
*WALTER WESTON ... 4	GEORGE FLINTHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH S. B. CROFT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor on tower bells. A birthday compliment to Messrs. G. Flintham and W. Weston.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIA AND HOLY CROSS,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDK. PRECEY ... Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	JOSEPH T. BARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. C. W. POWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 2	*HENRY G. KEELING ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
*CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative Surprise on the bells.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 7th at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. Porter 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, Miss Norah Honey (first quarter) 3, W. C. Porter (conductor) 4, Miss M. R. Cross 5, C. Coles 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, E. Moore 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, L. P. Cook 2, R. G. Hooper 3, F. J. Sampson 4, S. E. Cook 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 3 and 4.



# HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT F. WHITING ... 5
FRANCES M. LAFLIN ... 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	*ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... 6
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
FRANK E. WALKER ... 4	WALTER LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

\* First peal in the method. S.R.C.Y. September, 1747—September, 1947.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Washbrook's.

FRANK BLONDELL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM BUNCE ... 5
NORMAN C. GENNA ... 2	WILLIAM PICTHALL ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... 4	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. A. E. Mount and Mrs. Mount, sister of the ringer of the 4th.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*RAYMOND OVERY ... <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	*WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
*CECIL H. WOOD ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5
*MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2	FREDK. W. STOKES ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
†MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major 'inside.' † First peal in the method and 25th peal.

ASHBY POLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM ... <i>Treble</i>	F. JOHN STIMSON ... 5
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 2	HARRY ALEY ... 6
HARRY S. PARSONS ... 3	HARRY CLAYTON ... 7
*PETER ARMSTRONG ... 4	*H. GEORGE BAILEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

\* First peal. 100th peal by conductor.

# SIX BELL PEALS

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thirty-six different extents of 120 and three 240 changes.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

G. CARSE ... <i>Treble</i>	J. GRIMSHAW ... 4
J. CARSE ... 2	R. S. MALLABURN ... 5
A. WALLACE ... 3	S. DIXON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. S. MALLABURN.

First peal by all the band. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Kingston, London Scholars and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) London and Wells; (3) York and Durham; (4) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge; (5) College Exercise and Norbury; (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

BRYAN F. SIMS ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD J. SHARP ... 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

56 changes of method. First attempt for a peal in 16 methods by all, in the county and for the Association.

SNODLAND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN L. F. UPTON ... <i>Treble</i>	*COLIN F. MILLS ... 4
*LEONARD C. WELLS ... 2	†FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 5
†DAPHNE J. JORDAN ... 3	PETER C. WRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First of Minor and first in the method.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

T. FOSTER ... <i>Treble</i>	J. HALE ... 4
*E. EDMUNDSON ... 2	T. S. HORRIDGE ... 5
W. H. DEACON ... 3	J. MCKEE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.

\* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. Foster and Mr. H. Halsall.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOSEPH W. HAZLEHURST <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4
LESTER LYON GRAY ... 2	HARRY ROGERS ... 5
ERIC GILBERT ... 3	TOMMY ROGERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by TOMMY ROGERS.

\* First peal. A 65th birthday compliment to Lester L. Gray.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on Sept. 7th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Bailey (first in method and on ten) 1, H. V. Frost (conductor) 2, Miss M. Walshaw (Manchester) 3, A. D. Dale 4, C. F. Sayer 5, H. G. Mason 6, R. W. Darvill 7, T. J. Southam 8, T. J. Lock (Edmunds) 9, F. J. Spicer 10.



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## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HOOLE.

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.  
\*R. GORDON CORBY ... Treble | GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 4  
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2 | HARRY PYE ... 5  
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3 | JOHN GRIFFITHS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal.

## HENLOW, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
\*RAYMOND FULLER ... Treble | GEOFFREY MAYES ... 4  
\*MISS DAPHNE HARE ... 2 | JOHN CHURCH ... 5  
HENRY LAWRENCE ... 3 | LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal.

## MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Forty-two extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.  
WM. C. STACKHOUSE ... Treble | JOSEPH GREGORY ... 4  
HARRY CLARIDGE ... 2 | GEORGE COOPER ... 5  
\*ERIC CLARIDGE ... 3 | WILFRED ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.

\* First peal. Rung on the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eastwood.

## HONNINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
MRS. F. G. GOODMAN ... Treble | CHARLES H. MOORE ... 4  
GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 2 | ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... 5  
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

In memoriam Frederick Oswick, a much respected member of the local band.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
In THE LIBRARY AT LINCOLN SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.  
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2 | KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5-6  
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3-4 | DENNIS W. TOWNHILL ... 7-8  
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
In ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.  
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6  
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8  
JOSHUA MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

## SHERWOOD, NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.  
\*FREDK. A. SALTER ... 1-2 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6  
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First of Grandsire 'in hand.'

**A Thames Valley Tour**PEALS RUNG FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.  
FRANK BENNETT ... Treble | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 5  
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2 | HARRY WINGROVE ... 6  
MISS DOROTHY FLETCHER ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7  
THOMAS J. FOWLER ... 4 | \*KENNETH TUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight. Birthday peal to W. Henley.

## FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

On Mon. Sept. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.  
C. ALFRED LEVETT ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... 5  
\*MISS RUTH TABRAHAM ... 2 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6  
DAVID PEARCE ... 3 | WILLIAM H. EASTWELL ... 7  
\*WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor  
Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

## TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.  
JAMES W. WILKINS ... Treble | MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER ... 5  
MISS STELLA DAVIES ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6  
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7  
FRANK BENNETT ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5098 CHANGES;**

Middleton's. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
\*DAVID COX ... Treble | F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 5  
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6  
FRANK BENNETT ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7  
MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Major.

## BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.  
GEORGE MARTIN ... Treble | JESSE ELDRIDGE ... 5  
FRANK BENNETT ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6  
HARRY ASHTON ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7  
\*ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor  
Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

## WARGRAVE, BERKSHIRE.

On Fri., Sept. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.  
HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5  
MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6  
FRANK BENNETT ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7  
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor  
Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

## MARLOW, BUCKS.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.  
HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble | GEORGE MARTIN ... 5  
MISS DOROTHY FLETCHER ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6  
MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7  
FRANK BENNETT ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor  
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.



**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Phillips 1, Miss A. Brown 2, Mrs. T. Kimber (first quarter) 3, F. Shearn 4, L. Derrick 5, W. Kingcott 6, H. W. Knight (conductor) 7, J. Lott 8. First in method for 1 and 8.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott (first quarter) 1, J. Keyte 2, J. G. Collett (first quarter inside, aged 15) 3, B. S. Nichols 4, F. W. Soden (conductor) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

**BADBY, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ruddlesden 1, J. Webb 2, S. Stone 3, F. Hutt (first quarter of Minor) 4, V. Perry 5, S. Osborne (conductor) 6.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Alphege's Church on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Chatfield 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, Miss J. Bartter 3, A. C. Philpott 4, A. E. Butler (first quarter) 5, P. J. Small (conductor) 6.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss F. M. Howell (first quarter) 1, O. Sippetts 2, G. Apps 3, K. Snelling 4, G. T. Jennings 5, T. Mitchell 6, R. Overy (conductor) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

**EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Sanger (conductor) 1, R. G. Beck 2, F. Savage 3, V. Savage 4, P. Hull 5, E. Chivers 6, J. T. Dyke 7, A. Mundy 8. First quarter in the method for 3, 4 and 6.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Double Double C.B.M.: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, I. Halls (first quarter in method) 3, C. Pease 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter (first quarter in method) 6, P. Green (conductor) 7, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 8. To commemorate the 20th wedding anniversary of C. Pease.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Fulton 1, W. N. Genna 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, R. Wenban 4, G. Hart 5, H. Butler 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, F. Wilcox 8. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Butler.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Percy 1, E. Gower 2, H. G. F. Reynolds 3, S. Driver 4, J. Pennells 5, G. Piper 6, F. H. Dallaway (conductor) 7, S. Smith 8.

**HORSELL, WOKING.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Charman (first quarter) 1, G. Oliver 2, F. Uwins 3, R. Collins (first quarter) 4, D. Sleet (conductor) 5, R. Andrews 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Oliver on the occasion of their silver wedding.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Aug. 31st, at St. Giles', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. W. Callis 1, E. Nobles 2, S. F. Millward 3, W. G. Callis 4, F. Burgess 5, W. R. Parker 6, F. Hopper 7, W. J. Dove 8, W. R. Hammons (conductor) 9, P. Bishop 10. First quarter on ten by 1, 4 and 10. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,480 Kent Treble Bob Royal: W. J. Dove 1, E. E. Whitmore 2, W. R. Hammons 3, P. Jones 4, G. E. Watson 5, W. Yates 6, E. Nobles 7, W. J. Whitmore 8, G. Care 9, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 10. First quarter of Royal by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

**NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.**—On Sept. 11th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: A. Hibbert (first quarter of Major) 1, J. A. Milner 2, A. Potts 3, J. Fernley 4, P. Laffin 5, W. Fernley 6, J. Whittaker 7, J. Worth (conductor) 8.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Colyer 1, Ruth Geraghty 2, Elsie Savory 3, W. N. Genna (conductor) 4, F. Blondell 5, H. Punt 6, T. Collins 7, H. Stratford 8.

**ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.**—On Aug. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Austin 1, B. Cope 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, A. York 4, C. W. Bird 5, H. Baxter 6, P. I. Chapman 7, G. E. Watson (conductor) 8. First in method by 1, 2 and 3 and as conductor.

**SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (in hand): V. W. Rigg 1-2, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 3-4, J. N. Jukes 5-6. First quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles by all.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On Aug. 31st, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, T. G. Miller 2, E. L. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, W. J. Ellis 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, S. Howard 8.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Impey 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, J. B. Ford 4, D. H. Pearce (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, W. H. Coles 6, F. Corke 7, W. Honor 8.

**SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Glenton 1, J. W. Smithson 2, H. Spencer 3, F. W. Knowles (first in method) 4, W. H. Barker 5, E. Hudson 6, Bert Sutton (first quarter as conductor) 7, George Beach 8. First quarter by 1, 3 and 8. A farewell to Joyce West and Ian Glenton on their departures to Castleford and Leicester respectively.

**TEWKESBURY, GLOS.**—At the Abbey on Sept. 7th, 1,344 Bob Major: W. Newman 1, M. Clifford 2, G. Walters 3, C. Rouse 4, P. Baker 5, F. Miles 6, E. T. Newbury (first quarter of Major as conductor) 7, L. E. Aston 8.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 3rd, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: P. K. Williamson 1, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 2, E. J. Lindley 3, F. S. Poole 4, Rev. E. G. Benson 5, B. D. Price 6, J. B. Rowsell 7, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 8, C. W. Woolley 9, F. E. Haynes 10.

**WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jack Tickle (first quarter) 1, John Rigby (first quarter) 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, F. Brownlow 4, J. Ashcroft (first as conductor) 5, W. Smalley 6.

**WINCANTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Mundy 1, P. Sparkes 2, P. Hull 3, V. Savage 4, F. Savage 5, H. J. Sanger (conductor) 6, E. Chivers 7, J. T. Dyke 8.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, despite his 70 years, rang seven peals during a week's tour in the Thames Valley. Marlow was the 565th tower in which he had rung a peal. Does this constitute a record? Mr. G. R. Pye's total was 562.

The second section of 'Surprise Methods' will shortly be published by Mr. A. J. Corrigan. It contains more than 100 unnamed methods, so that bands wishing to adopt a new method for the royal wedding will be able to make their choice. Some 70 of them are unpublished ones by Gabriel Lindoff taken from his notebooks.

The bells of Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, will be broadcast on the West Region wave-length on Sunday, September 28th, before the morning service at 9.30 a.m.

The peal of Little Bob rung at Runcorn on August 30th was for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

An increasing number of notices arrive too late for publication each week. Remember, to guarantee insertion notices have to reach Guildford by first post Monday, not be posted first post Monday.

Cambridge University Guild have a good story to tell of a flat motor-car tyre and the anonymous note warning about parking too close.

Peals that delight an association's heart are those like that of Grandsire Doubles at Benwell, Newcastle. It was the first peal by all performing, first for the Benwell Guild and first in the method on the bells.

By his peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Newington (Hythe), Kent, Mr. William Bottrill has rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. T. W. Sheppard, of Foleshill, Coventry, came of age in true ringer's fashion. He called his first peal of Surprise and rang his first of Yorkshire Major on his natal day.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

For 44 years Mr. George Stacey has been hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. The quarterly meeting at Wiveliscombe on September 13th was the second meeting of the branch he had missed during this long period. The day coincided with his 85th birthday, and a telegram conveying birthday greetings was sent to him.

Mr. A. Pat Cannon informs us that the peal at Merrow was the first on the bells since 1911.

Peals of Stedman at Ruislip, Middlesex, are rare. The last peal in this method previous to September 10th was on February 13th, 1898, by the Ancient Society of College Youths and Hertfordshire Association.

Congratulations on reaching their century of peals to Mr. J. A. Fenton, of Melton Mowbray, and H. William Barrett, of Kingston.

## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

To the list of blind ringers is added the name of Mr. A. H. Richardson, who rang his first quarter faultlessly at Finchley, Middlesex, on September 7th. It was 1,260 Bob Minor: A. H. Richardson 1, L. Tubb 2, P. Blake 3, F. Cherratt 4, B. F. Tubb 5, F. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

Two 70th birthdays were honoured by the 1,260 Grandsire Triples at Hillingdon, West Middlesex, on September 14th. They were S. Childs and R. Carter. The band was H. Imphy (conductor) 1, F. Cooke 2, S. Childs 3, P. E. Jones 4, G. Swift 5, W. Honor 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

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## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR

The annual ringing week was held from September 1st to 6th at Birmingham, headquarters being at Primrose Hill, Selly Oak, and arrangements being in the very capable hands of Frank Haynes. Other members present were E. M. Atkins, Dr. Poole, M. Lindley, R. Leigh, J. Butler, W. H. J. Hooton, C. W. Woolley, P. Williamson, B. Price, A. Rousel, Dr. Cunningham, G. Dodds and the Revs. E. G. Benson, B. F. Sheppard and A. G. G. Thurlow. Some of these were only present part of the time.

During a fairly good peal of Cambridge on September 1st at St. Laurence's, Northfield, amongst the many 'phone calls received by the Vicar was one asking whether 'those diabolical and selfish people' might be stopped—despite this we went on to the bitter end. Touches at Edgbaston concluded a pleasant opening day. On September 2nd a peal of Bob Royal was greatly enjoyed on the grand new ten at Solihull, and the afternoon passed pleasantly with Double Norwich, etc., at Shirley; one of H.P.'s queer touches—spliced Grandsire and Stedman—at King's Norton; then a visit to the carillon at Bournville, whose keyboard proved too great a temptation for some members. A very pleasant evening was spent at St. Martin's with members of the local band.

On September 3rd we visited Walsall, where we were encouraged to read on a peal board that on October 17th, 1859, a 'true and excellent peal of Grandsire Majors, 5,007 changes, was rung in one lesson.' Despite this encouragement, Little Bob Royal went west after 26 minutes, after which we rang a quarter-peal in the same method by way of 'prep' for our next lesson. We greatly enjoyed this fine twelve, also lunch at the George. We were interested to note here that on February 4th, 1861, 10.032 Grandsire Majors was rung in excellent style, also on June 20th, 1843, 7,248 Grandsire Majors was rung in a masterly style—our style had been too quick, and for our quarter-peal we tried to 'go slow and strike,' which policy proved more successful in ringing than in some other spheres. Walsall possesses two churchwardens and two foreign wardens, of what nationality we did not discover. It also has a peal board recording on October 25th, 1809, 5,040 Bob Majors, on the Grand National Jubilee.

Tamworth, our next tower, more appropriately records in 1913 a peal for the 1,000 year millenary of Tamworth Castle. This tower possesses a most convenient arrangement of two spiral staircases arranged round one newel. This is not immediately obvious to the visitor, and if a peal band were to notice a hostile crowd coming up one stair, they could silently descend the other stair. On the way from Tamworth, one car load nearly came to blows on the question whether such a stair could have both its bottom doors at the same level or not. Peace prevailed, and we enjoyed the pleasant eights at Sutton Coldfield and Erdington. In the evening we had a good time at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, and finished up with a business meeting, at which we decided to hold the 1948 week at Manchester if possible.

On September 4th some took part in a peal attempt at Willenhall, followed by a course of Cambridge Royal, whilst others rang at Lye, on England's lightest eight—the tenor weighs 3½ cwt. and the treble 60 pounds. The bells have to be rung 'wrong clappered' or the clappers will not strike hard enough. Despite these difficulties, several touches were more or less successfully completed. Then to the fine eight at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, and an enjoyable ring at Brierley Hill. The undersigned 'scribe' had to leave at this point, and takes no responsibility for the accuracy or otherwise of what follows.

Undismayed, the rest lunched at Dudley. At Wednesbury, Cambridge Royal, etc., were rung on a fine ten recently rehung by G. and J. At Coseley, hidden in the Black Country, the eight rehung by Taylor in 1936 provided

enjoyment, as did tea kindly provided by some of the local band. A poem on the wall, including 'He giveth water for His thirsty children to drink,' aroused feelings of more or less sympathy amongst various readers. At Halesowen the Ringing Master was not unnaturally surprised to hear Cambridge, etc., emerge from the tower, as he had not been advised of our visit. Birmingham Cathedral that evening provided another welcome opportunity to ring with local members.

On September 5th, Holy Communion was celebrated by B. F. Sheppard for members at St. Mary's, Selly Oak; a very successful morning followed for the 14 who now comprised the party, as between them they rang a peal of Bob Major at Edgbaston and Cambridge Minor on the back six at Selly Oak. After lunch the fine 12 at Aston were rung to Stedman Cinques and Caters, also Little Bob Royal with the back bells in the 'Tittum'—one of B.P.'s novelties. London, etc., followed at Bishop Ryder's, and in the evening there was a visit to St. Peter's, Harborne, five of whose bells are by William Bagley, 1691.

On September 6th a good peal of Double Norwich was rung at St. Chad's. This was officially the end of the Guild week, but some members were privileged to take part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Philip's that afternoon, for the St. Martin's Guild, and some remained for Sunday morning.

We had too few members, we felt, to attempt a twelve-bell peal, but the week was highly successful, and we were most grateful to the weather, the local ringers, our very kind hosts at Primrose Hill, to the various tower keepers, the car drivers, and to F.E.H. for his organising.

A. G. G. THURLOW.

## North Wales Association

## 16 MEMBERS ELECTED AT RHYL MEETING.

Forty members from Bangor, Llandudno, Abergele, Hawarden, Buckley, Gresford, Wrexham and the local band, together with visitors from Frodsham, Wolverhampton and Leek enjoyed a successful meeting at Rhyl on September 6th.

A service was held in St. Thomas' Church, conducted by Archdeacon Roberts, assisted by the Rev. Harris Jones. At the business meeting in the vestry, Archdeacon Roberts was elected to the chair. Sixteen ringers were elected members, including 13 ringers from Abergele, who have rejoined the Association. The Rev. Harris Jones was elected an honorary member.

Mr. A. J. Hughes was appointed to represent the Association at the next meeting of the Central Council. Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hopwood, of Buckley, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

Several suggestions were put forward to alter the organisation of the Guild, and a resolution passed that these be put on the agenda for the next annual meeting. Some concern was expressed at the lack of interest shown by a number of towers in North Wales, and it was decided to approach the Bishops of Bangor and St. Asaph for their co-operation.

A splendid tea, provided by the local ringers, was enjoyed. Full advantage was taken of the fine ring of eight bells. All tastes were catered for with methods from rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Major. The duties of Ringing Master were ably carried out by Mr. F. R. Evans, of Wrexham.

## A WEEK-END IN LINCOLNSHIRE

For many years the late Mr. Rupert Richardson entertained his ringing friends to a week-end at Glyn Garth, Surfleet, and this year Mrs. Rupert Richardson kindly sent invitations, the objective being a peal attempt at Lincoln Cathedral, arranged by Mr. John Freeman, and the dedication of an electric chiming clock in St. Lawrence's Church tower, Surfleet, which was given by Mr. Rupert Richardson, he having placed the order during his lifetime.

The Birmingham and Coventry contingents arrived at Surfleet on Friday, and the London contingent on the Saturday. After a substantial lunch, three cars set out for the 38-mile drive to Lincoln, where tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman. At the Cathedral the other members of the peal band had already gathered, and the visitors were welcomed by the Cathedral ringers.

The peal, Stedman Cinques, was successful in 3 hours and 47 minutes, and it is interesting to note the band represented Guildford 2, London 2, Newcastle-on-Tyne 1, Spalding 1, Leversock Green 1, Coventry 1, Lincoln 1, and Birmingham 3.

Following the peal, the visitors were again entertained to a substantial meal at Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman's. It was midnight by the time the company reached Surfleet. Visitors from Guildford, Newcastle-on-Tyne and H. C. Spencer, of Birmingham, who had journeyed by train direct, spent the night at Lincoln.

On Sunday morning the Surfleet contingent rang at Surfleet and Gosberton Churches for services at 10 and 11 a.m. respectively. At 3.30 p.m. a large congregation assembled at St. Lawrence's Church, Surfleet, for the dedication of the clock, many ringers being present from neighbouring towers and Lincoln Cathedral; also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray, who had motored the 80 miles from Burton-on-Stather.

The dedication service was conducted by Canon P. C. A. Carnegie, Vicar of Spalding, who commenced with the words: 'We are met together to dedicate to the glory of God the clock of this church, which is the gift of His

servant, Rupert Richardson, who has now entered into his rest. He was known, respected and loved by all of you, and his memory will remain green far beyond Surfleet for many years to come.' After the address the clock was set in motion at 3.59 p.m. by Miss Pat Wayman, granddaughter of the donor, assisted by Mrs. Richardson, the clock striking the four quarter chimes and the hour 4 p.m.

The chimes, which are very pleasing, are an arrangement by the late Henry Law James, one time Vicar of Surfleet, and strike on bells 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 of the ring of twelve, the hour striking on the tenor bell.

After the service a course of Stedman Triples was rung over Rupert Richardson's grave by G. F. Swann, F. E. Pervin, A. H. Pulling and A. Walker. The tower bells were also rung to various touches on 12, 10 and 8 bells.

Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. Richardson and Enid on the spacious lawn at Glyn Garth, approximately forty friends being present. Afterwards handbell ringing—Stedman Cinques, Treble Twelve, Erin and Double Norwich Major—previous to ringing for evening service on the grand eight at Pinchbeck Church.

Afterwards again to Glyn Garth, where farewells were said to Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman and their two sons, John A. and P. Michael Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Walter Ayre, A. H. Pulling, A. H. May, Miss Fiddell, and to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray. Also to the local ringers, with many thanks to Mrs. Richardson and Enid, who had so generously and warmly entertained them.

The Birmingham, Coventry and London visitors returned home on Tuesday morning with many expressions of gratitude for a very good week-end, such as Rupert would have wished it to be.

A. W.

SWINDON.—On Sept. 7th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Daniell 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss N. Davis 3, W. Carter (conductor) 4, J. Berry 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, G. Wells 7, E. Vincent 8.



## Thames Valley Ringing Tour

Saturday, September 6th, started one of the most successful and happy ringing tours one could wish for. We arrived at our headquarters, Maidenhead, on Friday night, where we were welcomed by Mr. G. Martin, our guide for the week, who proved to be a mine of information. He seemed to know at least every third person we passed as well as the history of all houses, private as well as public. The ringing started on Saturday, when we rang Stedman, the first peal on the eight bells at Cookham, Berks.

Sunday morning saw us at Boyne Hill for service ringing. An invitation to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. E. Gosling followed. After tea with Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham we rang for evensong at Slough, following up with after service ringing at Stoke Poges.

Monday saw us with our guide at Bray, across the ferry, and along the towing path back to Maidenhead, then by bus to Farnham Royal, Bucks. Here we visited the graves of Mr. W. H. Fussell and Mr. J. J. Parker. We rang for the wedding of Mr. F. Rolfe (a member of the Clewer band) and Miss Bowyer, afterwards scoring our second peal, Bob Major.

Tuesday started with us trudging along behind our guide (his legs never seemed to tire) to White Waltham, then by bus to Twyford, Berks, where we rang 5,008 Double Norwich.

Wednesday we were off again by bus. This time to Shiplake in Oxfordshire. Here we rang Middleton's Cambridge Major. After the peal some renewed their acquaintance with a very old friend, Mr. O. Porter, now well past active ringing, a man (to borrow an expression from Canon Coleridge) full of years.

On Thursday morning we were steaming merrily down the river in lovely sunshine to Windsor, then by bus to Boyne Hill, Berks, where we were welcomed by the Vicar. Here we rang Kent Treble Bob. A jolly good peal was the verdict of Bob Reed, who listened outside, and that, coming from him, should satisfy anyone.

A peal of Yorkshire at Wargrave was Friday's programme.

Our week finished on Saturday at Marlow, where we were welcomed by Mr. F. Nicholls. Here we tapped off Superlative in well under three hours. This was the 565th tower in which Mr. F. Bennett had scored a peal, three more than the record set up by the late Mr. R. Pye.

After lunch came the farewells. A week week and truly spent. New friendships made, old acquaintances renewed and many more happy memories to store away and yarn about in days to come. Our thanks go to Mr. H. Wingrove and Mr. G. Martin, the organisers of the tour, on which we rang seven peals each in a different method, not one failure, not even a false start. Happy days. C.A.L.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY SIX-BELL COMPETITION.

Last held in 1938, the revival of this competition at Old Whittington Church, near Chesterfield, on September 6th, proved a great success. Competing teams on this musical ring of six, tenor 5½ cwt., were from Bolsover, Whiston, Handsworth, Dronfield, Sheffield Cathedral and the local company. The test was 360 changes in any Minor or Doubles method.

Mrs. F. Ditcher and Mrs. D. Kelly were appointed judges, and the contest was completed in time for tea, which was held in the Church Hall and attended by 50 ringers and friends, including the Rector (the Rev. A. R. W. Andrews).

Adjudications were as follows: 1 Handsworth, 34 points; 2 Old Whittington, 37; 3 Sheffield Cathedral, 42. The Rector congratulated the winners and presented to them the Society's silver cup and a copy of 'Bells Thro' the Ages', the gift of the president. The awards were received by the team's captain, Mr. J. L. Gilbert. H.O.C.

## Lancashire Association

### WIGAN BRANCH MEETING.

When the Wigan Branch met at Christ Church, Aughton, on September 6th, the Vicar conducted the service, during which the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung. An additional verse had been provided by the Vicar as follows:—

We love the tower above,  
Wherein the church bells ring  
To call us to Thy love,  
Thy glorious praise to sing.

About 40 ringers and friends sat down to tea, which was provided by the church.

The Rev. J. Roberts, Liverpool, proposed and Mr. J. Booth, Wigan, seconded a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, the service and the tea, and coupled to this were thanks to Mr. J. S. Webb, of Chester, for playing the organ.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Cambridge, London and Superlative Surprise.

Altogether it was a very good meeting, but a few more Wigan Branch members attending would have been appreciated. N.H.

### BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT CROSS THE HUMBER.

A pleasing innovation of crossing the Humber and bringing Lincolnshire and Yorkshire ringers together was the meeting at Barton-on-Humber on September 13th. Two rings of eight were available—St. Peter's (tenor 12 cwt.) and St. Mary's, where four additional bells have recently been added and the whole rehung on ball bearings to make a musical eight with tenor 16 cwt.

A sincere welcome to the Society was extended by the Rev. Gordon Sylvester (Vicar) at the service held at St. Mary's. A good meat tea was followed by a touch of Grand-sire Caters on handbells by Yorkshire and Lincolnshire ringers to introduce members to the business meeting, at which Mr. G. F. Williams presided.

Business transacted included election as member of Mr. Harry Nicholson (Kirk Ella); next meeting, October 11th, at Burstwith, and suggested venue for November meeting Kirk Ella. Acknowledging a vote of thanks to local ringers, Mr. A. Hoodless said it gave them the utmost pleasure to receive the society. This was endorsed by Mr. Jack Bray, who on behalf of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild hoped it would be the prelude to many joint meetings.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD IMPENDING RESIGNATION OF WEST DORSET SECRETARY.

A quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Netherbury on September 13th, when about 30 members attended from Beaminster, Bridport, Evershot, Lyme Regis and Netherbury, including visitors from Martinstown, Upwey, S. Cadbury and Queen Camel.

Service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. McAnally), who gave a warm welcome to the ringers in the course of a helpful address. An ample tea provided by the local ringers was all the more appreciated in that it had involved the sacrifice of some of their own ratings.

At the business meeting, the branch chairman, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, apologising for the absence of the hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Lathey, read a letter from the latter asking members to be prepared to accept his resignation after 17 years' service at the next annual meeting. This prospect met with great regret. Bridport was agreed upon for the annual meeting on December 6th, and all towers were urged to send in members' subscriptions before that date.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and all who had assisted in making the meeting successful. The weighty and musical ring of six bells was kept going during the afternoon and evening, giving everyone a chance of practice from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

## Mr. Denis A. Bayles Married

The wedding of Mr. Denis A. Bayles, of Acle, Norfolk, to Miss Margaret Elliott, of Chester-le-Street, took place at the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, on September 13th. The Rev. W. Bentley, curate of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and formerly curate at Chester-le-Street, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Peter F. Bayles, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Miss Margaret Gardner, cousin of the bride, bridesmaid.

Prior to the bridegroom taking his present appointment at St. Albans, he was employed in Chester-le-Street district, where he was an enthusiastic member of the belfry.

Among the guests present at the reception was Mr. R. L. Patterson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The bells were rung as the happy couple left the church.

### ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Llanbadarn Fawr on September 13th, where the ringers were met by the Vicar, Canon D. J. Jones, and the captain, Mr. W. J. Harris, who extended a very hearty welcome to the ringers on their first meeting at the historic church of Llanbadarn.

After the service the ringers and company were entertained to tea at the Church Hall, where 70 sat down to a very nice tea, which was greatly appreciated.

At the business meeting two honorary and three ringing members were elected. A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. F. Sharpe, of Oxon, who also gave a very encouraging speech to the Guild. Thanks were extended to the Vicar and all the good people who provided such a nice tea. The ringers then returned to the tower to finish off a very happy meeting.

### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

It was a glorious summer afternoon when many ringers made their way to the old-world Shropshire village of Claverley and its historical church for the quarterly meeting of the Guild on August 23rd.

The Vicar and ringers welcomed the parties and the lovely bells were soon going. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Rainbow, who gave a most appropriate address. The party of 80 then adjourned to the Recreation Room for tea.

The secretary announced that the company were the guests of the Claverley ringers; in appreciation a collection amounting to £3 12s. 6d. was taken and handed to the Vicar for the use of the church. Before closing the meeting with prayer the Vicar asked all to stand in silence and remember the late Albert Prestage, an old Guild member of Netherton.

Towers represented were too numerous to mention, and members of the following societies attended: Herefordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, North Staffordshire, St. Martin's (Birmingham) and Ancient Society of College Youths. Handbell and tower-bell ringing continued till dusk, and two local ringers kindly ran a 'shuttle service' with their cars to the nearest bus route.

### 5,376 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

COMPOSED BY J. W. MOORHOUSE.

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Twenty-three times repeated, omitting S in 3rd, 7th, 15th, 19th parts and substituting S for Bob Middle in the 11th and 23rd parts. Contains 3, 4, 5 and 6 the extent in 6ths. For 5,040 omit 3 bobs home in the 2nd, 9th and 14th parts.

Rung at Ashford, Kent, December 31st, 1946.



## OBITUARY

### MR. THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

The death of Mr. T. W. Chapman, of Nuneaton, occurred on Sept. 13th, the date of his golden wedding. Mr. Chapman had been in failing health for the last five months due to a seizure which rendered useless his power of speech. Another seizure a week before his death rendered him unconscious, and he passed peacefully away without fully regaining consciousness. He leaves a widow, one son (Mr. S. T. Chapman, of Nuneaton) and a daughter (Mrs. T. H. Payne, of Worcester).

Mr. Chapman was in his 80th year and for over 60 years he rang at Nuneaton Parish Church, serving also as a sidesman for many years. He would often recount the early struggles of the Nuneaton Society to ring Grandsire Doubles for Sunday services and how they progressed until Surprise Major was the rule rather than the exception.

A good all-rounder, Mr. Chapman as a teacher was unsurpassed. The present band at Chilvers Coton owe much to his patient endeavour. Whatever the ringing had been, for peal, practice, or service, Tom loved a good fall in peal, and to see him lower the treble so faultlessly, and to hear his famous 'Don't thrash 'em about,' are things which will long be remembered.

Blitzed out of Nuneaton in 1941, he resided with his daughter in Worcester until May this year, when he returned to Nuneaton. He was a Freeman of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, of which he was a founder member. He also served the Guild as Ringing Master 1924-1930. Although his peal records were destroyed, he is known to have rung 119 (including the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major) for the Midland Counties Association and 193 for the Coventry Diocesan Guild, of which latter total he had conducted 11. His first peal was rung at Nuneaton Parish Church on April 13th, 1889, and his last at the same tower on July 15th, 1946.

The funeral took place on Sept. 16th. A short service in the church he loved preceded the interment in Nuneaton Cemetery, the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Herbert) officiating. The bearers were Messrs. A. H. Beamish, J. E. Moreton and J. Lloyd, of Coton, and G. J. Stoneley, of Nuneaton. In addition to the family mourners a number of friends followed, including Mrs. D. E. Beamish, hon. secretary of the Guild, and Mrs. H. Billington (Nuneaton). Ringers present were L. J. Hinde and F. Ashley (Bulkington), J. Beale (Wolvey), F. Brassington, G. Freeman and A. Roberts (Stoke), W. Aldridge (Nuneaton). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by H. Summers 1-2, J. H. White 3-4, F. E. Pervin 5-6, and J. Taylor 7-8.

In the evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled to a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, those taking part being L. Trevor 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, J. E. Moreton 3, J. Dravcott 4, G. J. Stoneley 5, J. Gibbons 6, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 7, J. Thompson 8. A.H.B.

### MR. FRANK NEWMAN.

A well-known Essex and Metropolitan ringer, Mr. Frank Newman, of Upton Park, died on September 14th, aged 73. He was one of the oldest members of the College Youths.

His first peal, Kent Treble Bob, was rung on February 13th, 1898, and of those who participated only two are now alive—Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. A. W. Brighton. Mr. Newman was a member of the old West Ham band, of which the only survivor is Mr. G. Haydon, who still rings, though advanced age (87) does not allow him to do much.

Messrs. T. H. Taffender, G. Dawson, G. Faulkner, C. Fenn, G. Haydon and R. W. Stannard attended the funeral at the City of London Cemetery, Manor Park, on Friday, September 19th, and it was noticed that another ringer, Mr. H. T. Pye, of Colchester, a brother-in-law of deceased, was amongst the mourners. R.W.S.

### REV. D. W. W. CARMICHAEL.

By the death of the Rev. D. W. W. Carmichael, M.A., Vicar of Tenterden, Kent, at the age of 67 years, St. Mildred's Church ringers have lost a good friend. He had been Vicar of Tenterden for 13 years, and anything he could do for the ringers he was always pleased to do.

### MR. JOHN MARDELL.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. John Marcell at the age of 78. He was not only captain of the Sulgrave ringers, but, writes the Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh, he was recognised as one of the leading campanologists in the diocese.

He will indeed be sorely missed not only in his own home circle, and in the garden where he was such a skilled and faithful worker, but also in the larger life of the church and village. He not only called people to the church services with his bell, but he was a regular worshipper and communicant himself and thereby set all a fine example.

The large number in the church at his funeral on August 16th was an eloquent testimony to the respect in which he was held, and in the congregation were bellringers from Helmdon and Lois Weedon, who placed a wreath upon his grave and then joined with the Sulgrave ringers in a muffled touch.

### MR. BERTRAM WINDMILL.

For over 50 years a regular service ringer at St. Mary's, Hendon, Middlesex, Mr. Bertram Windmill died on Sept. 7th in his 71st year. Of late owing to ill-health he was unable to attend regularly.

The funeral was at Hendon on Sept. 13th, and in the evening at the Parish Church the bells were rung half-muffled—the whole pull and stand 71 times by R. Charge 1, P. Holman 2, F. A. Barker 3, B. Begrie 4, E. Prackett 5, W. Barnard 6. Followed by 1,440 Bob Minor (half-muffled) by F. Cherrett 1, R. Charge 2, G. Charge 3, B. Begrie 4, E. Prackett 5, F. A. Barker (conductor) 6.

### LICHFIELD SEE THEIR NEW BELLS

Ringers from Lichfield, with ringing friends from Tamworth, had their outing on Sept. 6th. Loughborough Foundry, the objective, was reached at 3 p.m., where the party were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, who conducted them round the works. Great interest was shown in the new bells for the Cathedral.

The foundry bells were tried out. Some difficulty was found in 'getting the touch' of this light ring. Eventually several touches were brought round.

After tea at The Eagle, the Parish Church was visited, and its fine ring of ten was soon off to Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Stedman and Bob Major.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Fidler, who was largely responsible for a successful outing.

### JOINT MEETING AT YATELEY

Two Guilds, the Winchester and Portsmouth and Guildford, sponsored the meeting at Yateley on August 30th, when ringers attended from Aldershot, Ash, Bramley (Hants), Basingstoke, Betchworth, Feltham, Godalming, Guildford, Horsell, Highclere, Hugglescote (Leics.), Seale, Sherborne St. John, Sandhurst, Walton and Yateley.

The importance of ringers setting a good example was stressed by the Rev. E. L. Oliphant in his address at the service. A company of 72 sat down to an excellent tea arranged by Mr. Riddell and the Yateley band, whose efforts were much appreciated. Sandhurst and Hawley towers were available after tea, and good use was made of the bells. The methods rung ranged up to Cambridge and London Surprise.

## LETTERS

### AMBITION

Dear Sir,—In reply to the critics who exclaim that modern youth has no ambition, I would like to draw their attention to the tour described in 'The Ringing World' two weeks ago.

I was glad to observe that it was obvious that the persons concerned did not practise the abomination of 'tower grabbing,' but were on tour for the sake of ringing and experience.

They showed every sign of great ambition when they dared, with a band of average age 18, to ring at heavy towers like Sherborne Abbey, Queen Camel and Wells Cathedral. The lads these days do not seem so keen on ringing heavy bells, but there was obviously none of that in this party. They surprised many tower captains by their age and ability as they first surprised me, but when they left, had I been 40 years younger, I would have been proud to have joined them.

In this way I imagine their tour is unique.—Yours faithfully, A. DRYAS.  
Herston, Dorset.

### LITTLE BOB MAJOR AT RUNCORN

Dear Sir,—I see that the footnote to the peal of Little Bob Major rung at Runcorn on August 30th describes it as the first peal of Little Bob on the bells. May I point out that the second peal of Little Bob ever rung was rung on these bells on September 19th, 1911. It was the first exact 5,000 of Major to be rung in five equal parts, and was called by yours, etc., EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Moat Farm Cottages, Pitstone, Leighton Buzzard.  
Mr. George R. Newton, who took part in the 1911 peal, adds: The first peal in the method was rung at Brading, Isle of Wight, and was conducted by the Rev. E. Bankes James, who first introduced the method.

### FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I have been asked by Mr. E. Timbrell to offer his sincere apologies for the false peal rung at Preston. Quoting from his letter, he says that he must have omitted to prove the peal. The conductor (Mr. C. Crossthwaite) also wishes to state that the peal will be replaced as early as convenient.—Yours faithfully, E. R. MARTIN.  
Preston.

Dear Sir,—I agree with my friend C. W. Roberts regarding the faleness of the Treble Bob Royal composition by E. Timbrell, but the courses involved are 2nd and 10th and 5th and 7th, and not as stated.—Yours sincerely, Croydon. FRANK E. DARRY.

Other correspondents have pointed out this slip.—Editor.

### GREAT TEY BELLS

The rededication of the bells of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, Essex, on September 6th, was performed by the Rev. Johnston, of St. Leonard's, Colchester, who was assisted in the service by the Rev. Chute. The work, which has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, consists of the whole ring being provided with new ball bearings, a new iron headstock for the tenor, a new wooden stock for the third, with new clapper stables for third and fourth. New pulley wheels were also provided and all ironwork painted. Another £20 is needed. Towards the cost the Essex Association voted £10 and the collection at the service was £7 5s.

The bells were opened in rounds during the service by the local ringers. After the service touches of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Ringers were present from Brentwood, Thorington, Sudbury, Earls Colne, Pehmarsh, Coggeshall, Wormingford and St. Albans. Tea was provided in the Village Hall for all ringers. J.W.D.



## NOTICES

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### MARRIAGE

**BAYLES—ELLIOTT.**—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, on September 13th, 1947, by the Rev. W. Bentley, Denis Alan, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. F. W. Bayles, Acle, Norfolk, to Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott, 22, Lancaster Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 1997

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. C. Chambers, formerly P.O. Box 1496, Durban, is now 147, Garmouth Avenue, King's View Bluff, Durban, S. Africa. Telephone during business hours, Durban 58101. 2001

The address of Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, formerly of Birmingham, is now Wilford, 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth (phone, Bournemouth 6342). 2010

### HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of 10 HANDBELLS, about size 14.—Price and particulars to Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 1999

### PUBLICATIONS

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.  
'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

**SOUTH-WEST ESSEX.**—Crusade Meeting.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting at Chigwell Row on Sept. 27th is cancelled.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex. 2030

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting Sept. 27th, Tamworth (8), 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 1994

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (Northern Branch) and the **LADIES' GUILD** (Lincolnshire District).—Joint meeting, Gainsborough, Sept. 27th. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 at the Silver Grill. Meeting in choir vestry later. 1983

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting Apsley, Herts, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5, and tea following. Bells at

Hemel Hempstead (8) available in evening. Routes: Green Line buses 706, 707, and 708 to Apsley Mills; trains: L.M.S., Euston to Apsley.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—South Oxon District.—Combined practice Thame, Sept. 27th, 6. Annual at Thame on Sat., Oct. 18th. Details later.—H. Badger. 1958

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—70th annual festival, Durham, Sat., Sept. 27th. Cathedral bells available. Service 3. Committee 4 at Cathedral. Dinner (6s. 6d.) at Three Tuns Hotel, 6.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Wendover (6), Sept. 27th, 4.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1968

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at North Lopham (8), Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.25. Tea 5 p.m. at The White Horse, South Lopham.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 1960

**NORWICH ASSN.**—West Norfolk.—The Robert Cooke and Charles S. Tuthill memorial plaques will be dedicated in Fakenham Church on Sat., Sept. 27th, 3. Ringing after service and during evening. Tea shops near church.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 1972

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ashbourne, Sept. 27th, 3. Tea 5. 1974

**YORKSHIRE ASSN** (Southern District) and **DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting Doncaster Parish Church (8 bells, tenor 30 cwt.), Sat., Sept. 27th, 2.30. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1992

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Ufford (8) on Sept. 27th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. A good tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.—C. W. Pipe. 1991

**ELY ASSN.**—Ely District.—Histon (6), Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2013

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western District.—Meeting Wimbledon, Sat., Sept. 27th. Please note: Putney bells cancelled; St. Leonard's, Streatham, from 7 p.m.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2015

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Baughurst, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 1985

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.**—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Sat., Oct. 4th, at 5.45 prompt. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) obtainable from branch or general secs. not later than Mon., Sept. 29th. Early application desirable. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) available for ringing 3 to 5.30.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-Western District.—A meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10) on Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea before Tues., Sept. 30th, to Mr. J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. All invited.—Mary Elkins. 1954

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General meeting Syston, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Parish Room, Broad Street. Names must be sent by Oct. 1st to Mr. E. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics.—H. W. Perkins, Sec. 1980

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Stanton (6), Oct. 4th, 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea; bring own food. Buckland (6) also available 7.—C. Rouse, Prestbury, Gloucestershire. 1979

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting East Coker, Oct. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1977

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting Bozeat, Oct. 4th. Rededication service 3.30. Names for tea early to Rev. S. F. W. Powell, St. Mary's Vicarage, Bozeat. 1971

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on Oct. 4th. Two or three 8-bell towers available from 2.30. Fuller details later.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 1990

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Quarterly meeting Ripley, Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30. Committee meeting Vestry, 3.30. Tea 5.30 only for those who notify F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by Sept. 30th. 1964

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Western District.—Meeting at Newton Hall (6), Sat., Oct. 4th, 3.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 1998



**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Goldhanger (6), Oct. 4th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 1981

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, on Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3. Short service at 4.30. tea at 5.30 for those only who advise Mr. W. G. Anker, 4, Florence Avenue, Florence Road, Sutton Coldfield, not later than Wed., Oct. 1st.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1975

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Next meeting St. Giles', Camberwell, Sat., Oct. 4th, 4.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 2007

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Slaugham (8), Oct. 4th, 3. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2008

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Eckington (8), Sat., Oct. 4th, 3. Cups of tea provided; bring food; all welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 2009

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting Bishop's Cannings, Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Please advise for tea by Oct. 1st.—W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham. Phone 297. 2011

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Meeting Heckington, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington. 2012

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Broxbourne, Sat., Oct. 4th, 3. Bells 8. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by the usual business meeting. Names for tea the latest by Sept. 30th to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 2016

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting Simpson (6), Sat., Oct. 4th, 5.—H. H. Howson. 2019

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Ampthill (6), 3, Oct. 4th. Tea 5.30.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2021

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech Branch.—Leverington (6), Sat., Oct. 4th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 2027

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting Poulton, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 2023

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Burnley Parish, Oct. 4th. Tower open 2.30. Meeting in the tower 6. Cups of tea provided.—Chas. W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2024

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting Tunstall, Sat., Oct. 4th. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2000

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting Bromfield, near Ludlow, Sat., Oct. 4th. Important business. Notify G. Randle, Yew Tree Farm, Ashford Bowdler, Ludlow, numbers for tea by Tuesday.—W. H. Lloyd, Assistant Ringing Master. 2003

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Penzance Branch.—Meeting Zennor (6), Oct. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea provided; bring food.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 2005

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery and Reading Branches.—A joint practice will be held at Hurst (8), Oct. 4th, 6 to 9.—B. C. Castle and E. G. Foster, Hon. Secs. 2004

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting St. Peter's, Lancaster, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea 4. Names for tea by Wed., Oct. 1st, to J. Woods, 44, Blades Street, Lancaster. All welcome.—J. Skeats, Sec. 2034

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Ringmer, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service and tea. Notifications by Oct. 1st to E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. 2029

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting Tonbridge, Oct. 4th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent, not later than Oct. 1st. 2028

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting Banstead, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells from 3.45. Tea (1s. 9d.) at the Wilnot Cafe. Numbers to be sent to Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, by Sept. 30th. 2033

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting Canterbury, Sat., Oct. 11th. St. Alphege (6), St. Dunstan (6) available 2.30; Cathedral (12) evening only. Service St. Alphege 4.15. Tea White Swan, Northgate Street. Names for tea and nominations for officers must reach me by first post Wed., Oct. 8th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2014

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Six-bell contest for association cup to be held at Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, Sat., Oct. 11th. Tea provided, 2s. 6d. Names for tea and entries to reach me before Sat., Oct. 4th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1956

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting Leeds (10), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names to Dr. E. E. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 2006

**SCOTTISH ASSN.**—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Sat., Oct. 11th. Ringing commences at 2 p.m. 2002

**CUMBERLAND & N.W. ASSN.**—Western Branch.—Meeting St. Bees, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Oct. 6th.—S. Richardson, 23, Brayton Road, Bransty, Whitehaven. 2026

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Dedication of William J. Nevard memorial tablet in Great Bentley Church on Sat., Oct. 11th, at 4. Bells (8) available all day. Tea (5 p.m.) for all who notify me by Oct. 8th.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3025

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Cropredy, St., Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea. Please notify before Oct. 7th.—E. Pearson, Alderbury West, Banbury. 2020

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting Bardney (6), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 2018

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Special general meeting on finance, St. Peter's Church Hall, Brighton, Oct. 11th, 3.30. No tea arrangements. Evening ringing, if any, announced at the meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2017

**WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL.**—Preliminary Notice.—New ring of 13 bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated on Sat., Oct. 18th, 3. All ringers are most cordially invited. A limited number of teas will be provided in the Cathedral School (2s. per head). Tickets for tea may be obtained from J. H. Kirby, 99, York Street, Wakefield, on receipt of P.O. for 2s. not later than Mon., Oct. 13th.—P. Woodward. 2022

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MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Jubilee Service and dinner, Oct. 18th. Ringing Bishopsgate, 1.30-3; Clerkenwell, 2.30-4; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4.30. Service St. Giles' 4.30; preacher, Bishop of London. Dinner, Slater's, 393, Strand, 6.30. Money (12s.) to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, before Sept. 30th, please. 1963

BARWELL, LEICS. — Saturday, Nov 1st, dedication memorial tablets and peal boards to memory of Charles H. Belton and William White, whose service in the belfry totalled more than 100 years. Hinckley District donators and all ringers invited to service. Tea in Church Institute. Ringing St. Mary's. Further details later. 2032

BARWELL, LEICS. — Practice night, Tuesdays, 7.30-9, until further notice. Visitors welcomed. 2031

ESSEX ASSN. — Alteration to Rules.—The composition of all peals rung for the Association shall be submitted within fourteen days of ringing to the peals secretary, Mr. L. W. Wiffen, Melrose, Clock House Estate, Braintree, Essex.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec. and Treasurer. 1995

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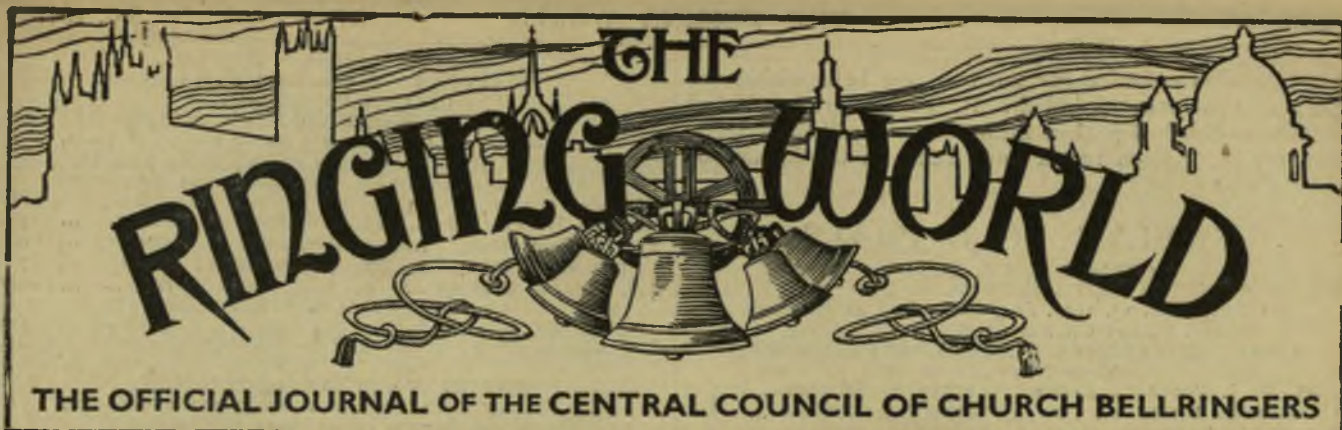
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## READING'S BELLS

From the recently published Part X. of 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, can be pieced together the romance of 'Harry' or 'Kelsall,' the tenor of the ring of 12 at St. Laurence's, Reading. For five centuries no expense has been spared either to keep these bells in ringing order or to make alterations to the ring in accordance with the fashion of the time.

While it is known that there were three bells in this church in 1433, 'Harry' was consecrated in 1499. The first recasting was in 1567, but its weight was such that additional metal was required for the bells. In 1579 a ring of five was provided, the fourth and tenor being recast, the latter bell having a weight of 34 cwt. 1 qr.

The bells of St. Laurence's were frequently cracking, caused through 'clocking' (tying a rope to the clapper and pulling the latter against the side of the bell), so much so that the following resolution was adopted at the vestry meeting of 1593: 'Whereas there was through the slothfulness of the Sextine in times paf, a kind of toling ye bell by ye clapper rope: yt was now fforbedden and taken away: & that the bell should be toled: as in tymes paf: and not in anie fuch Idle forte.' 'Kelsall' was recast by Joseph Carter, the celebrated bell founder, who was then churchwarden in 1594-5. In 1646, Joseph Carter's 'lowd' tenor became cracked, whether or not on this occasion through the slothfulness of the sexton, we are not told, and was recast in the following year.

An important step forward was the decision of the Vestry in 1662 to recast the five bells into eight tuneable bells, using the same metal. The two largest bells were again cracked in 1703, and eventually recast, and it was on these bells that the first recorded peal in Berkshire was rung—Grandsire Triples in 1734. A ring of ten was introduced in 1748 by recasting the eight and adding two lighter bells. The tenor by now had been reduced in weight to 23 cwt.; four of these bells are in the present ring of 12.

History of these famous bells in modern times tells of how the Rev. C. Kerry in 1881 found them in a deplorable condition and that they had not been rung for several years. Three of the bells, including the tenor, were recast and the dedication and reopening ceremony was on February 21st, 1882. The augmentation to 12 was as recent as 1929, when the ring underwent a thorough restoration. It was through the enthusiasm of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. R. T. Hibbert that



the £180 was collected for the two new bells within the space of two months, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert conducted the first twelve-bell peal in Berkshire on April 21st, 1930. Has any tenor been recast more times in the history of bellringing?

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	*A. WILLIAM MYERS ... 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
*RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 6	GEORGE W. STEERE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

THOMAS H. REEVES ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD TUFFREY ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 9
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
JOHN PINFOLD ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal of Maximus in the method.

## TEN BELL PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	*PHILIP WALKER ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	*EDWIN G. MOORE ... 7
*MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 8
*WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	*CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 9
*REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5	ALAN R. PINK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor 29 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 6
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 2	*GORDON HARRISON ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 8
*CYRIL TABERNER ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 5	EDWARD J. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters for the Guild. A farewell to Mr. S. D. Ainger.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,008 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, P. Green 2, I. Halls 3, W. Ainger 4, G. Green 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8. A farewell to Ian Halls, who is leaving the district.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 5
*JANET MATTINSON ... 2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7
†H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. A farewell peal to Miss J. Mattinson, who, to the regret of her friends, is leaving for Ipswich.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
†EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	*JAMES E. BAILEY ... 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
†FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 4	†PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

\* First peal in the method. † 200th peal of Surprise. ‡ 50th peal together.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. EDEN ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... 7
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEYTON, E.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS A. A. M. CASTLE <i>Treble</i>	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANK V. GANT ... 6
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4	ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal on more than five bells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

ON THE BELLS OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

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

Tenor 30 cwt.

A. E. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	A. J. FORD ... 5
A. F. BALLAM ... 2	*J. BANKS ... 6
C. STANNARD ... 3	W. GOODSHIP ... 7
R. SIMMONDS ... 4	F. BUCKLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

\* First peal.

FWTHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD J. LINDLEY ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7
JANET MATTINSON ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.



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## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

In memoriam Thomas W. Chapman.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD ... Treble	ALBERT H. HARRIS ... 5
WILLIAM H. WEBB ... 2	THOMAS GREENHALL ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3	JOSEPH H. COX ... 7
*MOLLY TROMANS ... 4	LEONARD CLISSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. COX.

\* First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor. A compliment to Mr. W. H. Webb, who has completed 50 years as a Sunday service ringer-at Halesowen Church.

## CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... Treble	JOHN W. BEST ... 5
HENRY O. BAKER ... 2	EDWD. V. RODENHURST ... 6
PERCY SWINDLEY ... 3	*WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of Mr. E. D. Poole and Miss P. Fletcher.

## POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

*CHARLES SHARPLES ... Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 5
FRED READ ... 2	JOHN H. FOSTER ... 6
A. T. HOULDSWORTH ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 4	†RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* 100th peal for the Association. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7
*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

\* First peal in the method.

## DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE ... 2	HAROLD PAILING ... 6
T. VERNON JENNISON ... 3	FRANK BROWN ... 7
PERCY E. BALL ... 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD PAILING.

First peal as conductor. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Harry Bushell).

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—At All Saints' on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. North (longest length) 1. E. Liversedge 2. Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3. G. Lee 4. G. F. Tuke 5. T. C. Ryder 6. A. Firth (conductor) 7. J. E. Cawser 8. In memoriam to Mr. W. Dyson, J.P.

## HYTHE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY PAGE ... Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
*WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band.

## WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CYRIL WRIGHT ... Treble	*PHILIP COOTE ... 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 2	HAROLD JACKSON ... 6
GEORGE PRESTON ... 3	*TOM CUTTS ... 7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

DENIS MADDOCK ... Treble	MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 5
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 2	DAVID SMITH ... 6
ERIC HORNBY ... 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 4	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by H. W. HOWARD.

## QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY ... Treble	PAUL BIRKETT ... 5
THOMAS SENIOR ... 2	ALBERT V. PICKLES ... 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON ... 3	ROLAND KENDALL ... 7
*WILLIAM AMBLER ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

\* 150th peal.

## DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... 2	ERIC NOBLES ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLL. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

## WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh.

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).

*DENIS MADDOCK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
ALAN J. BROWN ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At Christ Church, Seaside Road,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*MISS BERYL COWLIN ... Treble	FREDK. N. SMEATON ... 5
ERNEST GOWER ... 2	†H. G. F. REYNOLDS ... 6
*GEORGE BEENY ... 3	*RONALD W. PANKHURST ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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



## SIX BELL PEALS

NEWINGTON (HYTHE), KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 4
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 2	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD WALSH ... Treble	ROGER LEIGH ... 4
KENNETH HINDLE ... 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON... 5
*DEREK SANDERSON ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to K. Hindle, who has since joined the R.A.F.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent of (1) Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (2) Norbury; (3) College Exercise; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Double Oxford; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
RONALD SHARP ... 2	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3	BRYAN SIMS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

KENNETH MEDWAY ... Treble	EDWARD J. FRY ... 4
EDWARD CONNOCK ... 2	FREDK. J. CARTER ... 5
HAROLD L. PARFREY ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Reginald O. Fry, the conductor's father.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two different extents St. Clement's and five different extents Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*EDWARD G. BENNETT ... Treble	+GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 4
MISS ENID WALKLADE... 2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 5
STANLEY M. RUDDLESSEN ... 3	ERIC NOBLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal. + First peal of Minor 'inside.'

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

BARBARA CLEVELAND ... Treble	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 4
MRS. F. A. PENN ... 2	FRANK A. PENN ... 5
*JOHN H. S. GIDDINGS... 3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING Tenor

Conducted by FRANK A. PENN.

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

BURTON DASSETT, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*THOMAS A. HASTINGS...Treble	+HAROLD FOLWELL ... 4
+L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2	*ROBERT J. EDDEN ... 5
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

\* First peal of Minor + First peal of Bob Minor. First peal on the bells.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents with five callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G sharp.

*LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	*WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4
+EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	+RAYMOND WOOD, JUN... 5
+FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	*C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of London Minor. + First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM S. MAY ... Treble	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4
FRANK C. MAY ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
GERALD FROST ... 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

A birthday compliment to William S. May.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
ARTHUR ROLFE ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

GEORGE E. WATERMAN Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 4
*RONALD G. BUGG ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	*CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
MISS ADA C. DUKES ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Canterbury. 1.440 April Day, 1.440 Plain Bob and 1.440 Grandsire.

*JOHN H. BAYLIS ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4
+GERALD BALL ... 5-6	

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

\* First peal 'in hand' away from tenors. + First peal 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to G. Ball on his 18th birthday.

SIBLE HFDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.



**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: C. W. Everett 1, A. J. Lancefield 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, W. A. T. Carter (first in method) 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, M. S. Lancefield 6, H. S. Wickens 7, T. Cullingworth (conductor) 8.

**BEVERLEY, YORKS.**—On Sept. 14th at the Minster, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Straker 1, Mrs. J. Cotterell 2, C. Ellerington 3, C. Constable 4, L. Daggitt (conductor) 5, C. Glenn 6, A. E. Sellers 7, G. Dowling 8, F. Osgerby 9, F. Braithwaite 10.

**BUXTON, DERBYS.**—At Christ Church, Buxton, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Marriott 1, J. Bagshaw 2, F. A. Forster 3, I. W. Smith 4, H. Kirk 5, A. Hibbert (first quarter as conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by 3 and 5.

**DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. A. Ward 1, T. Groombridge, sen. 2, W. Chandler (first of Stedman) 3, P. E. Ball 4, T. Groombridge, jun. 5, R. A. Ward 6, H. Pailing (first of Stedman as conductor) 7, W. Perkins 8.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—At the Memorial Tower on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Williams (conductor) 1, L.-Cpl. Bloomfield 2, G. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands 4, C. Stannard 5, J. W. Banks 6, J. Paul 7, J. Sharp 8.

**GORSEINON, SWANSEA.**—At St. Catherine's on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Jones 1, A. Tew 2, G. Thomas 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Williams (conductor) 5, R. Dobbins 6. For the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tew.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On Sept. 14th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, P. D. Oldham 3, E. Pratchett 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. In honour of Mr. E. Pratchett's 72nd birthday.

## QUARTER PEALS

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—On Sept. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Miss A. Castle 3, S. Croft 4, T. G. Miller 5, R. H. Begrie 6, J. Bullock 7, E. Beauchamp 8.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKS.**—On Sept. 16th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Trevor 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, J. Daycott 4, G. J. Stoneley 5, J. Gibbons 6, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8. In memoriam T. W. Chapman, for over 60 years a ringer at this church.

**POPLAR, LONDON.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, J. Armstrong 5, R. H. Begrie 6, E. Holman 7, E. Furbanks 8, E. D. Smith 9, W. Partiss 10. First quarter in method by 1, 4 and 5.

**RICHMOND, YORKS.**—At St. Mary's Church on Sept. 7th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Pearmain 1, Miss D. M. Killingley 2, Miss M. Walton 3, Miss B. E. Strutt 4, R. Spencer 5, G. Holmes (conductor) 6. A farewell to the ringer of 3 on leaving for college.

**STEYNING, SUSSEX.**—On August 21st, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Church 1, H. Dearing 2, R. Challen 3, E. Marsh 4, Morris Thomas 5, B. O. Prior 6, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (conductor) 7, T. Drinkwater 8. All except 6 and 7 are ringers from Shoreham-by-Sea.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Fox 1, G. J. Boomsma 2, A. T. Boomsma (first quarter inside) 3, C. W. King (Goole, Yorks) 4, H. A. Pinchbeck 5, J. G. Boomsma 6, L. J. Fox (conductor) 7, J. Phillips 8. A farewell to the Ven. E. N. Sharpe, M.A., Archdeacon of London, on retirement.

**SHIPLAKE, OXON.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Neate 1, E. Smith 2, I. Cook 3, G. Cleave 4, E. Nash (conductor) 5, L. Bune (first quarter) 6, N. Tanner 7, A. Sheppard 8.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On Sept. 14th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wright 1, S. Howard 2, T. W. Wyatt 3, E. L. Miles 4, J. W. Chapman 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, R. Sanders 7, L. G. Franks 8.

**SWANAGE, DORSET.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clarke 1, Dr. Cunningham 2, Mrs. R. Anderton 3, J. Sutton 4, P. Foote 5, F. Haysom 6, T. F. East (conductor) 7, W. Damer 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.**—On August 30th at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: A. Hubble 1, W. E. Brittain (aged 83) 2, H. Moreton 3, W. Powell 4, T. Palfreyman 5, K. Knowles 6, A. H. Hingley (conductor) 7, J. Gaden 8. A birthday compliment to T. Palfreyman.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 14th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Salter 1, L. Alderman 2, K. V. C. Hawkins 3, G. Walford 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, P. R. Rowland 6.

**WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sparkes 1, W. Baker 2, A. Turner 3, W. G. Hartnell 4, F. Caseley 5, J. Hartnell 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, A. Gale 8. An 85th birthday compliment to the secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch.

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist for 'Battle of Britain' Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Brake 1, G. Gaylard 2, T. E. Marks 3, H. Gaylard 4, A. C. Jeanes 5, W. C. Dowling 6, T. J. Setter (conductor) 7, G. Saunders 8.

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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are re-  
minded that remittances should  
be sent without delay to Mr. H.  
J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road,  
Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

The death of Thomas Chapman, of Nuneaton, is a great loss to his many friends in the Exercise. A peal which had been arranged in honour of his golden wedding on September 13th was rung as a thanksgiving for 60 years' ungrudging service to ringing. The peal was rung within a few hours of his passing.

The first peal of Belgrave Surprise Maximus has been rung by Mr. George E. Fearn's company at Birmingham.

Will conductors sending in peals please curtail footnotes to bare essentials? The space situation is critical!

The Rev. C. O. Ellison, Vicar of Wetherby, has been elected president of the Yorkshire Association. The report of the meeting at Barnsley will appear next week.

The first meeting of the Grimsby District at Caistor since 1933 was held on August 30th. The Guild Master (Mr. J. A. Freeman) and Mr. W. Ayre received a warm welcome.

Mr. F. Dench informs us that the method called Bristol Royal that appeared in our issue of September 19th was first published in the first issue of 'The Ringing World' (March 24th, 1911) by the late Rev. E. Bankes James.

Very impressed were 'old stagers' at the promise of beginners who attended the ladies' practice meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, recently. Miss Chinnery was thanked for making the arrangements.

Mr. Herbert O. Chaddock 'circled' Whiston tower by the peal on September 13th. Another 'circler' is Mr. Frank C. May, who accomplished this feat at Rettendon, Essex, on the same day.

Mr. Albert Walker was in a new role at Shirley, Birmingham, on September 15th. He 'stroked' the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples, while Mr. E. C. Shepherd shepherded four firsts of Triples.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The finest handbell achievement to date was the performance last Sunday at Leicester of a peal of Cambridge Maximus, conducted by Mr. Harold Poole. The company included P. J. Stanforth, Jill Poole, W. P. Whitehead, A. Ballard and E. Whitehead.

Mr. A. H. Pulling has retired after 39 years as caretaker of the Guildford Royal Grammar School. Owing to housing shortage, Mr. and Mrs. Pulling are still living at the school.

Twenty-six ringers turned up for practice on a recent Monday at St. John's, Hillingdon, and after a couple of touches the 9th clapper broke. It has now been repaired.

Mr. Edward J. Lindley, secretary of the Cambridge University Guild, rang his 50th peal at Ewhurst on September 13th. Congratulations!

Mr. Vic Hemus has succeeded in breaking down local prejudice and started a new band of change ringers at Malmesbury. He will be remembered prior to the war as a member of George Fearn's band at Birmingham.

Congratulations to Mr. E. Morris upon his recent feat of ringing the tenor in the peal of Minor at Lulington, Derbyshire. It is believed to be 34 years since Mr. W. W. Worthington's band rang these bells to the last peal of Minor.

Two weddings were celebrated by the peal at St. Mary's, Leyton, on September 13th—Mr. James Albert Bullock and Miss Rose Quinell at Dagenham, and the Rev. J. Morgan James, curate of Leyton, to Mdlle. J. Hoffman de Visme at St. Mary's, Leyton.

Mr. A. J. Ford, who has been associated with Bury St. Edmunds ringers, is shortly returning to Australia. The peal in the Norman Tower on September 13th was a farewell to him and a 65th birthday compliment to A. E. Moore, who rang the treble.

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## N.E. YORKSHIRE AND S. DURHAM TOUR

A week's ringing tour in N.E. Yorkshire and South Durham, which concluded on Sept. 6th, produced 10 peals out of 14 attempts. One failure was due to a rope slipping the wheel at Northallerton, and the other three losses could be put down to physical strain due to lack of reserves. Ten ringers accepted Mr. J. E. Cawser's invitation to take part in this tour, but it was regretted that Mr. W. E. Critchley, of Doncaster, could only be present part time, thus a heavy strain was put upon the remaining nine ringers.

The party met at Thirsk at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 30th, and commenced by scoring a good peal of Yorkshire Major on the old bells there, most of which were cast in the 15th century.

After lunch a move was made by road to Northallerton, where an attempt for London was made. It soon became obvious that the band had to be fully awake to the job they had in hand; for not only were there one or two bad going bells here, but the 5th had a tendency to slip wheel occasionally even though rung with a tight rope, and once the treble ringer had to retrieve his rope from off the top of the clock case behind him. Despite these adverse conditions, a good beat was maintained, but with the end well in sight after 2½ hours' ringing, the 5th rope slipped again and the bell set at back-stroke. This put an end to what may have been considered the best performance of the tour. After a very fine tea at a nearby cafe, the party moved on to Middlesbrough, where they made their headquarters for the following three days at the Corporation Hotel.

On Sunday morning the party was cordially welcomed in the tower of St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, by the Vicar and local ringers. After a course of Bristol, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with two of the local band standing in. In the afternoon, the party went to Ormesby, some three miles out of town, and scored a good peal of London on the delightful Taylor eight there. A good touch of Stedman was then rung for Evensong with the local towerkeeper standing in.

Monday proved the most strenuous day of the week, for peals of Bristol and London were brought round on two heavy rings of eight. At Skelton-in-Cleveland, where the peal of Bristol was rung, three of the party put in a good hour's work on the ropes before the peal could be attempted. Eventually a start was made only to come to grief after 40 minutes owing to a change course, but the band seemed so determined to score a peal on this fine eight that a fresh start was promptly made and a good peal was brought round in 3 hours and 36 minutes.

At Saltburn the party were cordially greeted by the Vicar, even though they were then two hours behind their scheduled time. This very fine eight, although a little too noisy in the ringing chamber, were soon set going to London, but a fresh start had to be made after two courses owing to the tenor rope breaking beneath the sally. This was soon remedied by our ex-R.N. friend, who proved that his services in the Navy had not been entirely wasted. It was perhaps fortunate that Mr. J. C. E. Simpson had been asked to call this peal, for no other voice present could have penetrated the noise of these bells, but at least he did have the satisfaction of silencing his critics by calling a peal of London from a working bell.

Tuesday morning found a rather tired band attempting a peal of Pudsey Major at Middlesbrough. After two or three false starts the party adjourned for lunch and made a fresh start at 1 p.m. After a short interview with the local Press, when a couple of photographs of the party were taken, a start was made and eventually a peal was brought round. In the evening a peal of London was lost at Thornaby owing to a change course.

On Wednesday morning an early start was made for West Hartlepool, where the band

had the satisfaction of scoring a peal of Yorkshire Royal, being the first peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. In most cases it was the first touch in the method. An attempt for London in the afternoon was lost at St. Aiden's, West Hartlepool, a light but musical eight, after an hour's ringing. It was at this point where it became noticeable that the strain due to lack of reserves was telling its tale. There were many very sore hands which called for careful treatment, such as yards of Elastoplast and handkerchiefs woven into the rope ends.

The Imperial Hotel, Darlington, was chosen as our headquarters for the remaining three days of the tour, and the party duly moved in on Wednesday evening. The next day found the ringers at Sheldon, where they did not find any difficulty in obtaining a beat on this pleasant ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., by Taylors. Here a good peal of Bristol was scored, but once again the afternoon attempt failed, this time Norfolk at Bishop Auckland after an hour. Even after three losses in three days the band still considered they were equal to Spiced Surprise. This they rang in masterly style on the old ring of eight at Richmond, the writer having the pleasure of listening to every blow. Again it fell to Mr. Simpson's lot to call A. J. Pitman's most recent and difficult composition for the third time within two months, no other composition being available at the time. This proved a particularly pleasing performance, for three members of the band earned 'stars' for their first peal of Spiced Surprise.

At this juncture Mr. Simpson had to leave for home, which left the band seven strong, Mr. J. L. Millhouse also having left for a prior appointment. This gave the remaining party the opportunity to assist Miss Killingley, of Richmond, to score her first peal at first attempt—Bob Major—at Catterick, ably conducted by Mr. Leonard Trevor.

To wind up the tour a peal of Norfolk was decided upon at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington. This was successful on this fine new ring of eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, 1937, the band being particularly grateful to Mr. G. F. Newton for standing in at short notice.

Sincere thanks are extended to the many ringers who met and welcomed the visiting ringers at the various towers, also the clergy and towerkeepers for placing the bells at their disposal. In particular most sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Addison, of Middlesbrough, for the Yorkshire arrangements, and to Mr. W. N. Park for the Durham arrangements. The touring band wish to accord Mr. J. E. Cawser their most sincere thanks for the arrangements he made for their help and comfort during the whole week. He organised everything to the last detail, and they feel that they ought not really to have lost those three peals, as he left them nothing to do but—ring!  
R.G.E.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden on September 6th and was attended by about 50 ringers, representing 21 towers, with visitors from Norfolk and Oxfordshire.

A short service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Kitchen), who gave the address. An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox. Miss Patricia James, of Sedburgh, was elected a member. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Selby was accepted. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, local company and ladies serving tea was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dale, and supported by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and the Vicar responded.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 ls. 6d. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. W. Pearson, of Pontefract, expressing sympathy with him in his illness and hoping for his speedy recovery.

## OBITUARY

### THE REV. E. S. POWELL.

The sudden collapse and death of the Rev. Everard Slade Powell, M.A., while ringing at Sheffield Cathedral last Sunday evening, is deeply regretted by his wide circle of friends and the Exercise generally. He was 71.

Mr. Powell was a scholar of Christ Church, Oxford, and had a brilliant university career. He was ordained in 1899 and held three livings—Holberton 1906-28, Clyst St. George 1928-33, and Staverton, Daventry, 1933-1946. He retired at the end of last year and made his home at Stoke-under-Ham, near Yeovil.

To ringers all over the country Mr. Powell is known as the author of 'The Ringer's Handbook,' one of the most popular of the instructional books, which has sold in its thousands.

From 1935 until he left the diocese last year the Rev. Powell was Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. He proved himself to be an ideal Master, and the gratitude of the Guild was expressed to him and Mrs. Powell at the last annual meeting in the form of a presentation and testimonial.

### MR. JAMES COX.

The death is announced of Mr. James Cox, of the Oldham (St. Mary's) Parish Church Society, on August 23rd, after a long illness. Mr. Cox was interred at Chadderton Cemetery on August 26th. Several ringers attended the funeral service at Oldham Parish Church.

### MR. J. A. HART.

We regret to record the death, which took place suddenly on September 25th after working in his garden, of Mr. James Alfred Hart, of 27, Alexandra Road, Uckfield, Sussex. For over 40 years Mr. Hart had been captain of the Uckfield ringers. He celebrated his 77th birthday on September 1st last and his golden wedding last June.

### MR. A. E. WEBB.

We regret to record the death on September 16th as the result of a road accident the same day of Mr. Albert Edward (Teddy) Webb, of Brecon, a member of St. David's band and of the General Committee of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. He was carrying out his duties as a postman when the cycle he was riding came into collision with a motor-car.

Mr. Webb, who was 54 years of age, was very popular in his district. The funeral service on September 20th at St. David's, Brecon, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Davies), assisted by the headmaster of Christ College. The large congregation present included the Mayor of Brecon, the Member of Parliament (Ald. T. E. Watkins), and the Swansea and Brecon Guild were represented by Mr. A. Matthews (Master), Mr. D. G. Williams (general secretary), Mr. D. H. Bennett (district secretary) and Mr. M. Howcroft. There were over 100 wreaths, including a tribute from the Diocesan Guild.

After the service the bells were rung half-muffled, and in the evening a quarter-peal half-muffled by M. Howcroft 1, A. Matthews 2, G. Hardwick 3, G. Davies 4, D. H. Bennett (conductor) 5, D. Stokes 6, C. Morgan 7, R. Chambers 8. It was the first quarter for 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Twenty members and friends attended the evening meeting of the South and West District at All Saints', Fulham, on September 18th, when owing to local restrictions the bells could only be rung for about an hour. Of the ten bells, only eight were in use, the trebles being under repair, but some good ringing was accomplished under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Finch (Ringing Master). Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Double Norwich and Cambridge.



## National Police Guild

The annual meeting for 1947 was held at Birmingham on September 20th, and was well attended by members and friends from all parts of the country. Lunch and tea were provided at Police Headquarters.

A company of 115 sat down to lunch, at which Mr. E. I. Dodd (chief Constable of Birmingham) presided. After the loyal toast he extended a very cordial welcome to the Guild. He showed a keen interest in ringing, and it is understood that he will be further enlightened by a prominent Birmingham ringer.

He also kindly undertook to adorn the worthy president, Inspector H. Poole, with an insignia of office, in the form of a suitably inscribed silver bell, the gift of ex-Supt. C. P. Hilton, of Surrey, and ex-Sergt. A. Lawrence, of Herts.

Ex-Supt. Williams, of Manchester, fully recovered from the illness which compelled his absence last year, welcomed the guests and visitors, notable amongst whom were the Rev. E. H. Waddleton, Mr. Albert Walker and the ever-green and ever-present J. W. Jones, of Newport.

The business meeting followed, at which Insp. H. Poole presided. He spoke of the happy renewal of friendships so well established. Referring to the absence of successful police peals during the year, he said that peals were not all that mattered.

The officers were re-elected and nine new ringing members and two life members enrolled. An invitation to Manchester for the next meeting was gratefully accepted and (d.v.) will be held on September 18th, 1948. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Hilton for their generous gift to the Guild.

Ringing opportunities were available for all and were fully exploited, not without incident. A worthy vice-president's bell went over the top, allegedly due to a cracked stay. A northern member with bold effrontery completed a bridal photographic group, shook hands with the bridegroom and kissed the bride on an assurance that the bells were being rung for the wedding. All this was accepted in the right spirit with characteristic good humour.

Sincere thanks were expressed to the Chief Constable for his support and the use of the Police Canteen, and to P.C. L. Tuffrey for arranging a splendid lunch and tea and a most enjoyable social evening. Great regret was expressed at the absence of Bill Dowding, who, ignoring anno domini, was said to have been gathering fruit the previous day and to have come down the tree by a quicker route than intended, with painful results. H.G.J.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Purton on September 13th, and ringers were present from Blunsdon, Lydiard Millicent, Malmesbury, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, Rodbourne Cheney and Wootton Bassett, together with members of the local band. Various methods up to Cambridge were rung, and tea was provided at the Vicarage by Canon and Mrs. Willis.

At the business meeting a welcome was extended to Mr. Hemus and party from Malmesbury, where an attempt is being made to form a change ringing band. It is proposed to hold the next three meetings at Malmesbury, Wootton Bassett and Christ Church, Swindon.

W.B.K.

## Bristol Surprise Extensions

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Many years ago the late Arthur Craven gave the true extensions of Bristol Surprise Major to Royal and Maximus in 'The Ringing World,' and there is no question whatever that he gave the true extensions.

Following are the first ten changes of Bristol Surprise Major and the same place making on ten and twelve bells.

Major	Royal	Maximus
12345678	1234567890	123456789012
21436587	2143658709	214365870912
12346857	1234685079	123468507912
21436675	2143860597	214386057912
21436857	2143685079	214368507912
42316587	4231658709	423165870912
21435678	2143567890	214356789012
42315768	4231576980	423157698012
24351786	2435179608	243517968012
23457168	2345716980	234571698012
	3254179608	325417968012
	3254719680	325471968012
	5372941086	537294108612
	5739240168	573924016812
	7593420618	759342061812
	5739240681	573924068112
	5372940618	537294061812
	3527496081	352749608112
	3254769801	325476980112
	9753420618	975342061812
	7953246081	795324608112
	7593240618	759324061812
	5739246081	573924608112
	5372946081	537294608112

Lead Heads: Major 14263857. Royal 13527496\*8. Maximus 17953240486.

It is useless for anyone to deny that the placemaking is not the same on 8, 10 and 12 bells so far as the first ten changes are concerned, and if we want to make a double method of the Royal, all we have to do is to reverse the place-making of the first ten changes as shown, and the Maximus then follows naturally.

In Bristol Surprise Major the bells are in proper coursing order in front and behind, and they are also in Royal and Maximus.

Mr. Bramble's so-called extension to Royal does not conform to that rule.

## WHITLEY BAY 'OPEN DAY'

More than 60 people attended an 'open day' at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, on September 20th, visiting the belfry and seeing something of the art of change ringing.

A talk on change ringing was given by Mr. Richard A. Gofton, during which he mentioned some of the achievements of Whitley Bay—the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major on May 14th, 1924, and a peal on handbells of London Surprise Major by the four brothers Gofton on November 3rd, 1920.

Mr. Gofton stated that the present band—half of whom were recruited since 1944, were now ringing service touches of London Surprise Major, and he hoped that they would continue to make progress and re-establish the tower in its former pre-eminent position in the Association.

## Bagshot Bells Restored

The ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) at St. Anne's, Bagshot, Surrey, has been restored, and the reopening ceremony took place on Sept. 20th, when a company of 60 ringers was present and expressed satisfaction at the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

After the choral service, conducted by the Rev. R. Gibson, the visitors were entertained to tea through the generosity of a Bagshot ringer. The congratulations of the company were voiced by Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master of the Farnham District), to the Vicar, Parochial Church Council and local ringers on their pluck in having the bells restored. It was now, he said, a pleasure to ring the tenor, whereas previously it needed a great deal of effort.

Mr. G. L. Grover (Guild secretary) also spoke in appreciative terms of the work, and his remarks were endorsed by Mr. F. J. Ewens (Camberley) and Mr. F. Stone (Blackmoor).

Mr. J. Corbett (Bagshot) thanked all who had spoken so well of their efforts. A considerable sum of money (£245) was required, but during the summer efforts had raised about £140 and now greater efforts for money raising would be made.

Mention was made of the long service to Bagshot tower by Mr. Nye (47 years) and Mr. Corbett (51 years), and the wish was expressed by Mr. H. Hunt that they would live many more years to enjoy the music of the bells. Three ringing members from Farnborough and one from Yorktown were elected.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A very successful meeting of the South-West Branch was held at Kelly on September 20th, supported by ringers and friends from Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), Plympton (St. Maurice's and St. Mary's), Bridgerule, Stratton, Petrockstowe, Okehampton, Marham church, Carbis Bay, Lifton and Kelly.

The bells were rung to rounds, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge.

A service in church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. M. G. Reardon). A collection for the Guild's Bells Restoration Fund amounted to £1 3s. 9d. Seventy sat down to an excellent tea.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the branch chairman, the Rev. H. E. Bennett. Plymouth Emmanuel, January 17th, 1948, was chosen for the annual meeting.

The chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers for such an enthusiastic welcome to Kelly, and expressed the meeting's pleasure at having with them the Guild president (Preb. E. V. Cox), Mr. F. C. Smale (general secretary), the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, and so many of our friends of the North-West Branch.

Ringing in the standard methods was also enjoyed at Bradstone and Milton Abbott.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some useful work in helping members of the local band was done during the meeting of the Cambridge District at Bottisham on September 13th, attended by 15 members. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. Lack (Great Staughton), Mr. E. W. Brown (Cambridge) was elected a member. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Ickleton. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Russell).

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## Ringers' Outings

ST. PETER MANCROFT.

A large party of ringers and friends had an outing to Cambridge on September 6th. At the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs the long draught of this fine eight proved less embarrassing to Mancroft ringers. At St. Andrew's the best use was made of an indifferent eight. Various methods up to Treble Twelve were rung at Great St. Mary's, where opinions were divided as to which is worse—a long draught or a long staircase. After tea Cambridge Minor was rung on Fabian Stedman's bells at St. Benet's. On the way home Double Norwich was enjoyed at St. Mary's, Ely. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Nolan Golden for his efficient organisation and to the steeplekeepers.

## BRISTOL RINGERS.

After getting lost in the Stroud Valley, the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild, Bristol, reached Painswick, the objective of their annual outing, on September 13th. A pleasant hour was spent ringing Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus.

Then followed a short run back to Stroud for tea, with some more Cinques and tunes on handbells to aid the digestion. A move was then made to St. Lawrence's Church, where some excellent ringing was indulged in of Bristol Major, Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Cambridge Royal.

## RODBOURNE CHENEY.

Rodbourne Cheney ringers held their annual outing on August 30th and were accompanied by ringers from Christ Church, Swindon, Bunsdon, Chiseldon and Compton. The first stop was Beckington, where the long draught did not suit the young ringers. Mr. J. T. Dyke joined the party here and accompanied them to Corsley, where various methods were rung. Tea was at Warminster and here acquaintance was renewed with ex-Sergt. Norman Knee, who spent some months in the Swindon district during the war. Ringing at Codford and Shrewton ended the programme, the best ringing of the day being at the last tower. W.B.K.

## WARMINSTER.

On September 13th, 24 ringers and friends from Warminster and Longbridge Deverill had a long day's tour of North Somerset. Heavy rain was experienced through Bath to Keynsham, the first stop. Here they were met by the Vicar, the local ringers and the reporter for the local newspaper (also a ringer). Grandshire Triples with some rounds and call changes for a fledgling making his first trip was rung.

From Keynsham the party went through Bristol to the charming little village of Portishead, with its strikingly pretty churchyard, and a very trim well-appointed belfry, whose peal boards record the popularity of the tower among the ladies. The pleasant, easy-going eight were rung to Grandshire and Stedman. A most picturesque drive by the coast and down narrow lanes brought the party to Clevedon by mid-day. The light eight here were much to the liking of all. Lunch, an excellent meal, was enjoyed here, and at Congresbury the heavy men were given the task of ringing up the 38 cwt. tenor and then ringing it down again to get it up right. The bells, a lovely eight with a most noble tenor by Bilbie, were successfully turned in to Plain Bob.

A half-hour run brought the band to Weston-super-Mare, where after tea there was ringing on the easy-going light at St. John's.

Evening was come when Blagdon was reached after a lovely ride through Somerset lanes and woods, but here a combination of new ropes and long draught proved too much for most of the party. Still undaunted, the band set out for the seventh tower of the day at Chewton Mendip, but, unfortunately, the wrong road was taken, and the village was not tracked down until 9 p.m., when the church was deserted, not surprisingly, and no ringing could be enjoyed. C.N.P.

## LETTERS

### YOUTH ON TOUR

Dear Sir,—As the contributor of the report of the ringing tour, 'From Winchester to Marlborough,' which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of September 12th, I should like to thank Mr. Dryas for his letter and kind remarks. I am glad to note that not all the writers in these columns attempt to split hairs, and, further, that some ringers have recognised and appreciated the aims of those junior members of the fraternity who took part in the tour.

All of the tourists, without exception, gained in some way. We all improved considerably our knowledge of Hampshire, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire; we made many new friends and acquaintances and made progress, to varying degrees, in the art. We experienced the pleasure of entering new towers and gained much valuable physical exercise.

The towers on the list were arranged in order that we might visit them comfortably, and we averaged four per day. It was gratifying to be told, as we were at several towers, that it was good to hear the bells again, for in many country churches a band of ringers is not always forthcoming.

In conclusion, I should like to say that I am sure the band would have been honoured by the company of Mr. Dryas had he been able to join us.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER O. FRY.

Bath, Somerset.

### BEOLEY BELLS TO BE REHUNG

Sir.—Readers of 'The Ringing World' may be interested to know that the 14th century tower of Beoley Parish Church, which has been unsafe for a considerable period, is to be repaired, and at the same time the bells are to be rehung in a modern cast-iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ring consists of six bells and was broadcast at Christmas, 1943.

The details are as follows: No. 1, founded by R. Sanders, 1708; No. 2, H. Oldfield, in 1622 (this is the only Oldfield bell left in Worcestershire); No. 3, R. Sanders, 1709; No. 4, Newcombe, 1611; No. 5, Rudhall, 1789; No. 6, Hugh Watts, 1601.

The church is famous for its association with the illustrious family of Sheldon, who introduced the art of tapestry weaving into England in the 16th century. Many of this family are buried in the church, and their names are on three of the bells.

The work of rehanging the bells and repairing the tower will cost £1,450, and we are advised to aim at raising a further £150 as a contingency sum.

This parish of 770 people has raised £1,400 in a year, and the Appeal Committee now hope that lovers of the art of bellringing may feel disposed to help us. Mr. W. Jackson, Keswick, Birmingham Road, Bordesley, Redditch, is the treasurer of the Appeal Fund.—Yours sincerely,

LEONARD J. BIRCH. Vicar.

### ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS

Dear Sir,—A recording of a plain course of Grandshire Caters was made last July for the background of a talk in a B.B.C. programme featuring Norwich to be broadcast on Monday, October 13th, at 6.50 to 7.30.

Copies of the actual recording of the bells will be available at 10s. each if a sufficient number of people desire them. Intending purchasers should let me know as soon as possible.

Incidentally the recording engineer on this occasion was most courteous and acted upon certain suggestions made in order to obtain the best possible recording. In the course of conversation I gathered that he had had considerable dealings with ringers and was fully conscious of their fancies, foibles and prejudices.—Yours, etc.,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

## The Ladies' Guild

EASTERN DISTRICT AT BECCLES.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Beccles on September 13th. Thirteen members were present, together with about thirty men. The fine ring of ten bells (tenor 25 cwt.) was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, and ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, as well as London and Bristol Major. Twice during the afternoon a band of ladies rang the bells to rounds and the men were forced to admit that they were well struck.

Tea was served at the Y.M.C.A., and what a tea! Everyone agreed it was worth coming to Beccles if only for the tea. After tea the vice-president (Miss Snowden) thanked the Rector, the Rev. Rideal, for the use of the bells, and Mr. Goate for making the arrangements, and to the cook who produced the wonderful home-made pastries and cakes.

The Rector replied, saying how pleased he was to see the ladies at Beccles, and Mr. A. Gillings also welcomed them on behalf of the Suffolk Guild.

At the brief Ladies' Guild meeting which followed, one new member was elected—Miss Selina Moor, of Norwich. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Diss, but to leave it until next spring—April 10th or 17th—owing to the transport difficulties entailed by petrol rationing. Good use of the bells was also made during the evening, broken at intervals by ringers who, having had just one more pull, had to make a wild dash for bus or train.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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**BIRTH**

**HATCHER.**—On Sept. 28th, 1947, at King's College Hospital, S.E.5, to Olive (née Rawlins), wife of Dr. E. S. John Hatcher, of Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent, a son (Peter John). 2074

**DEATH**

**MATTHEW.**—On September 21st, 1947, suddenly, Robert Matthews, at Apley Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge. 2037

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**MEETINGS**

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Goldhanger (6), Oct. 4th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 1981

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, on Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3. Short service at 4.30. tea at 5.30.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1975

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Next meeting St. Giles', Camberwell, Sat., Oct. 4th, 4.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 2007

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Ringmer, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service and tea. 2029

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Broxbourne, Sat., Oct. 4th, 3. Bells 8. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by the usual business meeting. 2016

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech Branch.—Leverington (6), Sat., Oct. 4th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 2027

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting Bromfield, near Ludlow, Sat., Oct. 4th. Important business.—W. H. Lloyd, Assistant Ringing Master. 2003

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30. Short service 4. Tea at local cafe.—Superlative, London. 2039

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on Oct. 4th, 2.30. All Saints' (8), St. Gregory's (8). Tea Scarlet Pimpernel.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 1990

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Slaugham (8), Oct. 4th, 3. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2008

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting Tonbridge, Oct. 4th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 2028

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Thornaby-on-Tees (8 bells), Sat., Oct. 4th.—E. Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2038

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Practice meetings at Buckland (8) on Saturdays, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th, and Jan. 3rd, 2 to 5 p.m.—R. F. J. Gillin, Hon. Sec. 2054

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe (8), Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Bells available after meeting till 9 o'clock.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2058

**DISS, NORFOLK.**—The bells of the Parish Church will be broadcast on Sunday morning, Oct. 5th, 9.30, in the Home service, 342.1 m. 2070

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Mon., Oct. 6th, at 7.15, a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec. 2072

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—Social and old-time dance, Wed., Oct. 8th, 7.30, Church Institute, Herschel Street. Bring your friends and enjoy dancing, games, handbells, refreshments, and support our bells appeal. 2079

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting Canterbury, Sat., Oct. 11th. St. Alphege (6), St. Dunstan (6) available 2.30; Cathedral (12) evening only. Service St. Alphege 4.15. Tea White Swan, Northgate Street. Names for tea and nominations for officers must reach me by first post Wed., Oct. 8th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2014

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Six-bell contest for association cup to be held at Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, Sat., Oct. 11th. Tea provided, 2s. 6d. Names for tea and entries to reach me before Sat., Oct. 4th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1956

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Cropredy, Sat., Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea. Please notify before Oct. 7th.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 2020

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting Leeds (10), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names to Dr. E. E. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 2006

**SCOTTISH ASSN.**—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Sat., Oct. 11th. Ringing commences at 2 p.m. 2002

**CUMBERLAND & N.W. ASSN.**—Western Branch.—Meeting St. Bees, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Oct. 6th.—S. Richardson, 23, Brayton Road, Bransty, Whitehaven. 2026

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Dedication of William J. Nevard memorial tablet in Great Bentley Church on Sat., Oct. 11th, at 4. Bells (8) available all day. Tea (5 p.m.) for all who notify me by Oct. 8th.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3025

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting Bardney (6), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 2018

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Special general meeting on finance, St. Peter's Church Hall, Brighton, Oct. 11th, 3.30. No tea arrangements. Evening ringing, if any, announced at the meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2017

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sudborough, Sat., Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 7th, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 2040

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting Shepton Beauchamp (8), Oct. 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Oct. 7th.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 2041

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (5), Oct. 11th. Names for tea to Mr. V. Hemus, 1, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, Wilts.—W. B. Kynaston. 2046

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting Middleton Parish, Oct. 11th. Cups of tea provided for those bringing own food. Cafe in vicinity for those without. All ringers and friends welcome.—I. Kay, Sec. 2038



LANCS ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells from 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec. 2036

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting Burstwick, All Saints' (6), Sat., Oct. 11th, 2. Service 4. Tea 3s. All notify Rev. W. R. George, Vicarage, Burstwick, near Hull, by Oct. 9th.—Albert E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 2042

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting Hemyock, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names by Mon., Oct. 6th.—C. G. Diamond, Branch Sec., Silvertown. 2064

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst, Oct. 11th, 3. Tea 5. Names to Mr. G. Edwards, Elliott's House, Penshurst, by Oct. 9th.—C. A. Bassett. 2062

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Bottesford (8), Oct. 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names must be sent to Mr. C. H. Jallands, Easthorpe, Bottesford, Notts, by the 8th.—J. H. Cook, Sec. 2061

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting Dronfield (8), Oct. 11th. Bring food.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2060

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting Backwell, Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, the George Inn.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2057

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting Flamstead (6), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 5. Names for tea must be sent to W. Hayes, Moreton's Place, Flamstead, by Wed., Oct. 1st, without fail.—W. C. Hughes and T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 2056

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Potton, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells (6), 3. Tea 5. Postcard for tea by Wed., Oct. 8th, to C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds. 2055

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea in St. John's Hall 5.15. Names to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath. Hall also open from 3 (handbell, etc.). Social evening 8.—J. E. L. Cockey and A. W. Barker, Hon. Secs. 2053

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Joint meeting Syston District, Great Glenn, Oct. 11th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Crown Inn. Names by Oct. 7th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 2052

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting Corby (6), Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. E. Watson, 31, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 2051

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Farmborough, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells, Frome. 2049

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Laxton (6), Sat., Oct. 11th. Cups of tea only. Bus from Retford 1.30 and 4.30.—H. Denman. 2048

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sat., Oct. 11th, All Saints', West Ham (10), 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 5.45.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2073

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 11th, St. Matthew's. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 9th.—S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 2075

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston and Harborough Districts.—Joint meeting Great Glenn, Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who notify Mr. L. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn, by the 9th.—H. Morton. 2050

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting Wath-on-Dearne, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2065

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Garston Parish Church, Sat., Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3. Service 5.15. Tea provided. If intending to be present please send word to Mr. J. W. Rawlinson, 29, Mersey Avenue, Liverpool, 19.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 2071

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting Oct. 11th, Bowness-on-Windermere. Bells (8) available 2.30. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere, Westmorland. 2068

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Davenham (6), Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea provided if names sent to Miss D. C. Osborn, 258, London Road, Northwich, before Oct. 7th. 2067

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove (8), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5; bring own food.—J. W. Cotton. 2078

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting Runcorn, Oct. 11th. Please advise Mr. E. H. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn, if requiring tea, by Oct. 8th. 2069

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Jubilee Service and dinner, Oct. 18th. Ringing Bishopsgate, 1.30-3; Clerkenwell, 2.30-4; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4.30. Service St. Giles' 4.30; preacher, Bishop of London. Dinner, Slater's, 393, Strand, 6.30. Money (12s.) to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 1963

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting Horringer (8), Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Owing to catering difficulties please bring own tea. Eastern Counties bus leaves Cornhill, Bury St. Edmunds, at 2.25, 4.15 and 6.5, returning from Horringer at 5.50, 7.40, and 9.26.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec. 2066

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells available 3. Service 4. Tea, City Cafe. Names for tea by Wed., Oct. 15th, to B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 2077

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL.—New ring of 13 bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated on Sat., Oct. 18th, 2.30, by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D. All ringers most cordially invited. A limited number of teas will be provided in the Cathedral School (2s. per head). Tickets for tea may be obtained from Mr. J. H. Kirby, 99, York Street, Wakefield, on receipt of postal order for 2s., not later than Monday, October 13th. Tower open for ringing from 5.30 onwards. 2022

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting Cranleigh, Saturday, October 18th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Please send names for tea by Oct. 13th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2047



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PETERBOROUGH GUILD. —  
Daventry Branch.—Meeting Newn-  
ham (6), Oct. 18th. Names for tea  
to Mr. Osborne, Newnham, by Oct.  
11th, please.—F. W. Hancock, Hon.  
Sec. 2063

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—  
Glaston Deanery.—Meeting Pilton,  
Oct. 18th, 3. Service 4. Tea and  
meeting. Notify Tuesday, Oct. 14th.  
—W. H. Nash, 4, Dovecotes, Street.  
2059

SUSSEX ASSN. — Cuckfield.—  
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## SOUTH CAROLINA

From Charleston, South Carolina, George W. Williams, ex-sergeant in the 377 Infantry, U.S.A., has written to the Vicar of Basingstoke one of those human letters on bellringing's appeal to the stranger. The story starts with Mr. Williams arriving early at a Basingstoke Church for vespers. He writes: 'A gentleman came and opened a side door in the tower and asked if we would like to see the bells rung. We were bewildered and curious and went up into the tower with him. We were even more bewildered when we found ourselves in the ringing chamber, and became thoroughly confused when seven other men joined us. To see the ringers form themselves into a mystic circle and begin their alternating jack-in-the-box antics left us completely baffled. When the bells in the chamber above responded to the urgings of the mystic circle and gave tongue to Grandsire or Treble Bob, methodically and unrelentingly crashing out their coursings, our amazement and delight knew no bounds.'

Next steps in Mr. Williams' story were the reading of Dorothy Sayers' 'The Nine Taylors,' and while at Yale University getting a copy of Troyte's book on change ringing and mastering the principles. To take up his narrative: 'You can imagine my surprise when I discovered of the dozen rings of bells in this country hung to be rung in changes, one was in my own town.' St. Michael's, Charleston, was built in 1761 and equipped with bells cast in England the same year. They were taken down and melted into cannon for the Revolution 1775, recast in England, taken down for the war between the States 1860, again recast in England and returned to their original frames in the belfry in 1869. For the last hundred years or so they have been played as a carillon on important occasions. This year a new electric ringer, in memory of the dead of this war was installed.'

'This summer I was asked to serve as substitute organist for St. Michael's. As soon as I could I wrote out several hundred changes in musical notation of Grandsire Triples. There was considerable interest in the city. Those who had been to England immediately recognised the changes; those who had never heard changes clamoured to know what the jangling was. I was obliged to write a letter to the paper explaining what I had been doing. My letter in turn evoked an inquiry from St. Paul's, Cleveland, Ohio, and I was



happy to send the organist there some scores of changes and the rules for making more. When the regular organist returned he was very much interested in what I had done. He is now carrying on the tradition I have re-established at St. Michael's. Thus the art of change ringing is being perpetuated in the United States. Per-adventure, the next stage, the ringing of the bells, will not be too far distant. The seeds are being sown.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

*WM. P. GARRETT ... Treble	†FRANK L. FISHER ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	†CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WM. J. G. BROWN.

\* 100th peal of Maximus on tower bells. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus. A 96th birthday compliment to Robert H. Brundle.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
HAROLD SMITH ... 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 9
ALAN F. THIRST ... 4	*GEORGE L. RODEN ... 10
AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 5	BARNABAS J. KEY ... 11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6	WILLIAM WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

\* First of Stedman Cinques 'inside.'

## TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... Treble	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 8
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 9
LOUIS HEAD ... 5	GEORGE WOOD ... Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

A birthday compliment to the tenor man and the conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*MALCOLM HARWOOD ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
†ARTHUR CHALLINOR ... 2	WILLIAM GAYES ... 7
†CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 8
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4	†EDWARD SEED ... 9
ALAN A. POTTS ... 5	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Arranged by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED ... Treble	WALTER H. POOLE ... 6
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
HENRY J. SANGER ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 8
FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 5	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. R. W. Hayward.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN SCOTT ... Treble	ALAN F. THIRST ... 6
*H. JAMES TURNER ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
JOHN S. WALTON ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

*THOMAS ABBOTTS ... Treble	*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6
EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 2	*GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	*ARTHUR MORRIS ... 7
VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 4	ALBERT WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHNSON'S Variation of Middleton's.	
GEORGE GARDNER ... Treble	*JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' Also the first peal of Surprise Major upon the bells.

PRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	*DENNIS MADDOCK ... 6
GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	CYRIL VALENTINE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal of Surprise.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR DICKERSON ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
ERNEST C. STAFF ... 2	CECIL POYNTZ ... 6
ERNEST A. HEAD ... 3	THOMAS SIMMONS ... 7
ERNEST WHITING ... 4	GEORGE POYNTZ ... Tenor

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Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.



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## THAME, OXON.

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On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in F.
HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	JESSE HARRISON ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER... 2	HARRY JONES ... 6
HARRY W. BADGER ... 3	WALTER LEE ... 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 4	*ROBERT ARNOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by DOROTHY R. FLETCHER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## HUNGERFORD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES F. SMITH ... Treble	MISS M. E. RICHARDS ... 5
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 2	CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 6
GEORGE GILBERT ... 3	*WILLIAM W. T. DANIEL ... 7
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON... 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

## WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

HERBERT W. IMPEY ... Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 5
THOMAS G. BANNISTER... 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	WILLIAM H. COLES... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

## MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT RELFE ... Treble	GEORGE BEENY ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 6
WILFRED BOOTH ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

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A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur R. Miles, the local captain, who has completed over 50 years as a ringer at the above church.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES FERNLEY ... Treble	*GEOFFREY HOWELL ... 5
*STANLEY ARDERN ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... 6
*MAVIS BOTHAM ... 3	*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 7
*ERIC SIMPSON ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

\* First peal of Major.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEFF ... 5
PERCY PAGE ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... 7
*REV. P. J. BOULSOVER ... 4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

W. E. MAULDEN ... Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN... 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
*R. W. M. CLOUSTON... 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

\* 200th peal. † First peal in the method.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans'.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
THOMAS BARKER ... Treble	*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 5
JACK CHARNOCK ... 2	ARTHUR HATCH ... 6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 7
*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. W. R. Hammons' 25th peal.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

## NETHERAVON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	PETER ANGER ... 4
HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
LESLIE A. PAGE ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

First peal on the bells.

## LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 16 cwt.
G. ARNOLD PATRICK ... Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 4
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Every call throughout the peal a single.

## FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
HARRY COMINS ... Treble	STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... 4
CHARLES GREEDY ... 2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 5
HARRY PURCHASE ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.

## ASHBRITTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

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

Seven 720's called differently.	Tenor 9 cwt.
*GEORGE SPARKS ... Treble	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 4
*STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... 2	*CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 5
HARRY PURCHASE ... 3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer's daughter. Also first peal of Oxford on the bells.

## SOUTHILL, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.	
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Treble	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... 4
BETTY SPICE ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
RONALD J. SHARPE ... 3	BRIAN F. SIMS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.	
*VICTOR HURT ... Treble	STANLEY MURPHY ... 4
ERIC SMITH ... 2	CLAUDE GIMBERT ... 5
WILFRED E. YOUNG ... 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

\* First peal. To celebrate the 78th birthday of Mr. A. Abrams.



## CROXTON-KERRIAL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*H. GEORGE BAILEY ... Treble	HARRY ALEY ... 4
ERNEST BARTRAM ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
WALTER WHITE ... 3	†JOSEPH A. FENTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First away from tenor. † First Minor peal. The 126th tower in Leicester Diocese in which the conductor has rung peals.

## WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 6 six-scores of Canterbury and 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*PETER G. MUTTON (16) Treble	JOHN SHATFORD (14) ... 3
ALLAN F. KIRKMAN (16) 2	BERTRAM F. LUMBERS (14) 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor	

Conducted by ALLAN F. KIRKMAN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## KELVEDON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt.

*F. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	J. ELLIOTT ... 4
†J. PAPWORTH ... 2	C. BURTON ... 5
†P. J. EVES ... 3	W. ARNOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ELLIOTT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor. Farewell to Canon R. W. Croft after 25 years as Vicar.

## BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*ANTHONY E. BROOK ... Treble	FRED JEFFERY ... 4
GEORGE W. MOODY ... 2	JACK BRAY ... 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

## MAPERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*PAMELA SPARKS ... Treble	*LYOUD MCCREADIE ... 4
*MURIEL CRITCHELL ... 2	PERCY H. SPARKS ... 5
WALTER I. TILEY ... 3	*JOHN BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY H. SPARKS.

\* First peal. An appreciation of Canon Bax on retirement.

## BROAD BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 28 lb.

*WM. W. T. DANIELL ... Treble	†WILLIAM E. COURT ... 4
†WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 2	CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 5
*IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

## BERKSWELL, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 2	GEORGE GARDNER ... 5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, whose respective birthdays fall on the above date.

## COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... 4
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

## GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HORACE BENNETT ... Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 4
*JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
CYRIL WANDER ... 3	†STANLEY F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. WANDER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Minor on a working bell.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes

## IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 1-2	†CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
†JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Grandsire 'in hand.' † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' for the Guild.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

## AT 39, ALBANY STREET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor size 16 in B.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: Miss Doris Dobbie. Witness: Mrs. S. B. Dobbie.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

## IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15½ in B flat.

NORMAN W. FOX ... 1-2	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 5-6
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3-4	†GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 7-8
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 9-10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal on ten bells and first as conductor 'in hand.'

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1947, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

## AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB DOUBLES,

5040 CHANGES;

2,520 changes of each.

PETER NIX ... 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 3-4
LESLIE BERRY ... 5-6	

Conducted by PETER NIX.

## SHERWOOD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

## AT 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 1-2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5-6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Witness: William Rickwood.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—At All Saints' Church on Sept. 7th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: D. Gibbons 1, J. F. Clarke 2, J. Draycott 3, Miss M. Beamish 4, Miss M. V. Godderidge 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. Gibbons 7, J. E. Moreton 8. First quarter of Caters for 5 and 10.



**BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Pawley 1, J. R. Flint 2, J. A. Flint 3, W. R. Drury 4, C. E. Carr (conductor) 5, T. C. Scarborough 6. A compliment to the Rector, the Rev. C. A. Turner, R.A.F. Branch Padre, on completion of 25 years in the ministry.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—At St. Mary's on Sept. 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Crane 1, F. Stanton 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniels 4, W. Sear 5, H. Sear 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy (conductor) 8.

**BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. H. Hoadley 1, T. W. Pankhurst 2, W. S. Dale 3, F. H. Hicks 4, G. Beeny (conductor) 5, A. Mewett 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's for the Ladies' Guild on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Annie Brown 1, Mary Bennett 2, Mrs. Kimber (first quarter Grandsire) 3, Mrs. D. Bennett 4, Bertha Jordan 5, Norah G. Williams (conductor) 6, Mrs. G. Simmons 7, Mrs. R. Gilling 8.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Judd 1, G. W. Moody 2, A. Tomlinson (first in method) 3, F. Jeffery 4, Mrs. J. Bray 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6, P. Barnes 7, W. B. Bray 8.

**CHELSEA, LONDON.**—On Sept. 21st, at the College of SS. Mark and John, 1,320 Doubles (360 Grandsire, 360 St. Simon's, 600 Plain Bob): Jack King 1-2, Kenneth L. Brown (conductor) 3-4, Edwin T. Chapman 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 of Oxford and 720 of Kent): Mrs. F. Bere 1, S. Smith 2, S. Bristow 3, J. Summerhayes 4, H. Purchase 5, E. Quicke (conductor) 6.

**CLAY CROSS, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Pickering (age 13) 1, Miss F. M. Price 2, Mrs. G. Halton 3, A. Tarrier 4, H. G. Dwelly 5, W. Swain (conductor) 6. First quarter for 1 and 5.

## QUARTER PEALS

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Stephenson 1, M. Chilcott 2, J. Chilcott 3, W. Langdon 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, W. J. Paice (conductor) 6, H. Langdon 7, H. M. Page 8.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Eves (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Landon 2, Miss M. Mance 3, W. Barrett 4, P. J. Eves (conductor) 5, A. Bartholomew 6.

**GLASGOW.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Sept. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: R. W. Sear (first quarter) 1, L. Boughphey (first in method) 2, J. Hutchison (first quarter) 3, R. M. Preston 4, H. Sargent 5, W. Sear 6, F. Boughphey 7, T. Winderam 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

**GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.**—On Sept. 14th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Rowe 1, J. Paton 2, G. C. Carter 3, A. W. J. Butler (conductor) 4, T. Bevan 5, J. O'Dell 6. A 63rd birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 2nd.

**KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cornelius 1, R. Welch 2, R. Beale (conductor) 3, F. Welch 4, T. Hill (first inside) 5, T. Vickery 6.

**LINCOLN.**—At St. Giles' on Sept. 21st, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. S. B. Croft 1, Miss Jean Southerst 2, C. Ward 3, N. E. Chambers (first in the method) 4, H. Marcon 5, A. T. Lowman 6, J. L. Millhouse (conductor) 7, S. A. Chambers 8.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Sept. 19th at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, J. D. Harris 2, Miss H. Dale (first quarter) 3, J. H. Hunt 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, F. W. Rogers 6, T. R. Taylor (conductor) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. A compliment to the Rev. E. E. Curtis, a member of the band, on his appointment as Vicar of All Saints', Portsea.

**PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.**—At All Saints' Church on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Munday 1, G. Williamson (first as conductor) 2, W. H. Short 3, W. M. Rowe 4, B. Dunbar 5, T. Howell 6.

**ROTHERFIELD.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Haffenden 1, L. W. Rogers 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. Rogers (conductor) 5, C. Brasier 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, F. Hammond 8.

**RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 20th, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent and 180 of Plain Bob): C. Fordham 1, G. Self 2, W. Goodson 3, C. Orves 4, A. Cook 5, J. Bailey (conductor) 6. A wedding compliment to Ronald Francis (local ringer) and Miss Joan Noble.

**SOUTH CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's Church on Sept. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Hughes 1, J. Hayward 2, D. Parsons 3, Edna George (first in method) 4, W. Claydon 5, J. Perrott 6, H. Simmons (conductor) 7, T. Blow 8, T. Talbot 9, F. Jones 10. Rung for the marriage of Mr. Fred Brownnett (member of the local band) to Miss C. Widdows.

**SPALDING, Lincs.**—On Sept. 21st at the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Stanley E. Bennett 1, M. Telford 2, J. E. Allen (first quarter of Stedman) 3, R. Smith 4, A. J. Farr 5, W. Hollingworth 6, J. G. Ames (conductor) 7, D. Lawson 8.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Leversuch 1, W. J. Nudds 2, J. R. Mayne 3, R. Wilkinson 4, R. Wenban 5, W. Wenban 6, J. E. Rootes 7, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 8.

**STEVEINGTON, BEDS.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Bonnett 1, Pat Gilbert 2, R. J. Sharp 3, C. H. Harding (conductor) 4, R. Chapman 5. For the wedding of Miss Marjorie Watson and Mr. Cyril Cowley.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Bob Royal: G. Duffield 1, W. Jarvis 2, H. Piggins 3, A. Upsall 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, J. Phillips 6, W. Storey 7, F. Wigmore (conductor) 8, H. Means 9, W. Freeman 10.

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Ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police, of 110, College Road, Deal, is anxious to contact any serving or retired police officers, particularly in Kent, Sussex and Surrey, who are ringers and are not now members of the National Guild of Police Ringers, with a view to their enrolment and arranging a meeting in this area. Regular and War Reserve Police, full-time paid Special Constables, Port, Dock and Railway Police are eligible for membership.

Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe has passed another milestone—her 200th peal. The list should make interesting reading.

Was the peal of Minor at Springfield, Essex, on September 22nd non-conducted? Will sender please reply forthwith giving missing details?

Writes a correspondent: The tenor man in the peal of Bob Major (in hand) at Sittingbourne wanted his first to be steady and long. It was—2 hrs. and 44 mins.

Will the conductor of the peal at Pelsall, Staffs, on September 27th, please notify the Editor if the peal was rung for any association or guild?

At West Ham on September 21st, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in memory of the late Mr. F. Newman, but was lost through a rope slipping the wheel. The bells were not muffed by request.

Miss Mavis Botham, who rang her first peal of Major at Norbury, Cheshire, celebrated her birthday on the same day as her father, brother and twin sister. All were duly honoured by the peal.

The peal of Minor at Coppull, Lancs, was rung by veterans of the Lancashire Association who were all College Youths and Freemasons. After the peal the band visited the Coppull Lodge. At the festive board Mr. J. Booth and his daughter entertained the brethren with tunes on handbells.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations were extended to Mr. W. P. Garrett (aged 82) at the conclusion of the peal at Ipswich on September 20th on being the first to ring 100 peals of Maximus on tower bells, 98 of which he has rung at Ipswich and the other two at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

His peals include 14 different methods, seven of which were Surprise, he being also the one and only to ring in all the first peals of Surprise Maximus on an 'inside' bell. The peal was also rung as a birthday compliment to the Society's esteemed member, Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who reached the age of 96 on Sept. 18th.

Mr. C. Valentine has completed the circle at Frodsham, Cheshire.

Appreciative comments have reached us concerning the ringing of Diss bells last Sunday. One writer recalls his peals on these bells.

Guild and tower librarians would be wise to include Edgar C. Shepherd's 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters' in their libraries. Books like these are not reprinted.

Different stages in Stedman Cinques were in evidence in the peal at Walsall on September 23rd. It was George L. Roden's first and Arthur T. Dutton's 25th; Howard Howell's 75th of Stedman and 175th peal.

STOP PRESS. — The record peal of 14,144 London Surprise Major was rung in 8 hours and 25 minutes at Heydour, Lincs, on Oct. 4th.

The peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Claines, Worcestershire, was to the memory of Mr. T. W. Chapman, of Nuneaton, who was a very welcome visitor to Claines Church during his stay in Worcester, and to Mr. Robert Matthews, of Stourbridge, the doyen of Worcestershire ringers. They were both well known to each other and much alike in disposition and character.

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## Yorkshire Association

REV. C. O. ELLISON ELECTED PRESIDENT

The September general meeting of the Association was held at Barnsley on September 20th attended by members representative of all the districts. The bells were available from 3 p.m. and made good use of in a variety of methods while a meeting of the General Committee took place in the vestry.

The general meeting took place at the Royal Hotel, when the chair was taken by the vice-president, Southern District, Mr. Dan Smith, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, and the peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. Ambler, W. H. Senior, W. Ambler and B. Sutton.

Consequent upon the untimely but unavoidable resignation of the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, following an unfortunate road accident earlier in the year, the election of a successor was the principal business before the meeting. The general secretary reported that in accordance with instructions given at the annual general meeting, the sub-committee appointed to interview the Rev. C. O. Ellison, Vicar of Wetherby, had carried out their mission, and had been pleased to report to the General Committee that the Rev. C. O. Ellison had very kindly consented to allow his name to go forward, and, if elected, had promised to do all in his power to uphold and further the interests of the Association, and to prove a worthy successor to Canon Marshall. The committee, therefore, had very great pleasure in recommending that the Rev. C. O. Ellison be elected president.

Mr. W. Barton moved and Mr. E. Hudson seconded, and following supporting speeches by Mr. J. R. Brearley, Mr. E. Hudson and Mr. J. W. Moxon, the Rev. C. O. Ellison was unanimously elected president, and accordingly took over the chair. He was received with acclamation when he rose to thank the members for doing him this great honour, and he pointed out that he could add little to what he had already promised the sub-committee when they approached him, beyond saying that he was keenly interested in change ringing, and that any gifts he possessed would most readily be placed at the disposal of the Association. His first duty, of course, was to his own parish and that alone would have prior claim on his services.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of Barnsley was moved by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who pointed out that this was the third general meeting to be held at Barnsley within the last ten years, all during difficult times and one in particular midway through the war years. This was seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse and carried unanimously. A similar vote of thanks to the local company and in particular to Mr. Dan Smith was moved by Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. T. C. Ryder and carried with applause.

A discussion followed on the place and date of the next meeting, during which it was announced that the recast ring of 13 bells at Wakefield Cathedral would be dedicated on October 18th, and if arrangements could be made to hold the January general meeting there, it would give members an opportunity of trying the new bells. Mr. W. E. Critchley moved and Mr. E. Short seconded that the next meeting be held at Wakefield Cathedral on January 17th provided the necessary arrangements could be made. This was carried unanimously.

The President announced that the committee had considered the matter of a suitable memento to Canon Marshall in grateful acknowledgment of his very great work for the Association, and had appointed a sub-committee to deal with the matter. Mr. H. Lofthouse moved and Mr. E. Hudson seconded that the sub-committee be given full power to act and that the appeal be launched forthwith so that November 30th could be given as a closing date. This was carried.

Mr. Eric F. Lunn, of Barnby Don, was elected a member.

## RINGING AT CUDDESDON

Most ringers would feel that a theological college situated in a village with a tower containing six bells should be used as a training ground for parsons of the future who could take an interest in bells and have a knowledge of elementary change ringing. At present this is the policy pursued at Cuddesdon.

On the writer's arrival last summer it was found that the bells had not been rung for at least 12 years, as the frames were said to have been condemned, but later this was found to be false. A few of the men of the village had rung in the past, but they said they were badly out of practice, also none of the students could handle a bell. However, we collected a band, and, thanks to the generous offer of a local tower some three miles away, we were able to get our men practising handling a bell, but it was hard work for one man to instruct six novices, especially when the instructor is still in the 'learner' stage himself. But we persevered and at last we tried our first open rounds—what a din! It was no use giving it up at this stage and so we continued to practise, cycling over to the tower once a week. During one practice we met Mr. White, of Appleton, who on hearing of our difficulties promised to come over to Cuddesdon and test the frames, which he duly did, and pronounced them safe to bear the stresses and strains imposed by the bells while they were being rung.

On December 4th, four months after arriving at Cuddesdon, we had our first ring in the tower, when the bells were heard to speak again after so many years. But there were many obstacles, the bells were hung in old frames, the gudgeons did not rest in ball bearings, and it was a great effort to keep the 14 cwt. tenor moving well; the lighter bells were either odd-struck or too badly hung to

enable them to be rung with ease, and the ropes were in a very bad condition. Yet these difficulties discouraged neither us nor the members of the old village band who, led by a very steady tenor man, were glad to be back in the belfry once again. And from then onwards there has existed a very happy and successful co-operation between village and college ringers.

Most of the 'change ringing' done was taken from cards hung on a stand in the centre of the ringing chamber, each man following the number of the bell marked on the card, and in this manner it was possible to ring a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. We were greatly helped by the arrival of a student who had spent some time on the early stages in change ringing, and he was able to give considerable assistance, and attempts were made at ringing a plain hunting course, each man following the path of his bell unaided, but with so many learners in the band it was impossible to obtain regular striking, and as a consequence ringers occasionally lost their positions. But we are persisting in this method of learning and it may be hoped that when our ringers, who now compose a band of twenty, arrive as curates in various parishes in town or country, they will with help be able to stand in with the local bands and ring a straightforward method and handle a bell with accuracy.

In conclusion, the writer would like to mention the consistent help and friendliness which he has met with in all ringers, and on his part to say that as our 'ringing parsons' come out into their parishes they hope that they may be at the service of the local band, as their parson and as a fellow ringer, joining in a service to the Church and a pastime which makes a fellowship which is hard to better.

DICK HART.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

### 70th ANNIVERSARY.

The 70th anniversary was celebrated at the annual festival, held in Durham on September 27th. Beautiful autumn weather prevailed and some 70 members and friends participated. Service was held in the Cathedral, and an address was given by the Bishop of Durham (Dr. A. T. P. Williams), who welcomed the Association to the Cathedral and expressed his pleasure at being with them. The Cathedral organist, Dr. Conrad W. Eden, was at the organ and rendered Purcell's 'Bell Anthem', which, in this massive building, was most impressive.

A meeting of the committee was held in the men's singing room in the Cathedral cloisters, and the Cathedral bells were in use during the afternoon.

At the annual meeting, the president, Mr. K. L. Patterson, was in the chair. Apologies were received from the Bishop of Durham, the Dean of Durham and the Cathedral organist and from Miss J. S. Armstrong, Messrs. G. A. Pickering, K. Arthur, J. Smith, M. D. Oubridge, Canon A. B. Parry-Evans, W. J. Davidson, E. A. Gallimore and North Shields ringers.

The secretary's report showed that 27 peals had been rung during the year ended August 31st, in which 79 members took part. A pleasing feature was the number of firsts and the youth of some of the participants. Nineteen members had scored their first peal, amongst them Harry Surtees, aged 12, and Kenneth Pickering, aged 15.

The treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £116 6s. The 71st annual festival was to be on September 25th, 1948, in Newcastle, and it was decided to hold a half-yearly meeting in Sunderland in March, to be known as 'Joseph W. Parker Memorial Meeting', and to be held on a date as near as possible to the late Mr. Parker's birthday. A vote of thanks was moved for the retiring

officers by Mr. J. Anderson, seconded by Mr. G. W. Park, and carried with acclamation.

The following officers were appointed: President, Mr. W. N. Park (Darlington); secretary, Mr. J. A. Brown (Chester-le-Street); treasurer, Mr. J. Ainsley (Sunderland); editorial secretary, Miss M. Fidell (Whitley Bay); auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird (Newcastle).

An excellent dinner was provided, at which the guest of honour was the Bishop of Jarrow (Dr. C. J. Dunlop), who has more than a passing acquaintance with the art. The president introduced the Bishop to the members and called upon him for the toast of 'The Association'. The Bishop gave a most stimulating and instructive address, during the course of which he suggested that the Association might with advantage get in touch with several of the colleges in the dioceses where teachers were being trained, with a view to giving a series of lectures.

The thanks of the meeting were expressed to the Bishop by the president. An entertainment followed, by Paxton Lynn, the genial member of the Magic Circle, and Mr. Robert H. Gibson, tenor whose rendering of 'The Holy City' and 'English Rose' were greatly appreciated, the proceedings being brought to a close by a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A fitting tribute to the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope was paid by the district's vice-president, Mr. A. W. Coles, at the meeting of the North and East District at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on September 20th, and those present suitably acknowledged by standing in silence.

Four non-resident life members were elected, these being Mr. E. E. Whitmore (Raunds), Mr. G. Watson and Miss E. Walklate (Burton Latimer) and Mr. W. H. Southard (Truro). Ringing took place at Kilburn and Willesden.



## OBITUARY

MR. F. S. BAYLEY.

The death took place at his home at Fareham, Hampshire, on September 26th, of Mr. Frederick Shelburne Bayley, F.I.C., after a long illness resulting from a flying bomb destroying his former home at Meon.

Coming from a Kent family, his early ringing career was spent mostly in that county, becoming attached to St. Alphege's, Greenwich, amongst other towers. On going to London, being a College Youth, he was a regular attendant at St. Paul's Cathedral and had vivid memories of John Murray Hayes and James Pettitt. He rang several peals at St. Paul's when the late William T. Cockerill rang the tenor single-handed to peals of Maximus.

Later he made his home in the provinces and became a member of St. Mary's, Portsea, conducting the first peal of Stedman Triples by the local band in 1897. For a time he gave up active interest in ringing, but took it up again 20 years ago.

Mr. Bayley was a very proficient striker and method ringer and took part in the first peals of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Spiced Surprise by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He also took part in the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the College Youths, which was rung at Curdridge, Hampshire. He had a charming disposition, and both he and Mrs. Bayley were never happier than when they were in other ringers' company.

The funeral service was held at Fareham Parish Church and cremation followed at Southampton. The Diocesan Guild was represented at the funeral by Messrs. G. Williams (Master), F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary), W. Linter (hon. general treasurer) and W. Rowe (North Stoneham). F.W.R.

MR. ROBERT MATTHEWS.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association and particularly the Northern Branch have suffered a grievous loss by the sudden death of Robert Matthews, of Wordsley and Wollaston, on September 21st, after his return from a visit to Southport. He was at the Northern Branch annual meeting at Clent on the previous day, and his sudden death has been a great shock to all his friends who were with him at this meeting.

Bob Matthews was in his 69th year, and he was a great ringer and conductor, but he was an even finer man who gained the affection of all who met him by his genial disposition and his great unselfishness, for he was always just as willing to stand in a peal attempt or attend a practice for beginners as he was to take part in Spiced Surprise.

Until a few years ago he was a prolific peal ringer and had rung over 600 peals, more than half of which he had conducted. Included in these were 9,728 Superlative Surprise Major at Clent and 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major at Brierley Hill, which latter is still the record length in this method. He had been a vice-president of the Association since 1927, and among other offices had held those of Master and Central Council representative.

The funeral took place at Wordsley, Staffs, on September 25th, and among those present at the church were Messrs. Albert Walker, George Fearn, E. Alloway and J. F. Harvey (St. Martin's Guild), F. Colclough (Dudley and District Guild), and representatives from the following towers in the Worcestershire Association: Selly Oak, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Netherton, Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Wordsley and Kidderminster. The bearers were Messrs. John Bass, C. W. Cooper, William Gibbs and C. Skidmore, and handbells were rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. Bass, A. Walker and G. Fearn.

The bells at Wordsley were rung before and after the service, and during the evening half-muffled ringing took place at Brierley Hill, Stourbridge and Wollaston.

MR. JAMES PRESTON.

For many years a ringer and sexton at Kirkby Mallory, Leics., Mr. J. Preston died at Syston, Leics., on September 14th. Visiting ringers remember Jim and his wife living in the little cottage where there was always a cup of tea and a piece of cake available.

The funeral was at Kirkby Mallory on Sept. 18th. As a mark of respect the bells were rung half-muffled on Sept. 21st to 1,440 Plain Bob Minor by E. Sowman 1, T. H. Wright 2, G. Highton 3, F. Baileys 4, J. William Reynolds 5, F. R. Deacon (conductor) 6.

MR. HARRY STREET.

With the passing of Mr. Harry Street, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, band has suffered yet another loss in its ranks. Although Mr. Street was not keen on ringing peals, he was most regular in his attendance at the belfry on Sundays and practice nights, and was a safe ringer in most standard methods. A compositor by trade, in his early days he was apprenticed to Harvey Reeves, the founder of 'The Bell News,' and this was his introduction to our art, which held his interest for the greater part of 50 years. He died on Sept. 28th and was laid to rest at Walthamstow Cemetery on October 2nd. H.R.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

Thirty members and visitors from Leytonstone, Galleywood, Newmarket, Sudbury and Hadleigh attended the meeting at Harwich on September 13th. The Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Hole) conducted the service, and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 15s. 6d.

Harwich shrimps figured on the menu for tea. The Vicar presided at the business meeting in the absence of the Master (Mr. C. Ellis), to whom the secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy with wishes for a speedy recovery. Mistley was chosen for the annual meeting in January.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

An enjoyable meeting was held at Great Easton on September 6th, although the small attendance was disappointing considering the beautiful day. The bells were ringing before the service, which was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (Canon Widdrington), and Miss H. G. Snowden was at the organ.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by the local ringers and their wives, and this was followed by the business meeting. The District Master (Miss H. Snowden) presided. A joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild was discussed, and it was agreed that next summer would be a better time to arrange such a meeting.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION AT OTLEY.

The quarterly meeting was held at the Parish Church, when a good attendance was recorded from a large area. Methods ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. The service was conducted by the Rector of Leathley in the absence of the Vicar of Otley. Tea was served in the schools by the members of the Mothers' Union.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson), who introduced the new president-elect, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, Vicar of Wetherby, who, having qualified for ringing membership, was duly elected a performing member of the Association. Thirteen other new members were also elected.

The meeting accepted with regret the resignation of Miss L. K. Bowling, who is leaving the district, from the committee, and it was hoped that Miss Bowling would carry with her happy memories of her association with the Yorkshire ringers. Miss Bowling thanked the members for their kind wishes for her future, and said she would remember with gratitude all the help that had been given her by the members of the Association.

Miss P. E. M. Barton was unanimously elected to the committee.

## London University Tour Kent

37 TOWERS VISITED.

Fourteen members of the London University Society and three very welcome guests (not only because they had cars) met for the Society's Second Annual Ringing Week, held in Kent in the last week of August. Based on Folkestone, a fully-mechanised unit carried out highly successful ringing operations in 37 towers over a 30-mile radius of grand country in glorious weather.

The avowed object of the tour—that everyone should accomplish something he had never done before—was not forgotten, and, on the whole, very usefully achieved. People who arrived only in the round-ringing stage were soon trebling to Grandsire and Plain Bob with the best of them: a number of others got 'inside' and kept there; and although London Scholars' Pleasure belied its name to some, most got the measure of it by the end of the tour, and some well-struck touches of Oswald Delight, Original and Carshalton Bob Triples came to mind among the rather formidable collection of new methods previously set for homework by the Master.

Of the four peal attempts, the first (at Folkestone) was not so much lost as strategically abandoned: a rather mixed band had not shaken down sufficiently to do justice to this fine but heavy-going eight. The successes—Plain Bob at Cheriton and Kent at Lydd—were perhaps most notable for the gratifying number of 'firsts.' Bob Royal at Leeds came to grief after two hours—which was a great pity, since one unbiased listener was certain that it was quite the best striking of the whole tour.

More memories than can possibly be recorded here will doubtless enliven many an empty hearth during the coming winter: the detached wooden tower at Brookland, for one, built out of fotsam and jetsam from the seashore, and whose curiously atonic five were persuaded to render Stedman Doubles in the Hindemith Variation. This strange assortment of hardware, by the way, is visible as well as, decidedly audible from the ringing floor—a useful purgatory, one might suggest, for nattering conductors. Then there was the very sporting six at Lymington, rung from the chancel, and the equally tricky tinklers at Burmarsh, rung from a most exiguous vestry; the grand five at Eastry, surely one of the heaviest fives in the country; and then the cryptic telegram from London, which arrived too late to warn us off the bells at Wye, the front three of which magnificent eight were rung stayless and regardless.

The Society is most grateful to Mr. Willis, of Folkestone, for very helpful and active interest; to Mr. Peter Small, of Canterbury, for unfailing moral support, and unerring dragomanship in his home town: to our chauffeurs, who coped efficiently and patiently with the whims of the tower-grabbers and some abominable map-reading by their passengers.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A happy welcome was extended to the Society when they held their meeting on September 27th at Liversedge, whose ringers hold the Barnsley and District Shield and the Halifax and District Cup for good striking, etc.

The bells were rung up in peal at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 4.45 p.m., when a splendid tea was arranged by the local ringers and wives. After tea handbells were rung in the Institute, while others wandered back to the tower to further enjoy the tower bells until the business meeting.

The president was chairman, supported by members from Armley, Batley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Leeds, Pudsey and friends from the Halifax Association.

Thanking the ladies for the excellence of the tea, Mr. John McGlenn said it was a grand effort in these times of rationing. The next meeting will be at Rothwell on October 25th.



## LETTERS

## NUMBERS FOR TEA AT MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—Cannot something be done about those ringers who make a practice of turning up for tea at meetings without having informed the secretary beforehand? Such thoughtlessness not only causes inconvenience, but often extra work and expense for those responsible for arranging the catering. No one objects to the odd half-dozen, who through unforeseen circumstances arrive for tea without notice, but when you get twenty, thirty and even more, this is going too far. If branch officials would insist that only those who have sent in their names get tea, then I feel sure it would go a long way towards making ringers realise their obligations in this connection.—Yours faithfully,

FRED BENNETT.

Wombourn, near Wolverhampton.

## SHERBORNE TENOR AND THE LADIES

Dear Sir,—A recent week-end I spent at Sherborne. On enquiry I was informed that a Bath lady, believed to be Miss Williams, also a Bristol lady, had previously rung the Abbey tenor single handed.

Rambling on to the south of Sherborne, I saw in the middle of a farm field a tower covered with ivy. Investigating, I found it to be the remains of a small church and churchyard (tower and gravestones with part of the boundary wall only existing). In the tower there were three bell frames, and lying at the bottom the remains of two headstocks, all age worn.

In a small church on the main road, which I found being swept out for harvest festival service, I found three bells, one hung for tolling (now in decay), two by the font, one cracked and one good (approximately 3 to 4 cwt. each). There is no inscription or date.

'CURIOUS.'

## LITTLE BOB AT RUNCORN

Dear Sir,—I regret that I made a mistake in claiming that the peal of Little Bob at Runcorn rung on August 30th was the first on the bells, but this information was supplied to me by the local ringers and the claim was made in good faith.

I learn with interest that the second peal in the method was rung at Runcorn and apologise for my error.—Yours faithfully,

Upton, Chester. J. W. GRIFFITHS

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to offer my personal congratulations and also those of the other ladies in this district to Mavis Whitehead on the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus before attaining her 14th birthday. Well done, Mavis, and best of luck in your future efforts. I was very much hoping to ring in the peal and was greatly disappointed at having to withdraw from the band through indisposition.

Congratulations also to Kathleen Tilley and Alan Cattell on ringing in the peal, their first on twelve bells.

JILL POOLE.

## KENT SCHOOL INFORMATION WANTED

Sir,—It is good to read of the six copies of 'Elementary Change Ringing' on their way to Long Beach, California. I hope shortly to be forwarding to the same place a history of a famous Norfolk ringing family to a descendant now living there. Doubtless a seventh copy will eventually be needed.

We have heard nothing of recent years of the activities of Kent School. Has the pursuit of change ringing died out or has the secretary of the Society forgotten the existence of 'The Ringing World'? The Kent School should be informed that a record of its efforts would be of interest to us over here.—Yours, etc.,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

## Oxford Diocesan Guild

## VALE OF WHITE HORSE BRANCH.

An attendance of 33 was recorded at the meeting at Buckland on September 20th, the Rev. C. G. Seymour Melford presiding, supported by Mr. R. F. J. Gilling (branch secretary).

Three Buckland ringers—G. Hooper, C. Haines and J. Hutt—were elected members. Mr. Pryor suggested monthly practices at one tower during the winter months, and after discussion it was decided to hold practices at Buckland on October 4th, November 1st, December 6th and January 3rd from 2 to 5 p.m. Shrivenham was selected for the next meeting.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. A. Dowds) for conducting the service, and to the ladies for providing such a bountiful tea. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) gave an encouraging address.

Ringing included the four standard methods and rounds for beginners.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## DORCHESTER BRANCH.

About 60 members attended the autumn meeting at Wyke Regis on September 20th, Canon A. W. Markby presiding.

It was reported that a fund was being started to enable Fordington bells to be rehung. The question of an appeal to the Guild for assistance was deferred to the annual meeting.

A suggestion that every member should subscribe one shilling per annum to a bell fund was also left over until the annual meeting in view of the increase in the annual subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. that operates from January next.

New members elected were the Rev. G. L. O. Jessop, honorary, and Mr. G. Abbot (Wyke Regis).

A vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service and the ladies for providing the tea was proposed by Mr. Pink and endorsed by the chairman.

## NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

The visit of the North Dorset Branch to Shroton attracted an attendance of 43, including visitors from as far distant as Redruth, Cornwall.

Business at the meeting included the election of Mr. C. Dupe Drayson (Ringwood), a life member, and the Rev. W. R. Mortimer, an hon. member. Subject to permission, the branch annual meeting is to be held at Gillingham in December. Thanks were voiced to the Rector (the Rev. R. M. Taylor), organist and choir for the service, and to those who provided the tea. Ringing also took place at Childe Okeford.

## MR. E. MORRIS' LATEST LEICESTER TOWER

Ernest Morris attained another Leicestershire tower to his great total when on September 18th he added a peal at Croxton-Kerrial. This was his second attempt here, the first being 20 years ago when the tenor cast wheel and 'ye peal was lost.' The bells now go very badly and all very erratically; the frame rocks and groans; and it was only by perseverance and 'sweat' that the peal was possible. The second cast wheel frequently and the tenor goes very heavily. But the 5th! Its wheel is all askew and not only tends to cast the rope off, but grinds and jumps about very disconcertingly. It was left to E. M. to manipulate and he went home with a wet shirt.

This completes his 126th tower in the diocese, 125 actually being in the county. There now remains Bottesford (8) and Eaton (6) to be accomplished to complete all possible towers. The 'impossible' ones at the moment are St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester (8), Church Langton (8), Skeffington (5), Shawell (5) and Stapleford (6). The latter are hung for chiming only.

## Norwich Ringers' Outing

This, for want of a better title, describes a new venture. A motor-coach left St. Peter Mancroft on September 13th at 7.30 a.m., filled with ringers from Bergh Apton, Loddon, Mulbarton, Norwich (St. Giles) and St. Peter Mancroft, and Saxlingham Nethergate; others were picked up on the way from Caston, Hingham and Watton. We proceeded rapidly, via Peterborough, to our first stop, Oundle, which was reached about 11.30. Here we enjoyed the use of a fine eight rehung by Taylors in 1934; the ringers of 2 and 3 stand on high boxes to see each other over the clock. Then to St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Tichmarsh, whose fine pinnacled tower contains a grand ring of eight recast by G. and J. in 1913. Then to Thrapston, where we noted that the Rev. F. E. Robinson called the first peal of Stedman on July 6th, 1899.

A coincidence took place here. One of our members produced a column cut out of 'The Evening News' of the previous day, in which it was noted that, amongst other old public house games, that of 'Ringing the Bell' still survived at the Fox Inn, Thrapston. Naturally we gravitated thither, determined to play the old game. We found the paper had made a misprint, and the game was actually 'Ringing the Bull'—an ordinary bull ring hangs from the ceiling by a string, of such a length that it is just possible to swing the ring on to a hook on the opposite wall. Clouston, who had first produced the paper reference, succeeded in 'Ringing the Bull' at the third swing, though nobody else got anywhere near! Lunch being at a 'dry' place, our visit to the Fox was doubly profitable.

Then to Raunds, a magnificent church with a fine ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) in a grand Early English tower, under the tower arch of which, inside, is a 15th century clock face. F. E. Robinson called the first peal of Stedman here on July 4th, 1899.

Finedon, another magnificent church, notable for its organ in the western gallery, was our next call. The eight here, of which we made good use, were also rung by F. E. Robinson for their first peal of Stedman, on February 7th, 1898. We noted on the wall the names of the ringers and steeplekeeper painted in 1686. On to the Wickstead Park Pavilion, a sort of inland Blackpool, at Kettering, where we had a grand tea. Then at Kettering a touch or so of Grandsire Caters, etc., on a good ten. A fine peal board here records 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 18 minutes, on February 28th, 1929.

Our last call was at Peterborough, where the fine recently rehung eight at St. John the Baptist's were made good use of. Finally we arrived home tired, but well content, and determined to run a similar outing next year. We are most grateful to the various steeplekeepers, to George Jeffs, of Thrapston, who made the local arrangements and accompanied us most of the day, and to Nolan Golden for his most efficient organising.

A. G. G. THURLOW.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

## MIDLAND DISTRICT.

Members from Aston, Birmingham, Castle Bromwich, Desford, Erdington, Leicester, Nottingham and Solihull attended the Midland District meeting at Aston on September 27th, and the bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to various methods ranging from rounds on the twelve to Stedman Caters.

The Vicar of Aston (the Rev. F. F. Warman) gave a short address and a few prayers in the belfry, and a delightful tea was afterwards served at the Holte Hotel. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Shepshed on Nov. 29th. Two new members were elected. It was proposed to send the best wishes of the meeting to Miss Iris Rowley, of Ibstock, for a speedy recovery from her illness.



## NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid.

### BIRTHS

LUNN.—On Tuesday, Sept. 30th, 1947, a daughter, Ann, to Alice, wife of George Leslie A. Lunn, at the County Maternity Home, Gainsborough. 2095

SMITH. — On Thursday, Sept. 25th, 1947, at 11, Lansdowne Terrace, The Grove, Twyford, Berks, to Elsie, wife of Harold Smith, a brother for Gillian (Michael John). 2119

WORTH.—On Sept. 25th, 1947, at West Park Hospital, Macclesfield, to Betty, wife of John Worth, a son (David John), a brother for Anne and Mary. 2119

### DEATH

PERKINS. — On Sunday, Sept. 28th, 1947, after a long illness, Annie, beloved wife of Walter Perkins, passed away peacefully at 22, Queen Street, Irthlingborough. Aged 81 years. 2082

### HANDBELLS FOR SALE

SET of eight small HANDBELLS, tenor G sharp, one minus clapper, some need springs padding; what offers?—C. Sharples, 19, Stonycroft Avenue, Blackpool South. 2085

SET of 32 HANDBELLS by Mears, of London, in chromatic scale of C; in excellent condition; offers to Godfrey, 9, South Parade, Caythorpe, Grantham, Lincs. 2090

### VACANCY

APPLICATIONS will be considered from change ringers for a forthcoming vacancy for a qualified auto-electrician with large transport company outside England. Trade Union rates. Rings of bells available. Full particulars to Box 2107, 'Ringing World' Office, Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 2107

### PUBLICATIONS

'Surprise Methods.'—About 160 unnamed Major Methods in Place Notation, including 70 unpublished by Gabriel Lindoff. Post free 1s., 3 for 2s. 6d. Postal orders only.—Corrigan, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, Bristol. 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' Part X., price 1s. Supplied to purchasers of previous parts only. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 2035

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

### MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting Canterbury, Sat., Oct. 11th. St. Alphege (6), St. Dunstan (6) available 2.30; Cathedral (12) evening only. Service St. Alphege 4.15. Tea White Swan, Northgate Street.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Cropredy, Sat, Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 2020

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting Leeds (10), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names to Dr. E. E. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 2006

ESSEX ASSN.—Dedication of William J. Nevard memorial tablet in Great Bentley Church on Sat., Oct. 11th, at 4. Bells (8) available all day. Tea 5.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3025

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting Shepton Beauchamp (8), Oct. 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. T. Locke, Drayton. 2041

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting Hemyock, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 2064

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst, Oct. 11th, 3. Tea 5.—C. A. Bassett. 2062

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting Dronfield (8), Oct. 11th. Bring food.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2060

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove (8), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5; bring own food.—J. W. Cotton. 2078

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Potton, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells (6), 3. Tea 5. 2055

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting Flamstead (6), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 5. — W. C. Hughes and T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 2056

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea in St. John's Hall 5.15. Names to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath. Hall also open from 3 (handbells, etc.). Social evening 8.—J. E. L. Cockey and A. W. Barker, Hon. Secs. 2053

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sat., Oct. 11th, All Saints', West Ham (10), 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 5.45.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—Meeting, Brigg, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at Glandford Cafe, Wrawby Street, 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 2094

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Bosley (6), on Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas by own arrangement.—C. Lawton, Hon. Branch Sec. 2081

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Oct. 18th, at Deeping St. James (6 bells), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Bridge Hotel, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 2014

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL.—New ring of 13 bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated on Sat., Oct. 18th, 2.30, by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D. All ringers most cordially invited. A limited number of teas will be provided in the Cathedral School (2s. per head). Tickets for tea may be obtained from Mr. J. H. Kirby, 99, York Street, Wakefield, on receipt of postal order for 2s., not later than Monday, October 13th. Tower open for ringing from 5.30 onwards. 2022

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice, Fittleworth (6), Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 15th to Enr. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 2083



**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting Horringer (8), Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Owing to catering difficulties please bring own tea. Eastern Counties bus leaves Cornhill, Bury St. Edmunds, at 2.25, 4.15 and 6.5, returning from Horringer at 5.50, 7.40, and 9.26.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec. 2066

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells available 3. Service 4. Tea, City Cafe. Names for tea by Wed., Oct. 15th, to B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 2077

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—Jubilee Service and dinner, Oct. 18th. Ringing Clerkenwell, 2.30-4; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4.30. Service, St. Giles', 4.30; preacher, Bishop of London. Dinner, Slater's, 393, Strand, 6.30. Money (12s.) to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 1963

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting Cranleigh, Saturday, October 18th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Please send names for tea by Oct. 13th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2047

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting Pilton, Oct. 18th, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—W. H. Nash, 4, Dovecotes, Street.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curdrige, Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 14th.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 2086

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bidston (6), Sat., Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 2099

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.**—Meeting, Oct. 18th, Swanwick. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 2106

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Luton District.—At Leighton Buzzard, Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. C. Hillyard, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable. 2088

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Naseby (5 bells) on Sat. Oct. 18th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. All welcome.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 2076

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Helmshore, Sat., Oct. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food.—J. Porter. 2098

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Peak Branch.—Youlgreave (8), 3 p.m., Oct. 18th. Cups of tea only.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 2101

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Burbage, 3 p.m., Oct. 18th. Tea, 5, The Hut, Grove Road. Names to E. Turner, Barain, Cowper Road, Sketchley Hill, Hinckley. 2097

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, St. Stephen's, St. Albans (6), 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. St. Albans Cathedral (12), 6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2096

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—Quarterly meeting, New Radnor, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday to J. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 2093

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Oxon District.—Annual meeting, Thame, Oxon, Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Oct. 15th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 2092

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Frittenden (8), Sat., Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 2091

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Buriton (6), Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5, in the Five Bells, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 2100

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Chester Guild at St. Margaret's, Altrincham, on Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. approximately) 5 p.m. Names to H. Turner, 3, Frinton Close, Sale, by Oct. 14th. 2116

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch Branch.—Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, Ringwood. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea in Ringwood 5 (notify by Oct. 15th). Fordingbridge bells from 6.15 p.m.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2104

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Acton (6 bells), Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Refreshments provided. Names by 15th to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Warwick, Oct. 18th. St. Mary's bells (10), available 3. Tea, 5, at Warwick Restaurant. Business meeting in Vestry following tea. Names for tea by Wed., Oct. 15th, latest.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 2111

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Sat., Oct. 18th. For tea notify H. Turner, 3, Frinton Close, Sale, Cheshire. 2115

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting, Sat., Oct. 25th. Details later. Ringers starting at any London colleges this term are particularly welcome. Details, write P. R. Blackman, Hon. Sec., c/o Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Lewisham District.—Annual district meeting, St. John's, Erith, Sat., Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, Oct. 20th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2087

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Blofield (6), Sat., Oct. 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify names or numbers for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 21st. This is very essential.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 2100

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Bicester Branch.—Meeting at Bicester (8), Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. Ambrosden (8) bells available. 2108

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sarum Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Downton (8), Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by Oct. 22nd to J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 2114

**LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.**—The 10 bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford (Rt. Rev. L. D. Hammond) on Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 11 a.m. Ringing until 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—F. A. Sedgwick, 10, Dam Street, Lichfield, Staffs. 2113



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UNIVERSITIES ASSN. — Advance notice.—The annual London meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 1948. Service 5 p.m., Southwark Cathedral. Book the date now.—E. S. John Hatcher, Sec. 2103

NORTH STAFFS ASSN. — St. James' Church, Audley. — Ringing practice, Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—R. Rowley, Swanley, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent. Phone Audley 352. 2112

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Practices at Highweek Wednesdays at 7 p.m. until further notice.—A. L. Bennett, Buckfastleigh. 2105

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — Will members who have changed their address without notifying me kindly do so to enable a correct record to be made? Will those unable to attend the annual meeting please send subscriptions? — H. G. Jenney, Hon. Sec., 23, Larch St., Leicester.

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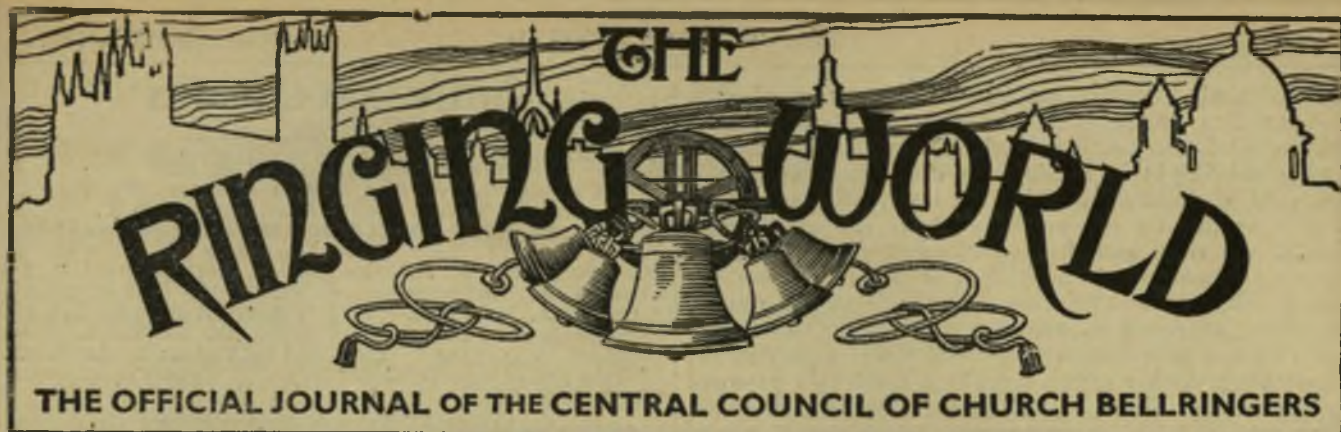
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## SUSSEX PONDERERS

Some might regard the Sussex County Association's extraordinary general meeting as 'much ado about nothing.' We think not. The position was an interesting one and might well occur in any Association. The committee, in pursuance of their duties in making arrangements for the annual meeting, ruled that no rail fares or tea allowance be paid to ringing members. Sussex apparently is one of the few associations that in the past has been able to make lavish provision for the entertainment of members. Still more, the subscription of the ringing member is in the form of a block affiliation fee of one guinea, paid in most cases by the Church authority. The committee's decision was objected to at the annual meeting, and a resolution was passed that rail fares and tea allowance be paid. This was not so much on the grounds of parsimony but arose from a fear of being dictated to and the curbing of the rights of members.

Nevertheless, the position of the Master and his committee was untenable. They ruled that they were within their rights in deciding, and the matter was outside the jurisdiction of the general body of members. Before convening the special meeting they did the best possible thing in securing legal opinion upon the interpretation of the rules. Mr. F. S. Tomkins, an eminent Chichester solicitor and a former Master, was consulted, and he gave the opinion that the decision of the committee on these two points could not be revoked by the annual meeting.

Some might argue that the controlling body is the members themselves, and it rests with them to approve or veto the proposals of the committee. A Guild committee normally is appointed to carry out certain functions, prepare reports, arrange meetings and to see to the smooth running of the organisation, and the general principle is that in the absence of special executive powers they report to the members for confirmation. In the Sussex affair there were two principles upon which the committee justified their action. In the first place, it was their duty to make arrangements for the annual meeting and, secondly, Rule X, which reads: 'That third-class return railway fare (with or without limit as may be decided for the current year by the committee of the Association) may be paid to resident ringing members at an annual (or special) general meeting of the Association, provided always that this rule shall become inoperative when the amount of the balance of the general



account shall have become less than the sum of £25. The meeting on Saturday concluded on a happy note with a resolution being carried that the committee were within their right in making the decision. The rule is not easy of understanding to the lay mind, and a very useful function the committee could perform would be to redraft the rules and the conditions of membership for the next annual general meeting. The present membership fee—a block tower affiliation to embrace all the ringers practising there—is to our way of thinking unsatisfactory. More practical is the individual subscription; membership always means more if it involves a payment by the member direct.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*KATHLEEN TILLEY (18) Treble	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 7
*MAVIS WHITEHEAD (13) 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
†LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 4	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
*ALAN CATTELL (16) ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN SCOTT ... Treble	†HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
*RICHARD J. B. HADDEN 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	†GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
*ALAN F. THIRST ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5	FRANK E. HAINES ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAINES.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 200th peal together.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

*ERNEST KETTLE ... Treble	*ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
*FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 7
*NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 8
†FREDERICK W. GROCOTT 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... 9
†WILLIAM F. GIBBONS ... 5	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by E. JENKINS. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.  
\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 27½ cwt.

*MARGARET RIDYARD (17) Treble	*VERNON SYKES ... 6
†HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH 2	*JACK CLEGG ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	RICHARD LONGDEN ... 8
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
HUGH REYNOLDS ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (229). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.  
\* First peal of Kent Royal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.  
Rung for the centenary celebrations of Manchester Diocese and a welcome to the new Bishop, Dr. W. D. L. Greer.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CHARLES A. HUGHES ... Treble	N. G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
*MISS A. A. M. CASTLE 3	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 7
SQUIRE CROFT ... 4	THOS. W. TAFFENDER Tenor

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.  
\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Miss A. A. M. Castle.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON ... 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 2	*JOHN J. WEBB ... 6
GEORGE DAVIS ... 3	*WALTER TAYLOR ... 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (C.C.C. No. 32).  
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... 5
*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 2	CECIL EBBERSON ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Golden.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13).	Tenor 14 cwt.
ERNEST WILSON ... Treble	RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... 5
GEORGE AMBLER ... 2	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 6
DENIS R. MORRIS ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	FREDK. G. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

In memoriam, Thomas W. Chapman, Nuncaton, and Robert Matthews, Stourbridge.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Pitstow's.	Tenor 13 cwt.
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Treble	†JOHN A. BROWN ... 5
*JOYCE GAYMER ... 2	ROBT. L. PATTERSON ... 6
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	FRANK AINSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.  
\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Association.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Peskett 1, H. Peskett 2, Miss E. Lonnen 3, E. Horner 4, E. Treagus (conductor) 5, E. F. Marlow 6.



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OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. IMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

EILEEN H. BASTOW ... .. Treble	*W. R. HAMMONS ... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 6
ROGER LEIGH ... .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
CHARLES W. BLACKLEY ... .. 4	DAVID VINCENT ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Worth.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,  
At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**  
Middleton's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5
MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 3	HENRY STALLIAM ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND MELORUS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL ... .. Treble	PETER ANGER ... .. 5
LESLIE A. PAGE ... .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK ... .. 6
HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... .. 3	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... .. 4	FRANK L. HARRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

SYDNEY TUSON ... .. Treble	JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 5
THOMAS BARKER ... .. 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 6
JOHN JACKSON ... .. 3	ARTHUR HATCH ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. PAULINUS,

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

ISAAC EMERY ... .. Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 2	BRIAN J. E. WHITE ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. WERBURGH.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5824 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.) in E flat.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 6
CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.  
Longest length of London for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES F. HARVEY ... .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
*RICHARD J. B. HADDEN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method. In memoriam, Robert Matthews.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
*JOHN DAVY ... .. 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

*MISS BETTY MORTON ... Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 5
HARRY PARKER ... .. 2	DAVID SMITH ... .. 6
ERIC HORNBV ... .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 7
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... .. 4	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLL. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

FRANK E. PERVIN ... Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
*CLARENCE R. STEED ... 2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 6
*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN 3	*VIVIAN B. HUNT ... .. 7
WILLIAM COLLETT ... .. 4	*LEONARD KINCHEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

\* First peal in the method.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7.	Tenor 12 cwt.
THOMAS W. HAMMOND Treble	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 5
JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
*GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 4	*DENNIS BOOTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

\* 600th peal. + First peal. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... .. 5
*MARGARET BEAMISH ... 2	*HARRY HARRIS ... .. 6
*JOHN THOMPSON ... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 4	*LEONARD TREVOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

\* First peal in the method.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	*PATRICK HARRIS ... .. 6
*MISS M. ROWLAND ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 7
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 4	*ERNEST ROWLAND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.  
\* First peal of Stedman. + First peal. A wedding compliment to Mr. Tom Griffiths, of the local band and Miss L. Parker.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
JOHN HAYES ... .. Treble	HARRY PYE ... .. 5
JAMES S. WEBB ... .. 2	HENRY O. BAKER ... .. 6
JOHN W. BEST ... .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 7
PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4	GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.



## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

MICHAEL J. FOSTER ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A peal of welcome to Hilary Golden.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

GEORGE M. KILBY ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
ALICK CITLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal ever rung in this method.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

## SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MYHILL ... Treble	ERNEST J. RUNTER ... 4
MISS ANNIE WHITE ... 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... 5
*A. G. BARTHOLOMEW ... 3	HENRY W. SHADRACK ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. SHADRACK.

\* First peal of Minor. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. R. C. C. Hargreaves. Also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor.

## BRATTON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

P. W. J. HARDING ... Treble	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ... 4
*MRS. F. A. PENN ... 2	*FRANK A. PENN ... 5
†JOHN H. S. GIDDINGS ... 3	JACK LUCAS ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

## FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being one extent each of London, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROBERT BAMBER ... Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
MISS RHODA BROWN ... 2	JOHN R. KEMP ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First peal. For the coming-of-age of A. E. Flatters' daughter; also birthday peal for ringer of treble.

## PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

WM. C. STACKHOUSE ... Treble	JOSEPH GREGORY ... 4
HARRY CLARIDGE ... 2	GEORGE COOPER ... 5
ERIC CLARIDGE ... 3	WILFRED ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.

Rung as a dedication peal.

## BELFAST.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

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

Consisting of 16 extents Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 in C.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
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\*ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

\* First handbell peal. First handbell peal by Northern Branch.

## LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... Treble	CHARLES GREEDY ... 4
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 5
MRS. L. BAINHAM ... 3	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

First peal of Kent Minor for all excepting the ringer of the 2nd. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Powell, leader of the Llanfrechfa band, who unfortunately was too ill to take part.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

An extent each of York and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single and Double Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

*MAURICE LOCKEY ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
BETTY SPICE ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	C. HENRY HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal of Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

## CAISTER-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.

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

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE WHITE HOUSE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

FRANK W. PERRENS ... 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... 5-6
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3-4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7-8

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 9-10

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN A. POTTS ... 1-2	JOHN WORTH ... 5-6
JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 3-4	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8
JILL POOLE ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 11-12

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: Joseph S. Carter. Witness: E. C. Turner.

This is the first peal of Surprise Maximus ever to be accomplished on handbells, and the coursing order of the bells was checked throughout by the umpire.

## CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

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

‘The Barrabool Peal.’ Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

To celebrate the christening of Gillian Margaret Feirn, daughter of the conductor.

## PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

MISS L. K. BOWLING ... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
FRED HODGSON ... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

A farewell to Miss Bowling.

BARNWOOD, GLOS. — On Sunday, Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wright 1, S. Romans 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, G. Case 5, L. Barry (conductor) 6, H. Newman 7, W. Jones 8.



## QUARTER PEALS

**CARLTON JUXTA SNAITH, YORKS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Hereward Bob and 540 Plain Bob): L. Gerrard 1, J. Thorley 2, T. D. Leask 3, J. Martin Thorley 4, E. Thorley 5, C. Thorley, sen. (conductor) 6. Also 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. First extent of Hereward by all the band.

**CHERITON, KENT.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,344 Ashted Surprise Major: M. S. Laucefield 1, P. Page 2, W. W. Ring 3, W. A. Oldfield 4, F. G. Huckslepp 5, A. J. Laucefield 6, W. Bottrill 7, T. Cullingworth (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. J. E. Bailey 1, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 2, Mrs. E. A. Barnett (first tower-bell quarter of Major) 3, G. V. Murphy 4, C. Brett-Smith 5, F. A. Coley 6, H. E. Audsley 7, H. Hoverd 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, P. G. Parrott 2, J. Warner (first inside) 3, R. G. Long 4, F. W. Richardson 5, J. E. Warner 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, E. S. Owen 8.

**DERBY.**—On Sept. 25th at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Cateters: C. Walklate 1, E. H. Clarke 2, H. Waterfield 3, H. Letts 4, A. E. Thompson 5, George Freebrey (conductor) 6, K. Hudson 7, R. Jackson 8, F. R. Lowe 9, S. Walklate 10. Longest length by all except ringers of 2, 4 and 6.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At Christ Church on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. Birt 1, A. Cutler 2, J. King 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, D. R. Judd 5, K. L. Brown 6, F. A. Finch 7, L. H. Bowler 8. Conducted by E. C. S. Turner from a seat in the ringing chamber.

**EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Folwell 1, W. A. Stote (conductor) 2, A. E. Bristow 3, D. Ellender 4, I. A. Morrison 5, T. A. Hastings (first quarter of Minor inside) 6.

**MAULDEN, BEDS.**—On Sept. 28th, 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob: A. Murphy (first quarter) 1, R. Sharp 2, M. Lockey (first quarter inside) 3, C. E. Jeffries 4, A. C. Sinfield (conductor) 5, S. Sharp 6.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Bishop (first quarter, aged 12) 1, R. Franklin 2, F. Tindall 3, C. Heskins 4, A. Cross 5, T. Bates (first as conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, S. Boore 8.

**RICHMOND, SURREY.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, T. G. Miller 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. Otley 6, J. Bullock 7, E. T. Beauchamp 8.

**SIDMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith 1, W. White 2, R. Teed 3, H. Dyer 4, P. Davis (conductor) 5, R. Woodley 6, R. Pike 7, T. Fouracre 8. A farewell to R. Smith.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,263 Stedman Cateters: S. J. Hector 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, C. F. Andrews (conductor) 3, C. Butcher 4, T. Davidson 5, W. Baxter 6, F. Penn 7, E. Parker 8, G. H. Harding 9, S. Francis 10.

**IN MEMORIAM THE REV. E. S. POWELL.**

**COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Plain Bob and April Day Doubles: H. Cummings 1, E. R. Lambert 2, F. J. Lambert 3, J. Higgins 4, E. C. Lambert 5, F. Tustain 6.

**STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Priscilla Jackson 1, Miss Maud Clarke 2, G. H. Hancock (conductor) 3, F. W. Hancock 4, S. Osborne 5, W. C. Moore 6.

**WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (360 Kent, 360 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain Bob): J. Shatford 1, A. Kinkman 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, P. I. Chapman 4, B. Lumbers 5, G. E. Watson (conductor) 6. First quarter in three methods by 1, 2, 4 and 5. Average age of band, 18.

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The Fredericks have rung  
a name peal at Bedding-  
ton, which is believed to  
be the first name peal of Royal. Any correc-  
tions, asks Frederick E. Collins?

The quarter-peal at West Clandon on Sept.  
28th was the first since 1934. All who rang  
learned their elementary knowledge of change  
ringing in the tower, of which Mr. G. L. Grover  
is the conductor.

The peal of Kent at Chilvers Coton, War-  
wickshire, on September 29th, marked the re-  
dedication by the Bishop of Coventry of the  
rebuilt portion of All Saints' Church, which  
will serve as the Lady-chapel of the larger  
church to be built later.

The day after passing her 17th birthday.  
Miss Margaret Ridyard rang her first peal of  
Kent Treble Bob Royal at Manchester Cathed-  
ral. The bells of the Cathedral were rung  
twice for the enthronement of the new Bishop  
on October 7th.

A seven-method peal of Minor, in which she  
participated, was the welcome the Bedfordshire  
Association gave to Miss Betty Spice, who now  
lives at Bedford. The peal at Maulden was  
the 50th together of Messrs. A. C. Sinfield and  
C. E. Jeffries, and the latter's 75th peal.

The appreciation of the small party of  
ringers and their wives from London, Coventry  
and Birmingham to Mr. and Mrs. George  
Fletcher for the pleasant week-end at Caister  
has been expressed by the scribe of the party.  
Apart from a handbell peal, service ringing  
took place at Gorleston Parish Church.

An interesting fact concerning the annual  
peal for the Dudley and District Guild on  
September 27th was that it was the 200th peal  
together by the brothers George and Henry  
Fearn. When they rang their 100th peal to-  
gether Henry's total of peals was 109. The  
200th together brings his total to 209, so his  
brother has rung in every one of his last  
century of peals.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

One of the youngest to  
qualify for the grand-  
fathers' peal is Mr. R. W.  
Rex, of Donnington, Berks, at the age of 44.  
In honour of the christening of the twin grand-  
sons on September 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent  
Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob) was rung by M.  
Rosier 1, Mrs. S. Brown 2, Miss Stella Davis  
3, G. Stocker 4, R. F. Crook 5, R. W. Rex  
(conductor) 6.

Latest Surprise method to be rung is East-  
cote, credit for which goes to the Middlesex  
Association, conducted by their Master (Mr.  
C. W. Roberts).

St. Andrew's, Derby, have a promising band  
of young ringers who have rung quarters of  
Grandsire Triples and Cateters. They have  
ambitions towards a peal.

Mr. A. W. Searle, of Exeter, has completed  
his aim of ringing in every 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12  
bell tower in Devon where the bells are hung  
for change ringing. Congratulations are due  
to him for a unique accomplishment.

Circle completed: Mr. Isaac Emery at Cray-  
ford, Kent (his first peal on the bells being in  
May, 1895).

Thirty-four years ago Mr. C. H. Dobbie and  
Mr. A. H. Pulling rang their first peal to-  
gether. The peal at Holy Trinity Cathedral,  
Guildford, on September 27th, was on the  
anniversary of their respective wedding days.

This is a noted year for 600th peals. We  
have already recorded Mr. Albert Walker's  
and Mr. J. Dyke's. The latest to join them is  
Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool.

Letters of congratulation are to hand re-  
garding the broadcast by eight members of St.  
Mary-the-Virgin Society of Ringers, Diss, of  
touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.  
Those who rang were W. Musk 1, W. Elsew 2,  
A. G. Harrison 3, W. Saunders 4, T. Ford 5,  
F. C. Roper 6, W. A. Lock 7, E. G. Bennett  
(conductor) 8.

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## SUSSEX ASSOCIATION PROBLEMS

### SPECIAL MEETING TO DEAL WITH FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Sussex County Association held a special general meeting at Brighton on Saturday to straighten out their financial position. A Sussex tradition has been to pay part of rail fares and provide a free tea or allowance for those attending the annual meeting. The committee announced the discontinuance of the privilege at the last annual meeting on financial grounds. The right to make such a decision was challenged at the annual meeting and resolutions were carried that rail fares and tea allowance be paid. The committee felt this decision keenly, maintaining that the rules permitted them to take such action. The Master and his officers also interpreted the decision at the annual meeting as a lack of confidence.

The Master (Mr. F. I. Hairs) presided, supported by Mr. S. E. Armstrong (hon. secretary), Mr. O. Sippetts (hon. treasurer) and the divisional secretaries, Mrs. Hairs, Messrs. G. T. Jennings, J. Downing and E. Treagus, Mr. J. Dearlove (peal secretary) and Mr. R. G. Blackman.

The hon. secretary explained that there were three points. At the annual meeting discussion took place on the subject of the Association's income, and it was decided to urge members to pay a voluntary subscription of 2s., in addition to the tower affiliation fee. Four months had elapsed since the annual meeting, which was attended by 140 members, and the total sum received in voluntary subscriptions was less than £2, which he thought was a disgrace.

The second point was the question of a raffle. At the committee meeting in March a lot of time was spent considering this matter. In previous years they had held raffles, and this year it was exceptionally well supported and cleared about £7. There were objections, but no other way had been found of clearing the cost of the annual meeting.

The third point was the question of rail fares and tea allowance. That was considered by the committee in March, and it was decided to look round and see what economies could be made. It was obvious that the working expenditure and income was not balancing. The greatest cost was the annual meeting, and the item of that which they thought they could justly economise on was the rail fare and tea allowance. It seemed to him that the Association had existed largely during the whole of its life on charity. In the early days there was a large number of honorary members, and when they became tired of dipping into their pockets the Association went bankrupt. For the next few years George Attree paid for the Association out of his own pocket and set it going. They had now £300 in hand, some of which was in the Benevolent Fund, but the main part of this sum had not come from the ordinary ringing members.

After the decision of the last annual meeting that the rail fares and tea allowance be paid, he decided in consultation with the Master and the hon. treasurer to get legal opinion. He wrote to Mr. Tomkins, who used to be Master and was a leading solicitor in Chichester. Rule 10 read: 'That the amount of third class railway fare (with or without limit as may be decided for the current year by the committee of the Association) may be paid to resident ringing members at an annual (or special) general meeting of the Association; providing always that this rule shall become inoperative when the amount of the balance of the general account shall have become less than the sum of £25.'

Mr. F. S. Tomkins, in his reply, wrote: 'Under Rule 3 the General Committee are the governing body of the Association. While it is true that rail fares have been paid in the past, my recollection is that this appears in the notice of the annual meeting, which is prepared by order of the General Committee, and this payment has always been made by

resolution of the committee. The committee has executive powers to set the limit of the amount to be paid. . . . I think that the decision of the committee not to pay rail fares or tea allowance could not be revoked by the annual general meeting.'

It was quite obvious, continued Mr. Armstrong, from the decision of the annual meeting, that the committee did not hold the confidence of the general meeting, and that meeting had been called to find a way out of that difficulty.

Mr. Stalham: The main point was that it should be put to the meeting and not dictated to by the committee.

Mr. R. Blackman maintained that the onus was on the committee to keep the Association in a good position. They realised that it was necessary for them to show a slightly increased balance rather than a deficit at the end of the year. On finance there was always two sides—judicious spending or judicious saving. He thought if the money was available it was far better to spend it carefully than not to spend it. As to the powers of the committee, he had always held that the primary object of the committee was to act in an advisory capacity. Very seldom had a committee the right to legislate.

Mr. Armstrong: It is set out clearly in the rules that the committee is the governing body of the Association.

Mr. H. Stalham submitted that the activities of the committee were subject to the confirmation of the annual meeting.

Mr. Armstrong replied that the committee had gone to a lot of trouble and taken legal advice.

Mr. Downing explained that all the committee were concerned with was the making of arrangements for the annual meeting. It was open to members to decide what appeared on the agenda.

Mrs. Hairs contended that in these days it was not a hardship on any member to pay his own rail fare and tea.

Mr. S. White felt it was most necessary that rail fares be paid for youngsters.

In reply to a question, Mr. O. Sippetts said that at the meeting before the cost of rail fares was £5 2s., and at the last annual meeting it was 9s.

The Chairman: The point at issue is whether the committee is the governing body or not.

Mr. Levitt: You elect a committee to serve your interest. They spend a lot of time on it. They are in sole possession of all the facts concerning the financial position, and it was their decision that rail fares and tea allowances be not paid. You have in the past accepted their decision.

After further discussion Mr. W. C. Hart proposed a vote of confidence in the officers, and Mr. Russell, in seconding, said he thought their officers did a good job of work and they ought to support them much better than they did (applause).

The Chairman: There is only one way to show that confidence, by withdrawing the resolution at the last annual meeting.

Mr. W. C. Hart then proposed that the resolution be rescinded.

An amendment, moved by Mr. Stoner and seconded by Mr. A. F. Lewry, that in the opinion of the meeting the committee were within their rights in making a decision on rail fares and tea allowance, was carried by a substantial majority.

A discussion then followed on improving the finances of the Association in view of the expenses of printing the annual report. It was the general opinion that each tower should pay for its copies of the report.

Mr. Downing suggested that the rules be amended at the annual meeting to place the subscription on a proper basis.

Mr. Armstrong pointed out that if each member paid a subscription of 2s., the Association would be solvent.

## Society Cumberland Youths

### THIRTY-ONE NEW MEMBERS.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held a most enjoyable meeting at St. Mary's, Apsley, on September 27th, over 50 members and friends attending from a wide area covering Brentwood, Bedford, Luton, Burnham, Wimbledon and the London area.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Kaye), who also presided over the gathering when the business side of the arrangements had to be dealt with. This consisted chiefly of confirming belfry elections and making new members, of whom there were 31 in all, viz., Mrs. J. M. Kippin, the Misses B. Spice, E. Upton, P. and O. Martin, A. Wren, A. Bailey and J. A. Southerst, Messrs. E. H. Rayner, D. R. Marshall, G. Benfield, W. J. Puddifoot, H. Gates, H. C. Hillyard, P. M. J. Gray, R. A. F. Clark, E. Pennington, A. C. Sinfield, R. J. Sharp, C. H. Harding, George A. Sparks, B. J. Luck, F. G. Huckstepp, W. A. Oldfield, A. J. and M. S. Lancefield, P. Page, T. Morton, L. Baines, D. Latchford and H. Groom.

The Secretary announced the receipt of two books: 'Notable London Churches' and 'Notable Churches of the City of London,' presented to the Society by Mr. J. Hawkins.

Mr. W. Ayre, who welcomed the Society to the tower, said how pleased he was to see so many present, although he did regret very much that the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, was not there. So far as he knew, he believed it to be the first occasion the Cumberlands had held a meeting in that particular part of the country, but he did hope it would not be the last.

The Secretary (Mr. G. W. Steere), in reply, thanked the Vicar, Mr. Ayre and his henchmen, Messrs. Hughes, Upton and Good, for the excellent arrangements.

In the evening the party transferred their activities to Hemel Hempstead for a ring on this fine old peal of eight, but it was regretted that darkness settled down so soon that it was not possible to get a clear view of this ancient church nor the historical old town itself.

### THE LADIES' GUILD SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MACCLESFIELD.

On October 4th, the North-Western District of the Ladies' Guild held a very successful meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield, when some 40 members and friends were present. The bells were set going soon after three o'clock, and touches in various methods, together with rounds for the less advanced, were rung until service time.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, president of the Lancashire Association, who, speaking from the text, 'Be ye therefore perfect even as your father which is in heaven is perfect,' urged his hearers to strive for perfection in everything, though it might never be attained. He suggested three ways in which they could further the aim of perfection in ringing—through constant and diligent practice; the whole band working together as a team; and through striking. He commended the motto, 'Ears and eyes open and mouth shut.'

Tea, provided by the local ringers, followed in the school, after which, when the gentlemen had been dismissed to the tower, a short business meeting was held. It was decided, if possible, to hold the next meeting at Bolton in February, 1948, to be followed by a meeting at Southport in April. One new ringing member, Miss E. Gray, of Chorley, and one honorary member, Mrs. W. Fernley, of Hazel Grove, were elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens for permission to hold the meeting, to the Rev. F. F. Rigby for his service, to the local ringers for their assistance, to the ladies who served tea and to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.



## James E. Davis

### MEMORIAL AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.

The chiming apparatus at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, has recently been modernised, and an inscribed plate mounted on the case, in memory of James E. Davis, who died suddenly on December 25th, 1944.

For 22 years, with few exceptions, Jim had chimed for morning service, doing so, for the last time, the day before he passed away. Thus, it was felt, the improvement of the old apparatus would form a fitting tribute to his memory.

A short dedication service will be conducted by the Assistant Rector of St. Botolph's, the Rev. J. D. Richards, on Saturday, October 18th, at 1 p.m. It is hoped that old friends will find it possible to be present.

Many who used to take part in those enjoyable Monday night practices before the war will think of others who are no longer with us. The quiet personality of Jim Brett, the oddities of Fred Pike, which still bring a smile to the faces of his old associates when they meet together and recall old times—not a bad legacy to leave to one's friends after all, a smile.

Another would be William Madgwick, who used to turn up, when least expected, at all times and places. Strange to have wandered all over the world and then return home to be the only one of the immediate circle to meet death through enemy frightfulness.

Then there was Tom Coles, a frequent visitor to the tower for practice and service ringing, who took his ringing very seriously, but did much service for his fellow ringers and enjoyed their company.

The memory of Harry Hoskins (the Mayor of Greenwich) will long remain green. What a character he was. Doubtless the thoughts of some will go back a few more years and call to mind one other who heard his last 'This is all,' 'Stand,' at St. Botolph's one Monday night. Then Ike Shade started off for the earthly home he never reached. He was called higher. Heavenly Father, we leave them in Thy loving care 'and there we find them worthier to be loved.'

Footnote.—Owing to suspected structural defects in the tower there will be no ringing at St. Botolph's during the afternoon on Saturday, October 18th.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD NEWBURY BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of the Newbury Branch was at Aldermaston on September 20th, when visitors included Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford. The compass of the ringing extended from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Newham, and Mrs. Wilcox, a ringing member, was the organist.

Tea at the Hind's Head Hotel was followed by a business meeting, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (branch chairman) presiding. A letter of thanks from the Rev. A. E. D. Youles, for a gift of two guineas towards restoring Midgham bells, was read.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION MEETING AT NORTH LOPHAM.

Forty ringers attended the South Norfolk Branch meeting at North Lopham on Sept. 27th.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. T. Poole), who also presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. W. L. Duffield (branch chairman), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), and Messrs. E. G. Bennett and C. E. G. Banham (members of the committee).

The Rector of Lopham was elected an honorary member and Mr. A. E. Whiting, of Helmingham, made a life member. The annual meeting of the branch is to be held at New Buckenham on January 24th.

## Peterborough Diocesan Guild

### BOZEAT BELLS REDEDICATED.

Bozeat bells have been retuned and rehung in new fittings in memory of those who fought in the last war. The dedication took place at the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. W. Powell) and the dedication performed by Canon R. E. Ford, R.D., of Finedon, who gave the address. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 15s. 8d.

At the business meeting the Rev. S. F. W. Powell, who presided, spoke of the sad loss of the Rev. E. S. Powell, late Guild Ringing Master, and Mrs. W. Perkins, wife of one of the oldest bellringers, Mr. W. Perkins, of Irthlingborough. Members stood in silence in tribute to their memory.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Irthlingborough in January if possible.

Tributes were paid to the great improvement in the bells.

### STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

A quarterly meeting was held at Cannock on September 27th, 74 members and friends being present.

A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, who prefaced his address by giving a welcome to the members. The Rev. C. H. Barker was the organist. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and the local ringers, and served by ladies of the congregation.

When tea was over the following resolution, proposed by the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, and seconded by Mr. H. Knight, lay secretary, was carried unanimously: 'That this meeting, having in mind the age-long skill and personal devotion felt by all true ringers towards the art of campanology, strongly deplores the use of mechanical devices for the production of the sound of bells.'

A vote of thanks was carried with applause to all who helped to make the meeting a success.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Bilston on January 24th.

### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION DUNSTER DEANERY MEETING.

Mention was made in a previous issue of the absence from the Dunster Deanery meeting at Wiveliscombe on September 13th of the veteran secretary, Mr. George Stacey. There was a gathering of 70 members and friends, Preb. A. J. Hook presiding in the absence of the chairman (the Rev. F. M. Etherington), who wrote resigning his office. Members decided to ask him to continue to the annual meeting.

The meeting remembered in silence two members—Messrs. G. Cridland (Old Cleeve) and F. J. Norman (Timberscombe), who had passed on since the last meeting.

Mr. F. C. Arscott (Selworthy) was elected a member and Withypole was selected for the next meeting. Votes of thanks included a tribute to the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Bishop) for conducting the service and giving an address.

The bells were 'exercised,' methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Major and rounds.

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The ringing competition for the shield given by the late Petty Officer Harry T. Chandler, R.N., for towers in the Clifford and Kingston districts was held at Kingston on September 27th. Mr. F. Jaine, Ringing Master of the Leominster District, was the adjudicator.

The competition was won by Eardisland with 35 faults. Other competitors were Clifford, New Rednor and Pembridge. The shield was presented by Mrs. H. T. Chandler, and a vote of thanks was passed to her and the Vicar of Kingston for the use of the bells.

## Ringers' Outings

### EWELL RINGERS.

'Seely' Sussex, happy Sussex—county of sunshine and little rain, rolling downs and spacious weald, ancient castles and exquisite village churches. Five of these West Sussex churches were visited by a party from St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey, on Sept. 13th. With them were a number of very welcome 'paying guests,' the whole party numbering 28.

Setting off at 8.30 a.m. by coach, the first stop of the day was made at St. Mary's, Pulborough, tenor 13½ cwt. Hard by the ancient Stane Street, that relic of the Roman invasion of A.D. 43, a flight of wide steps leads up to a 14th century lych gate. A feature of the ringing room is the large wooden clock case almost covered with pencilled records of notable peals and touches. After an hour's ringing we said farewell to Mr. Stilwell and were soon back on Stane Street.

Westbourne, our next stop, has a large church, approached through an imposing avenue of very old and magnificent yew trees. The eight ropes are set rather close together in the middle of the big ringing room here, and the low worm-eaten wooden beams supporting the ceiling add to the impression of size.

Luncheon was enjoyed at Chichester, after which some of us had a quick look round the Cathedral before setting off for Walberton. Here all the company took the opportunity of trying the six bells.

Another five miles or so of glorious scenery brought us through Arundel, across the river and skirting the park, to Lyminster, an imposing Early English six-bell church, where we were welcomed by Mr. G. Lee.

By the time Henfield was reached, 20 miles further on, we were ready for the lavish tea prepared for us by Mr. F. Cruttenden. J.E.B.

### A LINCOLNSHIRE TRIP.

On September 27th the Thorne (Yorks) ringers and friends, making a total of 30, had their annual outing by bus into North Lincolnshire.

Epworth was the first tower to be visited, and the grand peal of eight was rung to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Leaving promptly on time, a pleasant run brought us to Gainsborough, where the half-yearly meeting of the North Lincoln Guild was being held.

Such was the attendance that it was almost impossible to get into the belfry, but several of the party were able to take part in a touch of Double Norwich. Unfortunately a broken rope cut short the ringing and we had to leave for our next tower—Lea, where touches of Hereward, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford were brought round. Tea at Gainsborough was arranged by Leslie Lunn.

Our next port-of-call was Messington, where we found a recently augmented peal of six (tenor 9 cwt.). Touches of Woodbine Treble Bob, Hereward and Kent Treble Bob were rung to our usual quick beat on this handy ring, and David (aged 10), the youngest ringing member of the Thorley family, was able to ring rounds.

Burton-on-Stather, with its delightful ring of eight, was our last call. We were pleased to meet old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bray. J.T.

### WELLINGTON ST. JOHN'S.

The annual outing to Weston-super-Mare on Sept. 20th resulted in ringing at St. Martin's, Worle, St. John's, Weston, and Bleadon. The ringing throughout was most enjoyable.

### SIX SOMERSET TOWERS.

The Shepton Beauchamp ringers, together with friends from the neighbouring towers of Drayton, Puckington, Curry Rivel, Barrington and Kingstone, had a very successful ringing tour on Sept. 27th. Six towers were visited, Chewton Mendip, Burrington, Churchill, Banwell, Weston-super-Mare and North Petherton, where Grandsire Triples and Doubles. Bob Major and Minor were rung. R.B.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## IN DEFENCE OF DEVON

Dear Sir,—In your issue of September 12th, the leading article, under the headline 'Propaganda Needed,' recounted the impressions formed, and some of the opinions arrived at, by a ringer from Lancashire during a holiday spent in what he called the 'round and call-changes counties'—presumably Devon and Cornwall. The article ended with an appeal for a missionary effort on the part of half-pull ringers to convert the call-changers from the error of their ways.

Devon and Cornwall are very popular holiday centres, and despite the pre-war activities of the jerry-builder and the post-war attentions of the War Office, their appeal is not likely to diminish. Visiting ringers are always welcome, whether in method or call-change towers, and whilst most half-pull visitors are wise enough when in Rome to do as the Romans do, a minority of well-meaning but over-zealous individuals adopt a superior and somewhat patronising attitude. Their hosts are, of course, polite, but after the departure of their guests their comments tend to be in a slightly different vein. This letter is an attempt to describe the conditions obtaining in Devon—the writer cannot claim to have more than a superficial acquaintance with Cornwall—in order that future visitors may be spared the rude shocks and avoid the more obvious pitfalls which have apparently been experienced by at least one 'foreigner' this summer.

There are approximately 375 rings of five bells and over in Devon, whilst the Guild of Devonshire Ringers has about 55 towers in union. Not all of the latter, however, practise method ringing, but the Guild does make a valiant and by no means unsuccessful attempt to keep the flag flying, and its numerical strength is increasing. Although the number of methods rung may not be large, the average standard of striking does not compare unfavourably with that obtaining in other parts of the country. But in the majority of Devon towers call changes are the rule, and there exists the Devon Association of Ringers, under whose ægis over 300 towers are somewhat loosely organised, and whose avowed object is to promote the cause of call-change ringing. This it does by organising competitions, at which prizes, in the form of shields and certificates, are awarded. The Guild has approached the Association with a view to amalgamation, but negotiations, through no fault of the Guild, have, it is hoped temporarily, fallen through.

The quality of the striking, as well as of the rising and falling in peal, in most call-change towers is very high indeed. Whilst all are naturally not on the same level, it is not too much to say that the striking which is tolerated in very many half-pull towers Sunday after Sunday would horrify a Devon call-change ringer. It is this poor striking, heard perhaps at meetings or on the wireless, which causes the Devonian to regard method ringing not so much with indifference as with open hostility and contempt. Efforts to improve the striking of call-change ringers by selling them 'The Ringing World,' as suggested in your article, would not, it is feared, meet with any startling success.

Let it not be thought that this superiority of call-change striking is due to the fact that it is easier than method ringing. The writer can claim to have a good acquaintance with both, and to know what he is talking about. First-class call changes require intense concentration, and any man who attempts to take part in them without putting his whole mind to the task is making a great mistake. The reason for the high standard of striking in Devon is to be found in the fact that call-change ringers are trained from the very beginning to listen with both ears, every man to his own bell. The slightest infringement is instantly corrected by the leader of the band. Competitions, both the local affairs run

by individual towers, and those officially sponsored by the Association, afford bands frequent opportunities of comparing their own striking with that of their neighbours, and it is this factor, perhaps more than any other, which tends to keep up the general level of striking.

Call-change ringers are not often stylists in handling their ropes, the open lead at hand-stroke is unknown, and the bells are rung at a much lower swing than in 'Scientific,' as method ringing is known in Devon. If the visiting ringer will bear these facts in mind, and try to strike his bell as best he can, he may well earn the high praise which was once bestowed upon an eminent member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the writer's home tower, 'Well, young man, you didn't ring that tenor too bad. One word of advice to visiting bands. Do not expect that call-change ringers will like to hear the tenor turned in: that is something which they cannot appreciate, and it is, therefore, much better to stick to odd-bell methods. If you can produce some really first-class striking do not, however, fear that your efforts will not be appreciated. The peals rung by visiting bands—of whom Canon Coleridge is now the only survivor—in the 80's and 90's are still remembered in North Devon and Cornwall, and the proudest moment of the writer's ringing career was at the end of a peal of Grandsire Triples in his home tower by a mixed band of Devonians and visitors, when the local call-change ringers were warm in their praises. The only note of criticism came from their captain. 'Don't tell me,' said he, 'that all Scientific is like that. I'll warrant you had to scour the country to get that band.' He was not, alas, very wide of the mark.

It is the considered opinion of the writer that it would be a thousand pities if call-change ringing were to die out in the West. It is a survival of the days of the three-quarter wheel when stays were unknown: it is capable of creating as much enthusiasm among its performers and of giving as much delight to its hearers as method ringing; and since it is, generally speaking, more strenuous than the latter, it raises a thirst in a much shorter time.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR.

National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Tiverton.

## HANDBELL ACHIEVEMENTS

Dear Sir,—I was rather surprised to read your comment in Belfry Gossip on the Leicester peal of Cambridge Maximus.

There is no question as to its being a fine performance, but it is certainly open to question whether it merits the statement 'The finest handbell achievement to date.' There would be, I am sure, several candidates for this honour, and I consider the Cashmore Spliced Surprise Major comes first, with the Lincolnshire Spliced Minor second, to say nothing of Mr. A. H. Pulling's band's marvellous peal of Stedman Caters.

It may be merely journalistic exuberance at a fine performance, but I would beg of you to reserve such comments for achievements which cannot be challenged.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Marple, Cheshire.

Dear Sir,—Re item in 'Belfry Gossip' on October 3rd concerning the peal of Cambridge Maximus, are you quite sure that it is 'the finest handbell achievement to date'?

What about the peal of Spliced Minor in 105 methods rung at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on June 30th this year?

I would also like to congratulate the Lincoln band on their fine achievement at Heydour on October 4th.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. RICHARDSON.

Pinchbeck, Spalding.

## OBITUARY

MR. C. POTHECARY, MITCHAM.

The death took place at his home at Mitcham, Surrey, on October 3rd, of Charles Pothe Cary, for many years a member of Mitcham Parish Church band.

Charles Pothe Cary had gained the affection of a great number of ringers in the Surrey Association, on the committee of which he served for a number of years, and also in London, by his quiet, humorous manner. He was a good ringer and always willing to stand in to help beginners.

The funeral took place on October 8th at Figgs Marsh Cemetery, Mitcham, and among the ringers present were Messrs. R. and G. Charge (Holloway), A. W. Coles (Middlesex Association), W. S. Smith and A. Miller (Mitcham), R. Saunders and E. Bish (Streatham), R. Lathbury and C. W. R. Grimwood (Walton), C. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Oatway (Croydon). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by D. Cooper 1-2, R. Lathbury 3-4, A. W. Coles 5-6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7-8.

In the evening 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung half-muffled at Christ Church: J. Chapman (conductor) 1, Miss A. Castle 2, F. Miles 3, T. Miller 4, S. Howard 5, R. Sanders 6.

MR. F. J. PORTCH, BRISTOL.

The death of Mr. Frederick James Portch, Bristol's oldest ringer, occurred on October 3rd, under tragic circumstances, as the result of injuries received in an accident while crossing the road near his home at 44, St. Andrew's Road, Bristol.

Mr. Portch, who was in his 90th year, had of late been troubled by failing sight, and for this reason was in the habit of carrying a white stick. He learned to ring nearly 74 years ago and was with the St. James' Society, Bristol, when that society was later re-formed under the leadership of his brother, Henry Portch.

Fred later became steeplekeeper at St. Peter's Church and occupied that office for many years. For the past 25 years he had been a greatly respected member of the SS. Philip and Jacob Guild.

The interment took place at Greenbank Cemetery and there were many floral tributes, including wreaths from the City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the SS. Philip and Jacob Guild. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. C. W. Aldridge, and as a tribute to his memory a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the graveside by his colleagues from St. Philip's: Miss A. Brown 1-2, A. E. Reeves 3-4, T. Harris 5-6, E. J. Brown 7-8, A. L. Gale 9-10, followed by touches of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the muffled bells of the church.

## MRS. POWELL'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—So many of our ringing friends from all over the country have been kind enough to write to me since my husband's death that I venture to ask the hospitality of your columns to thank them for their sympathy, which has helped me greatly. I hope to answer all these letters personally in the not too distant future—meanwhile my most grateful thanks.—Yours sincerely,

MOLLY POWELL.

East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham.

## BROADCAST CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—I am sure that those of your readers who happened to hear the broadcasts from Twerton and Diss on the last two Sunday mornings will join in congratulations to the ringers of both churches on their admirable performance. In the case of Diss one can also give a good mark to the B.R.C. The timing was perfectly done to allow that grand octave to come into rounds.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.



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'Hereford Diocesan Guild Report,' containing complete list of towers with five bells and over, founders, dates, etc. Few copies available for non-members, price 1s. 7d.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 2118

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THE DARKER EVENINGS ARE HERE. Now is the time to enter your peals and 'towers' into a Delight Ringers' Record Book. Details and prices from William H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2148

## MEETINGS

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Oct. 18th, at Deeping St. James (6 bells), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Bridge Hotel.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 2044

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Jubilee Service and dinner, Oct. 18th. Ringing Clerkenwell, 2.30-4; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4.30. Service, St. Giles', 4.30; preacher, Bishop of London. Dinner (12s.), Slater's, 393, Strand, 6.30. 1963

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL.—New ring of 13 bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated on Sat., Oct. 18th, 2.30, by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D. All ringers most cordially invited. A limited number of teas will be provided in the Cathedral School (2s. per head). Tower open for ringing from 5.30 onwards. 2022

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells available 3. Service 4. Tea, City Cafe. 2077

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting Cranleigh, Saturday, October 18th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2047

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curdrige, Sat., Oct. 18th. Usual arrangements.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 2086

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, St. Stephen's, St. Albans (6), 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. St. Albans Cathedral (12), 6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2096

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxon District.—Annual meeting, Thame, Oxon, Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. 2092

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Frittenden (8), Sat., Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 2091

BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTER ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify E. D. Townsend, 24, Gauntsfield, Chipping Sodbury. 2121

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Sat., Oct. 18th. For tea notify H. Turner, 3, Frinton Close, Sale, Cheshire. 2115

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Hemingbrough (6), Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—T. H. Foster. 2143

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Copt Oak (6), Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Copt Oak Inn. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 2127

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, Ringwood. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea in Ringwood 5. Fordingbridge bells from 6.15 p.m.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2104

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's, Windmill Hill, Enfield Chase (8), Thurs., Oct. 23rd, 6.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 2130

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Annual district meeting, St. John's, Erith, Sat., Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, Oct. 20th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2087

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Blofield (6), Sat., Oct. 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify names or numbers for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 21st. This is very essential.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 2100

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Meeting at Bicester (8), Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. Ambrosden (8) bells available. 2108

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sarum Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Downton (8), Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by Oct. 22nd to J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 2114

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Sutton (6), Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2129

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Sat., Oct. 25th, at Codicote. Bells from 3. Tea 5.15.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 2131

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—A Surprise practice will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on Sat., Oct. 25th, 6 to 9.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., Walton-on-Thames. 2132

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton District.—Meeting St. Mary's, Deane, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 2134

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—A meeting at St. Ives, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 2123



**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Cary Deanery.—Meeting Barton St. David, Oct. 25th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 2126

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Annual meeting, Oct. 25th, St. Mary's, Battersea. Ringing and business 2.30. Tea at Old Swan 5. Service 5.45. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6.45 to 8.30. Notify for tea by Oct. 21st.—P. R. Blackman, c/o Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7. 2128

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.**—Sat., Oct. 25th.—All Saints' (6) and Belgrave (8), 10.30 to 12.30; St. Saviour's (8), 2 to 4; St. Margaret's (12) noon to 3.30; Cathedral (12) and St. John's (10), 2 to 4.30. Service 4.45, Cathedral. Dinner, Bell Hotel, 5.30. Dance, De Montfort Hall, 7.30 to 11.30. Dinner tickets 6s. 6d. Dance tickets 3s. 6d. from Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Braunstone, Leicester, with remittance. Peal arrangements for Saturday morning, E. Morris, Vicarage, St. Margaret's, Church Gate, Leicester. Visitors arriving Friday assemble Balmoral Room, Bell Hotel, 7.30. All dinner tickets sold. 2122

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Bridgwater Deanery.—Meeting at Westonzoyland, Oct. 25th, 3. It is hoped to arrange tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2133

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting Ide (6), Oct. 25th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify by Oct. 20th. Alphington (8) from 6.30.—E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 2135

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting Sat., Oct. 25th, Old Windsor, 6.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2137

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Winterbourne (6), Oct. 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 2136

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Adwick-le-Street, Oct. 25th, 2.30. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hill Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 2142

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting Oct. 25th, St. Mary Quay, 2.30. St. Clement's 3.30. Tea Tudor Cafe 5. Business and election of secretary after. Other towers in evening.—C. W. Pipe. 2138

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Annual meeting Stow-on-the-Wold, Oct. 25th, 3.30 to 8.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea to Raymond Hicks, Claremont, Stow-on-the-Wold. 2120

**CRUSADERS OF SOUTH-WEST ESSEX.**—Hornchurch (8), Oct. 25th, 3 to 9. Interval 5 to 6. Tea shops close handy. This is a practice meeting. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome.—J. H. Crampton, Hon. Sec. 2139

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Southern District.—Bishop Auckland, Sat., Oct. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea arranged; bring own refreshments.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 2141

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Branch.—Meeting at Compton Bishop, Sat., Oct. 25th, 6.30 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 2155

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech Branch.—Hilgay (8), Oct. 25th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2153

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting Aston-on-Trent, Oct. 25th, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—W. A. Parsons, Dis. Sec. 2152

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Heathfield (8), Oct. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Names for tea, not later than 22nd, to W. Booth, Vines Cross, Horam.—F. H. Hicks, Assist. Div. Sec. 2147

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Meeting at Rothwell, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells from 3. Names for tea to Mr. H. Homer, 37, Temple Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds, by Tues., Oct. 21st. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 2146

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Sat., Oct. 25th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Red Lion.—H. L. Martin, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2145

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—At Exning, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. (Please advise Rev. C. S. Scott, The Vicarage, Exning, Newmarket.) Business meeting 5.30. Newmarket All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available afterwards. All ringers and beginners invited to attend.—R. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 2145

**LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.**—The 10 bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford (Rt. Rev. L. D. Hammond) on Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 11 a.m. Ringing until 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—F. A. Sedgwick, 10, Dam Street, Lichfield, Staffs. 2113

**BARWELL, LEICESTER.**—Sat., Nov. 1st, dedication of memorial peal tablets to the memory of Chas. H. Belton and William White, whose service totalled more than 110 years in the belfry. Ringers and friends invited to service 3 p.m., followed by tea in Church Institute. Tower (8) and handbells available to visiting ringers 5 to 7.30. Names for tea before Monday, Oct. 27th, without fail, please, to T. C. Belton, Arden Cottage, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leicester. 2140

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—310th Anniversary Dinner will be held at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopgate Street, E.C., Sat., Nov. 8th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. Numbers limited to 100.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2102

#### QUARTER PEALS

**BICKER, Lincs.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor; W. B. Dawson 1, R. Howard (first quarter in method) 2, C. Wander (conductor) 3, J. P. Morris 4, W. G. Short 5, A. H. Bennett 6.

**BROCKENHURST HANTS.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,296 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 576 Plain Bob); Miss M. J. Tiller (aged 17) 1, C. W. Reed (17) 2, John Hartlett (18) 3, M. R. D. Harford (21) 4, D. R. Reed (17) 5, B. R. Tiller (conductor, aged 16) 6. First quarter as conductor and first of Minor in two methods by all the band. Colin and David Reed are twins.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—At St. Modwen's on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-4-8 behind): Gloria Inwood 1, T. Pryce 2, J. H. Brittan (conductor) 3, C. Green 4, H. Cornwell 5, Jill Cochrane (first quarter) 6, K. Pratt 7, A. Skelton 8.

**CHRISTLETON, CHESTER.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,344 Tiverton Little Bob Major: G. F. Sperring 1, J. Hayes 2, J. Swindley 3, J. W. Best 4, H. O. Baker 5, J. W. Griffiths 6, J. S. Webb 7, P. Swindley (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

**CREWE, CHESHIRE.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. F. Holding 1, W. Kerr 2, H. Edge (first quarter) 3, R. D. Langford 4, R. T. Holding 5, W. Edge 6, G. A. Packer (conductor) 7, J. Holloway 8.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Coker 1, Miss Stoker (first quarter inside) 2, F. Hayes (conductor) 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, L. M. Squires 5, R. Coles 6, S. T. Goodchild 7, P. Squires (first quarter) 8.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Callard 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, W. D. Ashdown (first quarter in the method inside) 4, G. E. Retter (conductor) 5, E. E. Retter 6, J. Salway 7, A. J. C. Holway 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. P. Newton 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Cox 3, A. Heywood 4, A. G. Jones 5, A. R. Blaby 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

**RAMSGATE, KENT.**—On Sept. 29th, at St. Lawrence's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hilton 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, S. J. Gee 3, L. J. Hilton 4, L. A. Porritt 5, W. J. Fairbeard 6, A. E. Jarman (conductor) 7, A. Curling 8.



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## THE MIDDLESEX

This week in the ringers' calendar the place of honour is occupied by the Middlesex Association, with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of its foundation. The most significant part of the title of this Association is the tailpiece added in 1903—'the London Diocesan Guild'—and this at times is apt to be overlooked. The Bishop of London, the Association's patron, spent Saturday afternoon with his ringers and gave to the proceedings the spiritual atmosphere of 'diocesan' rather than the territorial or secular side of a county Association.

Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, the Association's Secretary, during the festivities gave an historical sketch of the birth and growth of the Association during the past 50 years, recalling to mind the names of those who by their labours and enthusiasm had developed its work and added to its prestige. He was not speaking about unknown personalities, as no fewer than eight of the nine surviving foundation members were present. That nine out of 338 should still retain membership after 50 years is an added evidence of longevity associated with ringing. The Middlesex 'Die Hards' extend beyond the narrow confines of its famous regiment.

In his speech Mr. Turner regarded Mr. Wm. Pye as 'perhaps the most outstanding practical ringer of this century.' He was elected a member in 1899 and was Master from 1910 until his death in 1935. A prolific peal ringer, his enormous total included 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch, 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, and first peals of London and Bristol Major on handbells. Altogether he rang 1,114 peals for the Guild, of which he conducted 859. As a memorial to him, the bells of St. John's, Leytonstone, were augmented from six to eight through the combined efforts of the Middlesex and Essex Associations.

There were other names mentioned by Mr. Turner with affection: Mr. C. T. Coles; Mr. A. T. King, who had the vision of the London Diocesan Guild; Mr. F. A. Milne, first hon. treasurer and one-time president; and his special friend, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, of whom the Association's secretary wrote a special memoir in 'The Ringing World' recently. To the Middlesex Association we would quote from Proverbs, 'Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.' The present leaders of this Association have been sharpened by great men in different spheres of ringing, and by maintaining the best of these legacies an illustrious future is assured.



## TEN BELL PEALS

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
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FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ...	<i>Tenor</i>

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On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR, E.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

ALFRED BRIGHTON ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ...	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	8
*N. G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ...	9
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 5	SQUIRE CROFT ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS KIRK ...	5
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ...	6
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR SHEPPARD ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST FLETCHER ...	5
ED. C. GOBEY ... 2	*DENNIS CARLISLE ...	6
WILLIAM SIMPSON ... 3	GIRLING RIGBY ...	7
PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 4	ED. F. GOBEY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ED. F. GOBEY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal for the Association. In memoriam Mr. Charles Hutchinson, an old member of the local band.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
\*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 21½ cwt.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	†ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ...	5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 2	GEORGE AMBLER ...	6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ...	7
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 4	CHRIS. F. BLISSETT ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD F. WOOD ...	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	7
*PETER DAVY ... 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ...	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ...	7
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*STANLEY GILBERT ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE W. FISHER ...	5
*PETER BORDER ... 2	FRANK W. LACK ...	6
JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	HERBERT FIELDS ...	7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Major.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

EDWARD EVANS ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY DANIELS ...	5
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	GEORGE CASE ...	6
WILLIAM JONES ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ...	7
WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 4	HARRY NEWMAN ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

A welcome to the Rev. J. R. Lawton.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PENN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*KENNETH CHILTON ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN F. THIRST ...	5
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 2	CYRIL TABERNER ...	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	HARRY GRIFFITHS ...	7
ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.  
\* First peal of Major and first in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WALTER ALLMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE H. RANGLES ...	5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ...	6
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Bristol on the bells and for the Association.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE BEENEY ... <i>Treble</i>	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ...	5
WILFRED BOOTH ... 2	RONALD W. PANKHURST ...	6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	*BENJAMIN STEPNEY ...	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First eight-bell peal.



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NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5096 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Treble	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 5
†LESLIE T. HANSELL ... 2	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 6
MRS. T. J. LOCK ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
FRANK REED ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Major.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

GEORGE R. NEWTON ... Treble	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
*F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal in the method.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND ... 5
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 6
JAMES TAYLOR ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 7
JAMES MARSH ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Golden.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

*MISS LORNA BRIGGS ... Treble	JOHN CRAGG ... 5
SYDNEY JESSOP ... 2	HAROLD HARPER ... 6
LESLIE SQUIRES ... 3	FRANK DEWEY ... 7
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 4	*BERNARD DALTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK DEWEY.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and the wife of the conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Middleton's. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE SAUNDERS ... Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... 5
DONALD JENNINGS ... 2	HARRY MILLATT ... 6
*PHILIP CHALK ... 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... 7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 4	ERNEST BRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

\* First peal in method. In honour of the 952nd dedication festival.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES ... 5
ERNEST A. JURD ... 2	STANLEY E. COOK ... 6
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 7
*ALEXANDER PAGE ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal. In memoriam Frederick S. Bayley.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 2	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 7
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Superlative 'inside.' In memoriam J. A. Hart.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 8 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 14144 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 6
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Umpire: Harry Withers.

This is the longest length yet rung in this method. The longest length by all the band and for the Guild.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

FRANK H. HICKS ... Treble	†THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 7
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 150). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* 150th peal. † First peal in the method. 150th peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Treble	*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	JOHN THOMPSON ... 6
C. HENRY WEBB ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	†ALBERT E. BARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
*MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	†ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. † 250th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Treble	*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 5
JOHN WALDEN ... 2	HAROLD MARCON ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK F. HODSON ... 7
RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Daniels, on his appointment to Gainsborough.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST A. MANN ... Treble	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES ... 5
FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 2	FRANK G. OAKSHOTT ... 6
MISS JOYCE ENGLAND ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
WILKINS MASSEY ... 4	FREDERICK J. MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

BARWELL, LEICS.—At St. Mary's on September 21st, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A.C.2 R. Coleman (first quarter on working bell) 1. A. Hough 2. H. Duncombe 3. W. P. Whitehead 4. A. A. Lucas 5. C. R. Belton (conductor) 6. G. P. Garner 7. R. Pickering 8. Also 1,280 Bob Major: T. C. Belton 1. A. Hough 2. A. A. Lucas 3. H. Duncombe 4. H. Knights 5. T. K. Deacon 6. G. P. Garner 7. C. R. Belton (conductor) 8. First quarter in method for 2 and 4.



**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS**

DILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE DARBYSHIRE ... Treble	*DAVID STEEL ... 4
WILLIAM POTTS ... 2	WILLIAM PERKINS ... 5
EDWARD STEELE ... 3	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... Tenor

\* First peal of Minor.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS NANCY M. EVANS ... Treble	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 4
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 2	DAVID SMITH ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all except conductor. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG ... Treble	*FRANK BUTLER ... 4
*WILLIAM MEASURES ... 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 5
P.S. FRED BISHOP ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First peal.

BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Consisting of four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; five of Old, Norfolk and April Day; six of Plain Bob and nine of Grandsire; 41 changes of method.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*HARRY HALL ... Treble	+GEORGE SAYER ... 3
+FREDK. W. MIDDLETON ... 2	+F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal in eight Doubles methods. First peal in more than three methods on the bells.

LUDGERSHALL, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	*RONALD MARLOW ... 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAM ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
PETER ANGER ... 3	LESLIE A. PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*MYRTLE CASS ... Treble	ERNEST GARDNER ... 4
CHARLES W. DENYER ... 2	ERIC T. LEE ... 5
+EDNA P. DENYER ... 3	THOMAS E. DENYER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS JUNE DEAR ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... 4
MISS DAPHNE HARE ... 2	GEOFFREY MAYES ... 5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

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

Being four extents each of Union, St. Simon, April Day, Plain Bob, eight of Old, and 18 of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE F. SUGG ... Treble	RONALD G. BECK ... 3
VICTOR SAVAGE ... 2	FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 4

EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

First peal on the bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*CHARLES H. BLAKE ... Treble	LEONARD G. TOOKE ... 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 2	†ROBERT G. FISHER ... 5
†CEDRIC F. W. PHILOPOO ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

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

MARTIN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

One extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK INGALL ... Treble	JACK H. HODSON ... 4
CYRIL W. H. SPEED ... 2	HARRY CARTER ... 5
AMOS INGALL ... 3	MOSES BILLINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

\* First peal.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being four 720's of Oxford and three of Kent.

Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. F. BEER ... Treble	JOHN SUMMERHAYES ... 4
HARRY PURCHASE ... 2	GEORGE SPARKES ... 5
CLAUDE TARR ... 3	EDGAR QUICKE ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

A farewell to the ringer of the treble.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1947, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4
*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal on handbells.

TEDDINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 16, COLESHILL ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. Dobbie and Betty Dobbie.

Rung for the christening of Valerie Barbara Lovegrove, niece of Walter Dobbie.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal in the method 'in hand' for the Guild.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Davis 1, C. Smith 2, L. Green 3, C. Perry 4, R. W. Rex (conductor) 5, R. Long 6.



**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Gardner (first quarter) 1, S. H. Wood (first in method) 2, E. R. Rapley 3, L. Jupp (first in method) 4, R. V. Johnson 5, E. T. Exeter 6, E. H. Knapp 7, A. E. Laker (conductor) 8.

**BANSTEAD.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,312 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise: H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 1, Margaret Pitstow (first quarter of Spliced inside) 2, Jill Brittain 3, H. Cheesman 4, D. N. Layton (first quarter spliced) 5, N. Hobden 6, A. J. Adams 7, A. E. Cheesman 8.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 5th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major: H. Hingrove (cond.) 1, R. Buckland 2, A. Bridges 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Edwards 7, W. Redrup 8. First quarter-peal in method for 3 and 8.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Hooper 1, Miss M. Bennett 2, F. Skidmore 3, F. Sampson 4, A. C. Baker 5, V. Lucas 6, E. J. Ridler (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8. First quarter in method 2 and 6.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. John's on Oct. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Best 1, J. Daniels 2, Miss B. Adlam 3, G. Evenden 4, Miss F. Child 5, A. Butler 6, W. Shute 7, H. Mitchell (cond.) 8. First quarter-peal 1, 2, 4. First quarter Major 3 and 6.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Alphege's Church on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): D. Chatfield 1, D. Wilden (first quarter of Minor) 2, A. C. Philpott 3, Miss B. Philpott 4, A. E. Butler 5, P. J. Small (cond.) 6.

**CHERTSEY, SURREY.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Crocker (first quarter) 1, R. Lathbury 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 4, R. Andrews 5, W. Goldstone 6, J. Crocker 7, T. Warden 8.

**CLEWER, BERKS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Purchase (first quarter) 1, R. Posnett 2, K. Curtis 3, W. Butler 4, F. Rolfe (first as conductor) 5, S. L. Posnell 6. First quarter of Minor by all and by a local hand.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CREWE, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. Holloway 1, H. Edge 2, H. F. Holding 3, W. Holding 4, W. Kerr 5, R. T. Holding 6, T. Lamb 7, R. D. Langford 8, J. W. Edge (first quarter as cond.) 9, G. Packer 10.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Kelly 1, D. Blows 2, J. Armstrong 3, J. Fleetwood 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, F. Funnell 6, A. C. Chaplin 7, F. Freestone 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 3, 4, and first in method as conductor.

**EVERSHOT, DORSET.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Samways 1, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 2, E. T. Groves 3, H. Smith 4, H. Vine 5, T. Mullins 6. First quarter by 1 and 6 and first inside by 5.

**GODALMING, SURREY.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Cass 1, A. J. W. Appleton (first quarter Doubles) 2, J. O. Glanville 3, T. M. White 4, E. T. Lee (cond.) 5, A. D. Howard (first quarter) 6.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Pinchbeck (first quarter) 1, S. Proctor 2, H. Thorpe 3, P. Turner 4, W. Thorpe 5, C. Glenn (conductor) 6, C. Blakey 7, F. Proctor 8, T. Hall 9, R. Pick 10. First quarter on the new bells.

**GROBY, LEICS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Miss Enid Brown (first quarter) 1, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 2, G. Spencer 3, T. E. Gardner 4, D. Dodson 5, Denis Dodson 6.

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: E. Woodall 1, J. H. Cox 2, H. Shilcock 3, Molly Tromans 4, A. H. Harris 5, L. Clissett (first of Major) 6, H. G. Bird 7, T. Greenhall (conductor) 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Griffith (first quarter) 1, J. Carrott 2, T. McDougal 3, Miss J. Peacock (first in method) 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, J. Groves 7, F. Freestone 8.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, J. R. Mayne (first quarter in method as conductor) 2, P. Beedie (first quarter in method) 3, Miss E. K. Fulton 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. Wenban 6, G. Hughes 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chambers (first quarter) 1, H. Chambers 2, G. Le Marquand 3, J. J. Mawby 4, J. Skerritt 5, B. Lewis 6, A. Bigley (first in method as cond.) 7, S. Foskett 8.

**NEWMARKET, CAMBS.**—On Sept. 24th, on handbells, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3-4, J. A. Acres 5-6, S. Forwood 7-8.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sankey 1, W. H. Curson 2, G. A. Patrick 3, H. Carter 4, J. Quimby 5, H. C. Adams 6, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kingston 1, J. Ribbons 2, R. J. Andrews 3, J. B. Hessey 4, D. Sleet (cond.) 5, W. A. Goldstone 6. First quarter in method by 1 and 2.

**PLYMOUTH.**—On Oct. 5th at St. Andrew's, 1,257 Stedman Caters: G. H. Myers 1, A. S. Weatherly 2, R. J. Southwood 3, J. H. Tippet 4, A. W. Myers 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, H. F. Myers 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, D. F. Wheeler 10. First quarter Stedman Caters by 2, 3 and 4.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Brasier 1, L. W. Rogers 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, R. Mitchell 4, F. Hammond 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8. A compliment to the tenor ringer on reaching the age of 82.

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Oliver 1, F. Bennett 2, J. O. Glanville 3, H. A. May 4, R. Walker 5, B. Grover 6, G. Grover (conductor) 7, R. Wallis 8. First on eight for 1 and 8, first of Triples 3, first in method inside 6.

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The Editor congratulates  
the Exercise on its enthu-  
siasm for quarter-peals,  
over 100 having been received during the past  
10 days. Priority will be given to first quarters  
and very special occasions. Limitation of space  
will mean non-publication for some old friends  
to make way for the new.

Mr. Nolan Golden completed his 100th peal  
tower in Norfolk on October 4th at Besthorpe.

The contract for the new ten at Roker, Sun-  
derland, has been placed with Messrs. Gillett  
and Johnston, Ltd.

Will 'Cambs.' Ely, who wrote on 'Teaching  
by Film,' please forward his address to the  
Editor?

Two peals are being attempted on November  
8th to the memory of Gabriel Lindoff — at  
Leiston, arranged by Mr. Nolan Golden, and  
at St. James', Bristol, arranged by Mr. A. J.  
Corrigan.

Good news of progress to hand from the  
Cheltenham Branch, who, in addition to the  
usual weekly practices at the various towers,  
have a special practice of Double Norwich on  
Wednesdays.

By the peal of Stedman at Wem, Mr. Arthur  
Pritchard has rung 100 peals for the Shrop-  
shire Association. The only other peal of Sted-  
man on these bells was rung on March 11th,  
1916, conducted by C. R. Lilley. This was  
before the bells were rehung.

Half-muffled 'touches' lasting an hour were  
rung at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on October  
14th, by ringers from Streatham, Mitcham,  
South Croydon and the local band as a mark  
of respect to the late Charles Potheary.

Mr. C. Popple (aged 66) rang his first quarter  
at St. Peter-at-Gowt's Church, Lincoln, on  
September 30th. Thirteen months ago he rang  
his first course. It was of Plain Bob, the  
ringers being C. Popple 1, G. A. Melton (first  
away from treble) 2, W. S. Hill 3, C. Jeffery  
4, V. Briggs 5, H. R. Hurst (conductor) 6.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. Weatherby writes  
that he made the journey  
by plane to Victoria, B.C.,  
to meet Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes, and rang  
Grandsire, Bob Major and Stedman at Christ  
Church Cathedral. Another letter from Mr.  
A. C. Limpus tells of Mr. Hughes' visit to the  
Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver,  
B.C., where ringers from far and near gathered  
to welcome him.

Mr. James Marsh has completed 50 years as  
a service ringer at Christ Church, Aughton  
Lancs. He is not too old to enjoy a peal.

Mr. Jack F. Hodson has now 'circled' St.  
Giles', Lincoln.

Youth were performing at Warkton,  
Northants, with a four-method peal of Doubles.  
Very creditable!

Mr. H. Balcomb, of Appledore, Kent, is  
searching for eight bell tunes, either songs or  
hymns. He would like to know where to send  
for them. His bells are in C.

Three young ringers participated in the peal  
of Cambridge Maximus on October 2nd at  
Leicester, one, Mavis Whitehead, being under  
14. The peal was Sidney O. Cheney's 100th.

An illuminated address, in recognition of 50  
years' service as foreman of the local band, has  
been presented to Mr. Josiah Nicholls by the  
ringers of All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, Beds.  
Mr. Nicholls, who retired owing to ill-health,  
was made hon. foreman.

Any ringers who are members of the craft  
and would be interested in the formation of  
a Masonic lodge for ringers are asked to com-  
municate with Mr. Raymond Philpott, 2,  
Church Street, Leatherhead. Mr. Philpott also  
enquires if a peal has been rung by Royal  
Arch Masons.

Miss Pamela A. Martin, who started her peal  
ringing career with one of Minor in seven  
methods at Ansley End, Herts, had previously  
never rung a longer length than 720 Plain Bob.  
Writes Conductor Walter Ayre: 'She had  
nearly as many blisters as I had when I rang  
my first peal, but rang excellently.'

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# JUBILEE OF THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

BISHOP OF LONDON AND RELIGIOUS INTENTION IN RINGING ..... NINE FOUNDATION MEMBERS  
HONOURED AT FESTIVAL DINNER.....HISTORICAL SKETCH BY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

**I**N the historic Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met on Saturday in honour of their jubilee, to remember those who during the past 50 years had given service to the Association and to pray for blessing on future activities.

Patron of the Association is the Bishop of London (Dr. J. W. Wand), and he attended to preach the sermon. He based his address on St. Luke's life—as evangelist, physician and artist, and it was, said the Bishop, on the art side that St. Luke touched them. Bellingring might be a different kind of art to that of a painter, but it was in its effect a very gracious art. It was in some respects the most typical English art—change ringing was a typically English pursuit, and the sound of changes being rung was part of the typical sounds of the countryside. He recalled the hearing of the bells across the Lincolnshire wolds and at Oxford, where on most evenings bells were rung from tower or steeple, sounds which one loved. In Australia one of the things he missed most was the bells. In his diocese of Queensland there was only one ring of bells, at Maryborough, where it was possible to keep up the art of ringing.

In ringing they had an art and skill which had contributed to religious endeavour. Not always on the part of ringers was there a good religious intention behind their ringing, but they should remember that with a religious intention the beauty of their art was enhanced a hundredfold. If religious intention was there then there was strength, beauty, truth and goodness. It was that beauty that it was their privilege to preserve, and in preserving that they were adding something to the totality of their life. Remember—

A thing of beauty, is a joy for ever;  
Its loveliness increases; it will never  
Pass into nothingness.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Percival Gough, and the lessons read by the Rev. J. D. Richards.

## THE DINNER.

The president (Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane) presided at the jubilee dinner, held at Slater's Restaurant, the Strand. He was supported on the top table by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roberts, Mr. W. Pickworth.

Others present were the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Richards, the Rev. P. T. W. Tranter, the Rev. P. Gough, Mr. and Miss Prockson, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kilby, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Kilby, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. and the Misses P. and E. M. Goodfellow.

Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mrs. Lera, the Misses R. M. Davies, E. K. Fulton, F. Clayton, D. and M. Lidbetter, D. A. Bird.

Messrs. W. J. Bowden, J. Bennett, R. Sanders, J. E. Miller, S. Wade, W. H. Joiner, B. Newson, W. H. Oram, H. C. Chandler, W. Lewis, H. G. Hart, G. R. Goodship, E. B. Hartley, G. A. Parsons, F. Miller, A. J. W. Hughes, C. W. Ward, F. A. Barker, B. F. Tubb, P. Blake, E. Pratchett, W. Baldwin, R. Wenban, W. Wenban, R. H. Begrie, R. Newman, L. H. Bowler, A. Cutler, E. Kilby, T. G. Bannister, W. Honor, F. Blondell, F. G. Baldwin, H. W. Impey, R. G. L. Kilby and T. W. White.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey said the Church to-day was subject to great criticism, mainly from those who did not attend, who emphasised



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failures and ignored good points. The frequent criticism heard was, 'I am not good enough and they who go are not as good as they ought to be.' The Bishop of London said recently at a gathering he attended, 'The Church is a school for sinners and not a synod for saints.' It was a helpful thought.

The Rev. Percival Gough, Vicar of Acton, in reply, said he looked forward to the time when spiritual things in the Church would be free from secular control, and that eventually after an interval the Church would come back to the State and exercise that proper influence.

The toast of 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild' was proposed by the Rev. J. D. Richards (St. Botolph's), who said it was a great thing to have reached 50 years. Their association was started by keen churchmen, so it was right and proper that they should have a fair sprinkling of clergy present.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF RINGING.

There were certain characteristics about people who were enthusiastic about bellringing. One was a tremendous sense of brotherhood and good fellowship. Bellringers could always walk into another tower and be immediately welcomed and made one of the family. Another characteristic was their tremendous enthusiasm and sense of duty. It was like a disease—a kind of 'bug' that was caught by association with ringers. John Bunyan had it and his writings tell how he tried to resist it.

That afternoon he had a very great privilege of unveiling a memorial in the form of chiming apparatus at St. Botolph's Church to an old friend of theirs, Jim Davis. He was a man who made St. Botolph's a great ringing centre. In 1933 31 peals were rung in that church and many ringers rang their first peal with him. In association with him were men who made the Middlesex—William Pye, C. T. Coles and J. A. Trollope.

Concluding, Mr. Richards said the very activity of bellringing was of worship and giving glory to God and proclaiming the gospel. Their ringing should always be a glorification

of God and they should never forget that theirs was one of the oldest methods of propaganda of the Church.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the association's secretary, in reply, said before 1897 there were two relatively small associations operating in Middlesex. The first was the Middlesex Association, established in 1889. Bands affiliated to this association were Barnet, Edmonton, Edgware, Finchley, Gospel Oak, Hadley, Hampstead (St. Stephen's), Hendon, Southgate, Stoke Newington, South Mimms and Tottenham. The second was the South and West Middlesex Guild, established in 1894, to which the bands at Acton, Ealing (St. Mary's and Christ Church), Staines, Hillingdon (St. John's and St. Andrew's), Harmondsworth, Heston and Isleworth were affiliated.

These two societies did not remain independent for very long; in 1896 the committee of the Middlesex Association approached the other committee with a view to uniting both organisations as districts of a Middlesex County Association. Behind these negotiations was Mr. A. T. King, the secretary of the Middlesex Association. His ambition was to form a Guild embracing all change ringers in the London Diocese. The first step was the amalgamation of the two independent Middlesex societies. It required the greatest diplomacy to overcome the objections, mostly based on misconceptions. On Whit Monday, 1897, these two associations were welded into one, a condition being that the two district secretaries should hold the office of secretary of the new association jointly and that each district retained a percentage of members' subscriptions for its own use. When the first report was issued the membership numbered 338, with 23 affiliated towers: to-day it was 846 with 48 affiliated towers.

In 1903 with the approval of the Bishop of London the words London Diocesan Guild were added to the title. Again objections had to be overcome. Some little feeling, which, however, was destined to be but of a transient nature, was expressed on the part of some of the older London ringing societies to the effect that the Middlesex had ignored their existence. Needless to say, they were never actuated by any such feelings. Membership of their association was, and they hoped always would be, compatible with membership of the older societies, to one or other of which very many of their members deemed it an honour to belong. This recognition by the Bishop of London as the Guild for his diocese had undoubtedly a great and lasting effect upon the history of the association, and only a man with an infinite amount of tact and good judgment such as Mr. King had could have overcome the difficulties of the first few years.

Outstanding personalities of the Middlesex Association recalled by Mr. Turner were Mr. F. A. Milne, hon. treasurer from 1897-1929; Mr. W. Pye, Master from 1910-1935; Mr. C. T. Coles, secretary from 1910-1945; Mr. W. H. Hollier, secretary of the South and West District and founder of the Peal Boards Committee of the Central Council; Mr. J. A. Trollope, vice-president from 1930-1946, historian and editor of 'The Ringing World.' All these men offered them a challenge to follow their example. He hoped at their centenary a further record of service comparable with that they were remembering to-day would be recalled.

Prevented by illness from being with them that day was the Rev. E. R. Moore, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Mr. W. G. Wilson, who was at present in Clare Hall Sanatorium and would be pleased to hear from his old friends, and Mr. J. Herbert, of Twickenham. He was sure they would like him to write to each of

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## Truro Diocesan Guild

Sixty members attended the Penzance Branch meeting at Zennor on October 4th. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and call changes were rung on the six bells (tenor 12 cwt.). The Rev. F. R. S. Byfield (Vicar) gave the address at the service, and welcomed the members to Zennor, saying he hoped it would not be another 17 years before they came again, the last time being in 1930.

Tea was served in the schoolroom. At the business meeting Miss Eileen Symons (branch chairman) presided. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Camborne was accepted. Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram also gave a pressing invitation to visit Manaccan and St. Anthony, but it was agreed to make a visit to those two delightful parishes later next year. The Rev. A. S. Roberts (branch secretary) thanked the Vicar and his lady helpers.

The Vicar announced that he hoped that the returned six bells with the addition of two trebles at Towednack would be dedicated on Nov. 15th.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held their first meeting at Norton, where the ring has been augmented from three to eight, on September 27th. Fifty ringers attended, representing 20 towers. The service was conducted by Canon J. H. Bailey (Vicar), who in his address said that four of the new bells were given, and the other was subscribed for by the parishioners of Norton.

The ringers were the guests at tea of the Norton band. The president of the Association, Mr. L. Fidler, congratulated Canon Bailey on now having a ring of eight. The work was carried out by John Taylor and Co. A.E.S.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

A pleasant meeting was held at Wimbledon on September 27th, where over 56 ringers, representing 24 towers, assembled. A service was held, and the Vicar (the Rev. Norman Hook) gave a short address.

At the meeting the Rev. Norman Hook and Major K. E. Hart were elected honorary members. The following joined as ringing members: H. Cox, Miss E. Dearing, Miss A. L. Neale, T. Brownhill and J. Tompsett (all from Wimbledon). Christ Church, Mitcham, and St. Leonard's, Streatham, were open after tea.

## MIDDLESEX JUBILEE.—Continued.

these on their behalf wishing them all a complete recovery (hear, hear).

'Foundation Members' were honoured on the call of Mr. W. H. Coles. There were nine members and eight of them were with them that evening, Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, unfortunately not being able to be with them. Those present were W. Baldwin (Barnet), Frank Blondell (Ruislip), Henry Chandler (Heston), William Honor (Hillingdon), J. Miller (Southgate), William Pickworth (Southgate), E. E. Patchett (Hendon) and S. Wade (Southgate). These veterans were honoured musically, and Mr. Coles added, 'We are proud to call them our ringing fathers.'

Messrs. Pickworth, Baldwin and Chandler replied.

The concluding toast was 'Thanks.' Mr. T. J. Lock mentioned in this the Bishop of London, their patron, for his kindness and interest in preaching the sermon; the Rev. E. R. Moore, the Rev. C. L. Parker, of Clerkenwell, for the use of the bells; their president (Preb. Cole Sheane); and Mr. C. Ernest Turner, upon whose shoulders the organisation of that function devolved.

The President, in reply, said it was a great privilege to be present on that jubilee occasion and also to see those foundation members who had stood by the Guild for half a century.

Pianoforte solos were played by Mrs. W. H. Coles, and there was handbell ringing by Messrs. C. W. Roberts, F. C. S. Turner, J. F. Smallwood, E. Kilby and F. W. Goodfellow.

## LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR RECORD

### \*THE STORY OF A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

On Saturday, October 4th, 1947, the record length of 14,112 changes of London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1903, and conducted by William Pye, was surpassed when eight resident members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild rang 14,144 changes in the method in 8 hours and 25 minutes. Seven were from Lincoln Cathedral band and the treble ringer came from Sedgbrook.

At various times in recent years members of the Guild had expressed the opinion that since the longest composition of London Surprise Major had been produced by the Rev. H. Law James, sometime Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, it would be fitting if his peal could be rung by a Lincolnshire band. Nothing definite materialised until John Freeman decided that 1947 was the year for the attempt.

An ideal place for long peal ringing is Heydour, situated 'twixt Grantham and Sleaford. In late 1945 the old ring of five were augmented to eight and rehung on ball bearings. Coupled with this is the fact that there are only four houses in Heydour and two of these are an appreciable distance from the church. The Vicar, the Rev. C. N. Hodge, was interviewed and he readily gave his consent.

During the three months prior to August Bank Holiday much time was devoted to ringing London. Several ordinary peals were rung, and on July 5th the chosen band met at Heydour and rang 5,824 changes with the tenors parted for the greater part of the peal by way of rehearsal. A similar peal was rung at Washborough on July 23rd. During this period several visits were made to Heydour, when worn ropes were replaced, others adjusted and a curtain fitted over the belfry window as a protection against the glare of the sun.

To all ringers, sooner or later, there comes a day when, while they do not make serious mistakes, they are not at their best. Such a day for the Lincolnshire band was August Bank Holiday. Perhaps it was the occasion—none had attempted a long peal before—but whatever it was, the ringing did not run smoothly and during the second 'schemozzle' of the day the conductor called 'Stand.' The attempt had lasted 6 hours and 36 minutes, and umpire Harry Withers reported that up to that point the course ends had turned up according to schedule, but in the opinion of the band and of those listening, the ringing was not good enough for a record attempt.

Several weeks elapsed, blistered hands healed, and all were ready for the fray again. October 4th was selected for a further attempt.

If August Bank Holiday had been a bad day, October 4th was a good day, for everyone was at ease and master of his job. The bells went into changes at 9.30 a.m., and at 5.55 p.m. the last bob at home brought the bells round, without any serious hitch occurring throughout the day. Mr. Harry Withers again represented the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham and acted as umpire.

The listeners volunteered to lower the bells, while the band put in some steady demolition work among various parcels of food provided by certain good ladies well conversant with the requirements of their menfolk after ringing peals.

The bells lowered, the food eaten, the treble ringer returned to Sedgbrook, while the Lincoln contingent returned to Lincoln, where they were kindly entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden. Followed some conversation, and then the party went to their various homes and so to what seemed a veritable heaven on earth, bed!

### THE BAND.

Treble. George W. CREASEY. — Age 44, rung 87, conducted 25. A sound ringer on all numbers of bells—he has rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus—and is quite capable of ringing 14,144 London Surprise on an inside bell.

2nd. Charles McGUINNESS. — Age 48, rung 203. Rang in the peals of Minor in 100, 102, 104 and 125 methods, and the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods. Also took part in the first peals for the Lincoln Guild of Cambridge Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, London Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6 and 10 methods and several 'firsts' in Major methods and 'in hand.'

3rd. Kenneth W. MAYER. — Age 31, rung 79. One of the wiser ringers who will not attempt to ring a method until he is absolutely sure of his ground. For this reason he only rang his first peal of London as recently as May this year. A safe ringer in all his peals, which have ranged from Minor to Cinques.

6th. Kenneth S. B. CROFT. — Age 25, rung 72, conducted 8. A past Master of the Cambridge University Guild, he rang his first peal on handbells in 1939. He has rung peals in a variety of methods, including the four standard Surprise methods.

5th. John A. FREEMAN. — Age 62, rung 178, conducted 98. Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and one of the Guild representatives on the Central Council. He is an excellent conductor on all numbers of bells. He called the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods and the first peals for the Lincoln Guild of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, London Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6 and 10 methods, as well as a number of firsts for the Guild by resident bands. He took part in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus for the Guild, a peal of Superlative Royal—the first for 100 years—and has called peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. The high standard of method ringing in Lincoln and district is entirely due to his untiring energy and leadership during the past 30 years.

6th. John WALDEN. — Age 55, rung 173, conducted 10. Took part in the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods and the first peals for the Lincoln Guild of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, London Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6 and 10 methods, Cambridge Maximus, Superlative Royal and a number of firsts for the Guild by resident bands.

7th. Jack L. MILLHOUSE. — Age 31, rung 219, conducted 61. It is doubtful if any Guild possesses a more enthusiastic ringer. He took part in the peals of Minor in 100, 102, 104 and 125 methods, the Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods and the first peals for the Lincoln Guild of Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6 and 10 methods and various plain methods. He called the first peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major for the Guild, and has called peals of London Cambridge and Superlative.

Tenor. John FREEMAN (conductor). — Age 28, rung 124, conducted 60. The subject of this sketch entered the field of ringing on a high plane, for at 16 he rang and conducted his first peal, one of Stedman Cinques. He has called most of his peals from working bells, including London Surprise Major, at the age of 17 and, more recently, a peal of Stedman Cinques in short courses throughout—only the second ever rung. He took part in the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods.

The band wish to place on record their appreciation of the readiness with which the Vicar of Heydour, the Rev. C. N. Hodge, gave his permission for the two attempts to be made, the co-operation of the local ringers, and to Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham, for solving the problem of finding a suitable umpire.

### THE PREVIOUS RECORD.

This was rung at King's Norton by the St. Martin's Guild on May 11th, 1903, in 8 hours and 40 minutes, by Harry Chapman 1, George R. Pye 2, William Short 3, Gabriel Lindoff 4, Ernest Pye 5, William Keeble 6, J. Motts 7, William Pye (conductor) 8. Umpire, H. Withers, who took down every lead as rung.



## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE CHESTER.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has lost a valuable member through the death of Mr. George Chester, who was a member of the old North Lincolnshire Association and later a foundation member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

In the early part of the century he was a member of the band at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, which at that time included such men as Gabriel Lindoff and Arthur Craven, and later joined the Cathedral company, acting as secretary for a number of years.

He represented the Guild on the Central Council for many years, was secretary for the Lincoln District of the Northern Branch, and treasurer of the latter up to the time of his death.

Several ringers and friends, old and young, attended the funeral service at St. Michael's Church on October 9th, and at St. Nicholas' Cemetery, where he was laid to rest.

### THE REV. E. S. POWELL.

The funeral service for the Rev. E. S. Powell, M.A., took place at Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset, on October 2nd. The service was conducted by Preb. E. V. Cox, the Rev. A. T. Stevens (Shepton Beauchamp) and the Rev. D. Ballard (Stoke-under-Ham).

The coffin was borne to the grave by six ringers—Mr. V. J. Farthing (Montacute), Mr. R. Beale and Mr. W. Marks (Shepton Beauchamp), Mr. H. Pester, Mr. H. Warr and Mr. J. Drew (Stoke-under-Ham).

The bells were rung half-muffled before the service by the local ringers and open after the service, when visitors to the tower included Preb. E. V. Cox, who succeeded Mr. Powell as president of the Devon Guild; the Rev. C. Carew Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis; Mr. J. T. Dyke, general secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary, Ilchester Deanery; Mr. W. J. Osborne, Galhampton.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and from the Peterborough Diocesan Association, of which Mr. Powell was Master for many years.

### GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

#### MEETING AT MORETONHAMSTEAD.

There was only a moderate attendance at the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch meeting at Moretonhamstead. The bells were kept going to Grandire methods during the afternoon, after which the party adjourned to Marley's Cafe for tea, where they were joined by the Rector (the Rev. M. G. Leadbitter).

After tea ringing took place at Highweek Church, where touring ringers joined in. Here Grandire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Minor and Major was rung.

#### MEETING AT HALWILL.

The North-Western Branch held a meeting at Halwill on October 4th and some 35 members and local ringers attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Fowke (Rector), assisted by the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill (chairman of the branch). Tea was provided by the ladies connected with the local band, and all enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon. Votes of thanks to the Rector, organist and the ladies were passed, and four new members from Pyworthy were elected. The ringing included rounds, call changes, Grandire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

It may be added that in reply to a recent letter in 'The Ringing World' on 'propaganda,' that the Devon Guild and its branches are ever insistent on creating happy relations with call-change ringers and bringing to their experience the merits of change ringing. They do so by meetings and by ensuring that the ringing of changes is good so that the round ringer can admire the striking and rhythm.

P.C.S.

In his memory 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Thrapston on October 9th by A. Bellamy 1, A. Gibbs 2, B. J. Stubbs 3, W. Copperwheat 4, G. W. Jeffs 5, W. J. Whitmore 6, H. Richardson 7, E. E. Whitmore (conductor and present Master of Peterborough Diocesan Guild) 8.

At Stoke-under-Ham, 1,260 Grandire Doubles on October 12th, 'in grateful appreciation of his help to local ringers,' by D. Pester 1, W. Warr 2, J. Drew (conductor) 3, H. Pester 4, H. Warr 5.

### MR. T. L. SPARROW.

The death occurred at Stowmarket on Oct. 5th of Thomas Langford Sparrow, aged 62. He had been ill for about eight months, bearing a very painful complaint with great patience and fortitude. He leaves a widow.

Except for a break in the 1930's, when he lived at Dagenham and rang with the Dagenham and Hornchurch companies, Tom Sparrow had been associated with the Stowmarket band for over 40 years. With his brothers Shelford and Walter, he learnt to ring at Great Finborough, where their boyhood was spent, and it was always a delight to see them displaying their skill, acquired at an early age, on handbells. The last occasion was only a few weeks ago, and it is interesting to record also that Tom's last touch on tower bells was on April 21st, when, ill as he was, he struggled up to take part in the celebrations for the coming-of-age of Princess Elizabeth. He loved bells and he loved talking about ringing, which, next to his work, was practically his only interest outside his home.

Although competent in many methods, he had rung only about a dozen peals, his chief interest being in service ringing and practices, at which he could always be relied on to turn up, however adverse the weather.

At the funeral service on October 9th, the Vicar of Stowmarket made reference to his long and faithful service to the church. Several ringers were present, and a course of Grandire Triples was rung at the graveside by Miss J. Freer, O. G. Barnard, H. D. Lister and C. Cracknell. In the evening a quarter-peal was rung on the tower bells with half-muffled clappers.

### MRS. S. R. E. PIPE'S PEALS

A particularly varied list has Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe in her 200 peals.

Maximus: Superlative 3 (conducted 1); Cambridge 11 (1); New Cambridge 2, Rochester 1, Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1, York 2, Kent T.B. 3, Double Norwich C.B. 1, Little Bob 1.

Cinques: Stedman 2.

Royal: Rochester 1, Cambridge 5 (1), Yorkshire 1, Kent T.B. 2.

Caters: Grandire 1, Bob Caters 1.

Major: Superlative 13 (4), Cambridge 26 (6), London 7 (1), Yorkshire 3, New Cambridge 2, Bristol 3 (1), York 1, Pudsey 1 (1), Spliced S. Major 4 methods 2 (1), Kent T.B. 11 (3), Oxford T.B. 3 (1), Double Norwich 6 (1), Bob Major 9 (2).

Triples: Stedman 3, Grandire 5.

Minor: 7 methods 13 (1), 6 methods 1, 5 methods 4, 4 methods 16 (4), 3 methods 10 (3), 2 methods 2 (1), Cambridge 6 (2), York 1 (1), Kent T.B. 2 (1), Oxford T.B. 2 (1), Double Court 1, Bob Minor 7 (1).

Bob Doubles 1.

Total: 200 (conducted 40).

### MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Rollleston-on-Dove, former home of the Moseley family, was visited by the Guild on October 11th, when the titbit was Grandire Doubles by five young ladies, assisted by a male member on the tenor.

Mr. W. H. Curson presided at the business meeting, when Mr. A. E. Greening (Rollleston) was elected a member. 'Continue your ministry of ringing out a challenge to the world' was the theme of the address of the Rector (the Rev. F. Abbott) at the service.

### Suffolk Guild at Sudbury

A very enjoyable meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Sudbury on October 4th, when about 40 members and visitors attended. Ringing commenced at St. Gregory's, when the standard was indifferent owing to bad handling. It is regrettable that so many young ringers will not let their arms rise above their faces at back stroke, thus losing control of their bell, which results in bad striking and loss of a definite beat.

A ringer visiting a strange tower and finding extra long tail ends can judge with a fair amount of certainty that ringing is not of a high standard.

By 3.45 Superlative was suggested and tail ends were heightened by at least a foot and an almost perfect course was rung. Stedman and other methods followed until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made for tea, which was greatly enjoyed by 30.

Very little business was transacted, but following the question from the general secretary of 'Any complaints,' a member thought it very regrettable that services were not held at Suffolk Guild meetings except at the annual general. This matter will no doubt be raised again at a later date.

The General Secretary said he viewed with alarm the small number of young people entering the Ringing Exercise, and he made an appeal to every individual to find at least one young person to take up ringing.

It was agreed the next general meeting be held at Bury St. Edmunds on November 29th.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Harold Herbert for acting as chairman, to the Rectors for the use of the bells and Mr. Archie Fitch for arranging tea were accorded. Further ringing took place at St. Peter's and All Saints' until a late hour.

C.W.P.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### CANTERBURY DISTRICT ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District attracted a gathering of 100, representing 26 towers, to the cathedral city on October 11th. The Rev. C. Magraw conducted the service at St. Alphege's, and a collection for the Benevolent Fund realised £2.

At the business meeting which followed tea at the White Swan Restaurant, the healthy state of the district was shown in the secretary's report, which stated that there was an attendance of 69 at the eight meetings during the year.

Re-elections were: Chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell; secretary, Mr. B. J. Luck; Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Port; district representatives, Messrs. H. R. French and J. W. Unwin. Two new members were elected. Deal was chosen for a quarterly meeting with Faversham for a by-meeting in December. It was announced that Dover bells will shortly be reopened after overhaul.

Ringing took place at the Cathedral, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The first meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Stanton on October 4th, when representatives of ten towers spent an enjoyable afternoon in this Cotswold village.

With the Rector (the Rev. R. Milburn Crowe) in the chair, members discussed the possibility of forming a new branch to comprise the Winchcombe Deanery, or of transferring certain towers to the Tewkesbury Branch. Group Capt. Lister was in favour of the transfer, but found no support, and as there were only 18 members in the area at present, it was decided to leave the Cheltenham Branch as constituted.

The bells of Buckland were put to good use in the evening, the party being strengthened by members from Dumbleton. The members from Childswickham showed good progress, being able since the last meeting to ring Stedman.

C.R.



## Ringers' Outings

### FARNHAM DISTRICT AT CROYDON.

Arranged primarily for young ringers and recruits, nearly 50 members and friends of the Farnham District of Guildford Guild had a visit to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston personally conducted the party round the foundry, and great interest was taken in the work in hand, which included a ring of eight for Buckland Monachorum, Devon, and rings of six for Cranham, Glos., Poughill, Devon, Send, Surrey, and Towdnack, Cornwall. The party also visited the clock room, where hundreds of clocks, mostly of church tower pattern, are repaired or made.

An excellent tea was served in the works canteen under the supervision of Mrs. C. F. Johnston. The Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) expressed the indebtedness of the party to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston for their hospitality and invitation to visit the works. In reply, Mr. Johnston recalled that he was present at Guildford in 1928 when that Guild was formed and he wished it continued success.

Ringing afterwards took place at Croydon Parish Church and Banstead.

### ANSTHEY VISIT LINCOLN.

St. Mary's, Anstey, Leicestershire, visited Lincoln on September 27th. At the Cathedral they were met by Mr. J. A. Freeman and some of the Cathedral band, who assisted in the ringing of Stedman Cinques, Triples, Cambridge Major and Bob Royal. Afternoon ringing was at St. Peter-at-Gowts and on the homeward journey at Harmston and Leadenham.

### HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Five churches, including one cathedral, in Essex were visited by Hatfield College Youths on September 27th. Ringing took place at Hatfield Broad Oak, Chelmsford Cathedral, Felstead, Braintree, Thaxted and Stanstead (where the bells are hung anti-clockwise). The Rector (the Rev. Griffiths) accompanied the Youths, and at the lunch at Chelmsford thanked the ringers for their good work. Mr. A. Lawrence, the captain replied and welcomed the North Mimms ringers to the party.

### THE COTSWOLD COUNTRY.

On September 13th, the St Ambrose Guild, Bristol, and friends had an enjoyable outing in ideal weather to Stroud Valley. Cheltenham and Evesham, returning via Chipping Campden, Chedworth and Cirencester, a round trip of 140 miles through some of the most delightful country. Ringing took place at Evesham, Chipping Campden and Chedworth.

### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

#### ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

Preb. G. W. Saunders, who presided at the meeting at East Coker on October 4th, attended by about 30 ringers, referred to the loss sustained, not only by the branch but to the whole Exercise, by the sudden death of the Rev. E. S. Powell. The loss would also be felt by the local clergy, whom he had so willingly assisted during his residence at Stoke-under-Ham. The meeting stood in silence for a few moments, and the secretary was requested to send a message of sympathy to Mrs. Powell.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Ivor G. Sanders) and organist for the service concluded the meeting.

### MEETING AT KEWSTOKE.

Nearly 100 members, believed to be a record, attended the meeting of the Axbridge Deanery at Kewstoke, ringing being under the leadership of Mr. G. Prescott (Ringing Master).

Mr. I. J. Burroughs (Mark) presided at the business meeting, when tributes of respect were paid to the memory of Mr. Ralph Popham (Mark) and Mr. G. Masters (Uphill).

The Vicar (the Rev. R. Knight) conducted the service, and the tea produced a profit of £2 13s., which was divided between Yatton and Evercreech Bell Restoration Funds.

## Quarter Peals

**BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rouse 1, L. Tibbetts (first inside) 2, H. Webb (cond.) 3, P. Baker 4, W. G. Folley 5, H. W. Webb 6.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On Sept. 28th at St. Botolphs, 1,264 Bob Major: T. Freeston 1, Lorna Briggs 2, R. Brown 3, A. Freeston 4, D. White 5, F. Dewey 6, J. Petch 7, A. Flatters (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

**BOWDON, CHESHIRE.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss Jean Brown (first quarter) 1, N. Brown 2, F. Arrowsmith (first quarter) 3, Miss Mary Elkins 4, C. K. Lewis 5, Miss Joan Morris 6, H. A. McKinnell 7, A. J. Brown (cond.) 8. First quarter inside 2 and 6.

**BUCKNALL, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss Betty Palmer (first quarter) 1, R. O. Preston 2, F. W. Grocott, sen. 3, Mrs. C. Bowen 4, W. Fradley 5, F. W. Grocott, jun. (cond.) 6.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—At St. Thomas' on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hosgood 1, E. W. Biffin 2, C. Yates (first quarter inside) 3, F. Wills 4, R. Truman 5, C. Hosgood 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, H. Wills 8.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. M. Stepany (first quarter, age 12) 1, J. Goldsmith 2, F. H. Hicks 3, G. Beenvy 4, B. Stepany (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Oct. 5th at All Saints', 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss B. Denton (first quarter) 1, Miss S. E. Harris 2, E. Dodds 3, H. W. Rogers 4, D. Charnley 5, G. Dodds (cond.) 6.

**MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Drayson (first quarter) 1, F. Gilbert 2, D. R. Reed 3, M. R. D. Harford 4, B. R. Tiller 5, C. W. Reed (first quarter as cond.) 6. Miss N. E. Stone afterwards rang her first quarter of Doubles.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Sept. 28th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Erin Triples: S. E. Cook 1, L. P. Cook 2, E. A. Jurd 3, W. A. Theobald 4, W. Tate 5, J. H. Hunt 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, H. A. Nobes 8. First quarter in the method by all, in the county, and by the Guild.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—At All Saints' on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Little Bob Major: Miss Maureen Gooing (first quarter) 1, P. North (first quarter in method) 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, E. Liversidge 4, L. Field 5, G. F. Tuke 6, A. Firth (cond.) 7, T. Colin Ryder 8.

**SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sutton (first quarter) 1, G. Halksworth 2, H. Spencer 3, H. Robson 4, W. H. Barker 5, H. S. Morley 6, Bert Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Sept. 28th, at St. Chad's, 1,260 Bob Royal: F. G. Beddow 1, J. F. Butler 2, W. C. Brookes 3, A. E. Reeves 4, R. Pole 5, C. Barron 6, F. H. Bennett 7, G. Jones 8, W. Farmer 9, A. Pritchard (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for 1, 2 and 6.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, Miss S. B. Ford (first in method) 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, J. B. Ford 4, W. Coles 5, W. L. Gutteridge 6, F. Corke 7, D. H. Pearce 8.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral on Sept. 29th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. G. Saver 2, T. J. Lock 3, J. G. Blow 4, L. S. Hansell 5, D. A. Bayles 6, W. J. Arnold 7, R. F. Ewer 8, A. Day 9, E. Sprague 10, G. W. Debenham 11, B. E. Cornell 12. In memoriam Very Rev. E. L. Henderson.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W.**—At St. Jude's, Randwick, on Sept. 28th, 840 Plain Bob Doubles. 240 Grandsire Doubles: Ray B. Altass (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Donnelly (first inside) 2, N. Robinson 3, R. S. Rowe 4, J. Duncan (first as cond.) 5, W. Peverell (first quarter) 6.

**WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Blackman 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, W. R. Falconer 3, Joyce Humphrey 4, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 5, W. G. Challen 6, M. Marshall 7, F. S. Smithers 8.

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**HERTFORD.**—Young professional man, change ringer (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman), taking up appointment with County Council end of November, seeks congenial digs in Hertford.—Page, 13, East Street, Pontyprrd, Glam. 2171

## MISCELLANEOUS

**IT IS NOT TOO EARLY FOR THOUGHTS OF CHRISTMAS.** Delight Ringers' Record Books would make excellent presents this year.—Write William H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, for sample sheets. 2149

## PUBLICATIONS

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, 52, The Close, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities; well illustrated with plans, cross-sections, and pictures. 'This is the best book of its kind that I have ever seen; please send three more.'—A reader's opinion. 2124

## MEETINGS

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Lewisisham District.—Annual district meeting, St. John's, Erith, Sat., Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30.

**ELY ASSN.**—Ely District.—Sutton (6), Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2129

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Sat., Oct. 25th, at Codicote. Bells from 3. Tea 5.15.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 2131

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—A meeting at St. Ives, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 2123



**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Cary Deanery.—Meeting Barton St. David, Oct. 25th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 2126

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Bridgwater Deanery.—Meeting at Westonzoyland, Oct. 25th, 3. It is hoped to arrange tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2133

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting Sat., Oct. 25th, Old Windsor, 6.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2137

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech Branch.—Hilgay (8), Oct. 25th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2153

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting Aston-on-Trent, Oct. 25th, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—W. A. Parsons, Dis. Sec. 2152

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Sat., Oct. 25th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Red Lion.—H. L. Martin, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2145

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—At Exning, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. (Please advise Rev. C. S. Scott, The Vicarage, Exning, Newmarket.) Business meeting 5.30. Newmarket All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available afterwards. All ringers and beginners invited to attend.—R. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 2145

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting Oct. 25th, St. Mary Quay, 2.30. St. Clement's 3.30. Tea Tudor Cafe 5. Business and election of secretary after. Other towers in evening.—C. W. Pipe. 2138

**LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.**—The 10 bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford (Rt. Rev. L. D. Hammond) on Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 11 a.m. Ringing until 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—F. A. Sedgwick, 10, Dam Street, Lichfield, Staffs. 2113

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Meeting Bucknall, Sat., Nov. 1st. Committee meeting 4. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2154

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Bletchley (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 5.—R. H. Howson. 2164

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Rusper, Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 2173

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Nov. 1st, monthly meeting SS. Philip and Jacob's. Usual arrangements.—C. H. Wood, Branch Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, Bristol 2. 2163

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Dalton-in-Furness Sat., Nov. 1st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Names for tea to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness, by Oct. 28th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 2175

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC. and DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting, Chesterfield Parish Church, Nov. 1st, 3. Tea probably arranged; names to me by 29th.—Sam Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield. 2176

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Southern Branch.—Ringing practice meeting at Evesham bell tower, Sat., Nov. 1st. All ringers most cordially invited to this splendid ring of 10. Bells from 3. 2158

**TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.**—The ring of six, rehung and retuned, will be dedicated on Sat., Nov. 1st, at 3. Ringing afterwards. Please bring food; cups of tea provided. 2165

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Bishopsteignton, nr. Teignmouth (6), Sat., Nov. 1st. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. Phone 3121. 2160

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Monthly meeting Wootton (6), November 1st. Bells 3. Tea 5. 2166

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Rishton, Sat., Nov. 1st. Tower open at 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2174

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Boughton, Sat., Nov. 1st. Service 4.15. Tea provided.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue. 2172

**BARNLEY DISTRICT SOC.**—Meeting at Silkstone, Nov. 8th, 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mrs. Cooper, Ring o' Bells, Silkstone, near Barnsley, not later than Nov. 1st.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2177

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Ormskirk (8), Sat., Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) to those who send their names to W. Pilkington, 5, Edgley Drive, Tower Hill, Ormskirk. Look up London, and come and help the learners in simpler methods. 2167

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD** (Farnham District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Combined meeting Aldershot (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 30th to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 2169

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting Nov. 1st, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4. Nomination of officers. For members attending the 310th anniversary dinner at Pimms, Bishopsgate, on Nov. 8th, there will be ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 1.15 to 2.15, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, from approximately 3.30.—A. B. Peck. 2170

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—Bushey (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. Cups of tea only at Institute.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 2162

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting Basford St. Leodegarius' (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec., 7, Tattenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. 2179

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Arborfield (6), Sat., Nov. 1st, 6-9.—B. C. Castle. 2157

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Malins Lee (6), Sat., Nov. 8th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—E. D. Poole. 2168

**SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—All ringers and friends of L. A. Wilson are invited to his jubilee meeting at Wootton Bassett (8), on Nov. 8th, which marks his 50 years' work among the bells and ringers of Wootton Bassett. Bells from 1 p.m. Please notify me for tea by Nov. 3rd.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 2156

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Wiloughby (6), Sat., Nov. 8th. Names for tea to me not later than Thurs., Oct. 30th, please.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 2161

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—In future practice at Heston will be on Mondays instead of Thursdays; time, 7.30.—H. C. Chandler. 2159



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### LEICESTER

A triumph of organisation was the Leicester Diocesan Guild festival. The event attracted a most representative gathering from all parts of the country and also from Ireland, and for entertainment, both as regards ringing and hospitality, nothing was left undone on the part of those who planned the occasion.

And for the secret. Leicester Guild owes its success to a perfect understanding with the clergy from the Bishop downwards. Immediately this confidence is achieved a Guild will make progress. Ringing as work of the Church was the theme of the address by the Bishop of Leicester; when this is recognised a hallowed responsibility will be behind the changes. On both sides—clergy and ringers—there are individuals who classify ringing as purely an exercise or art and nothing more. When the spiritual dedication of ringing is recognised then our Guilds will flourish.

Is this compatible with peal ringing? Perhaps the best answer to this came from the Bishop of Leicester. When does ringing cease to become a clash and a clang and become perfect harmony? Every change ringer knows that perfection will only be reached by the thoroughness acquired through peal ringing. The Bishop and other speakers expressed their congratulations to Mr. Ernest Morris on having rung one thousand peals. The recognition of the peal as a standard is pleasing, and while in the distant past such a performance had its roots in the secular side of ringing and still is largely associated with pleasure, yet the training has an ultimate spiritual objective in the service of the Church.

Now the message of Leicester is clear and emphatic. With the recognition of ringing in the service of God there is an accompanying corollary. That recognition must extend beyond the mere act of ringing: there must be that personal relationship between the ringer and his Maker. The familiar words of Psalm 150, 'Praise Him on the loud cymbals; Praise Him on the well-tuned cymbals,' so often sung or read at ringers' gatherings, are shallow and hypocritical if the recognition of His service is absent in the act of ringing.

The Leicester festival of ringers was a prelude to a big diocesan festival in commemoration of the 21st anniversary of the founding of the See of Leicester in its present form. The anniversary is not to pass by informally as the ticking off of another year on the calendar, but to be commemorated by an act of personal rededication by



all churchworkers. And let it be known far and wide: Leicester ringers are counted among the churchworkers and individually will be associated with this great spiritual act.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 10
HENRY H. FEARN ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 11
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

## TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs. Oct. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... Treble	CLEMENT GLENN ... 6
*T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	†JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
HAROLD PAILING ... 4	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.  
\* 800th peal, and rung on his 80th birthday. † First in method.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ... Treble	ARTHUR WIGGINS ... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	EDGAR HUMFREY ... 7
REGINALD W. REX ... 3	H. GEORGE FOXELL ... 8
WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 9
CHARLES PULLEN ... 5	PERCY J. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RODERICK W. CROUCHER Treble	FREDERICK SOUTER ... 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	JOHN E. FOWLER ... 7
*SQUIRE CROFT ... 3	FRANK V. GANT ... 8
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ROY BROWN ... 5	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 6
MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 8
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Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

NETHERSEALE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. Washbrook's No. 1.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEOFFREY WM. HAIR ... Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 6
FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOVENY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

ALBERT E. LAKER ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.  
First peal in the method by the Association, on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part, No. 5.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... Treble	GEORGE GILBERT ... 5
*MISS PAT HOLMES ... 2	*GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 6
*MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 3	*CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 7
*MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal in the method.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JACK MUSELL ... Treble	LESLIE A. PAGE ... 5
HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 6
PETER ANGER ... 3	LEONARD HARRIS ... 7
*RONALD MARLOW ... 4	EDWARD J. DOEL ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal of Triples. Farewell peal for H. Abrahams, who is joining the Forces.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN WORTH ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 6
JOHN THORPE ... 3	JOHN AMMER ... 7
JOHN W. SYKES ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble	WILLIAM DEAN ... 5
*JAMES H. COOKE ... 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 6
*CHARLES C. HULSE ... 3	JOSEPH GODDARD ... 7
†ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 4	FRANK T. PARRY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.



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## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE A. PARSONS ... Treble	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 5
ALBERT W. COLES ... 2	GEORGE CHARGE ... 6
MISS M. A. PROCKSON ... 3	JOHN G. NASH ... 7
*ARTHUR F. LANCASTER ... 4	ALFRED H. RUSSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal. In memoriam Charles Potchary.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*GERALD L. BALL ... Treble	JOHN H. BAYLESS ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3	REDVER F. ELKINGTON ... 7
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 4	WILLIAM BRIGGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*STANLEY SLANEY ... Treble	F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 5
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 2	HAROLD KENT ... 6
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	*HARRY MORGAN ... 7
ARNOLD HILL ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. ED. CAWSEY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bell.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*MISS DAPHNE LLOYD ... Treble	HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
†R. GORDON CORBY ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
JOHN W. BEST ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 4	HARRY PYE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## TRING, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER &amp; PAUL.

## A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Consisting of 768 London, 1,824 Bristol and 1,248 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 101 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt.

W. H. J. HOOTON ... Treble	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 6
*FRANK W. PERRINS ... 3	†MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
FRANCIS KIRK ... 4	†HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 150th peal together.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ... Treble	GEORGE R. HANKS ... 5
REGINALD POSTON ... 2	†E. PETER ROCK ... 6
*REGINALD T. JONES ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
LESLIE EVANS ... 4	ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

STANLEY ELSEY ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	ARTHUR ROLFE ... 6
EDWARD BARKER ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in F.

*ALEC SWINFELD ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
ALAN CATELL ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 6
ERNEST F. PAYNE ... 3	GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... 7
SIDNEY HARRISON ... 4	†JAMES DEACON ... Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Composition rung for first time.

## CHATHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK RICHARDSON Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 2	*RONALD E. NORRIS ... 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
FREDERICK A. CLUETT ... 4	†HERBERT J. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire. A 21st birthday compliment to D. Norris, son of the 5th and brother of the 6th.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT &amp; OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

ERNEST FLETCHER ... Treble	GIRLING RIGBY ... 5
WM. H. KING ... 2	*DENNIS CARLISLE ... 6
R. ALLEN HICKTON ... 3	*DAVID ANSTEE ... 7
ED. C. GOBEY ... 4	ED. F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by ED. C. GOBEY. Conducted by ED. F. GOBEY.

\* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time. To celebrate the wedding of Cecil B. Baker and Dorothy S. Parker.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 5
CHARLES W. BLAKLEY ... 2	FRANK HEYES ... 6
THOMAS BARKER ... 3	EDWARD IDDON ... 7
FRED BROWNLOW ... 4	HARRY ANDERTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. ANDERTON.

First peal as conductor.

## MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM P. DEANE ... Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	*FREDERICK PRICE ... 6
*GEORGE A. PACKER ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. First of Cambridge Major as conductor.

## SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DICKERSON ... Treble	*ALBERT PEGG ... 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	GEORGE POYNITZ ... 6
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
THOMAS SIMMONS ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* First peal of Kent Major.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. F. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.



## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AD VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

J. Thorp's.		Tenor 20 cwt.
MARGARET FLACKETT ... Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5	
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 2	*FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 6	
FREDK. WILSHAW ... 3	*NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 7	
REGD. PRESTON ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal of Kent Major.

## CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... Treble	† DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 5
*JOHN R. MAYNE ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 6
*DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 3	WALTER LEE ... 7
ROLAND BIGGS ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major.

## LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JOHN ROWSELL ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
*GEORGE E. CRISP ... 2	HARRY MARTIN ... 6
MANSFIELD GINN ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
FRANCIS G. GLAVES ... 4	STANLEY E. DARMON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich on 'inside' bell. To commemorate the Ely Diocesan Association's jubilee.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## APSLEY END, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN UPTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 4
*PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 2	HERBERT GATES ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

## KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being 240 by Lindoff, 240 by Morris, 38 six-scores (12 callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

LESLIE EVANS ... Treble	† CYRIL JAINE ... 4
*ALBERT E. DAVIES ... 2	E. PETER ROCK ... 5
CHRISTOPHER LAW ... 3	ROBERT JENKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. PETER ROCK.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Ten six-scores four times and one 240.

BARBARA LONG ... Treble	*JEAN WARD ... 4
JOHN BENNETT ... 2	ALAN CATTELL ... 5
MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... 3	† DENNIS KIRK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

## TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Norwich, Beverley, Suffert, York, Cambridge and London.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung for the bicentenary of the Society.

## SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Seven extents.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
*L. PAICE ... Treble	† J. A. PARKER ... 4
R. N. ELLIOTT ... 2	B. C. CASTLE ... 5
W. J. PARKER ... 3	† D. MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. PARKER.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. A compliment to A. Collins, who joined the choir 50 years ago.

## ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Oct. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

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

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

Being four extents of St. Simon's, four extents of Reverse Canterbury, eight extents of Plain Bob, six extents of April Day, ten extents of Stedman and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... Treble	*ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 4
† GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 2	† HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
† CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal in six methods. † First peal of Doubles in six methods.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT 110, NOEL STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 1-2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5-6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3-4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Birthday peal for Mrs. F. A. Salter.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1947, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

AT 32, KING EDWARD ROAD,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor size 10 in A.

*LEONARD TREVOR ... 1-2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3-4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

## CAMBRIDGE

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 13 in E.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5-6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3-4	*GEOFFREY DODDS ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method on handbells.

## LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Oct. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT 35, MARKET STREET,

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

Being ten 120's, ten callings, sixteen 240's, three callings.

MISS JOAN BERESFORD ... 1-2	DENNIS BERESFORD ... 3-4
PETER BERESFORD ... 5-6	

Conducted by MISS JOAN BERESFORD.

Umpire: George E. Oliver.

First peal 'in hand' by all. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Beresford.  
WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Aidan's on Oct. 6th. 2,520 Grandsire Triples: H. Nunn 1, Miss Longstaff 2, A. Ward 3, P. R. Addison 4, T. Cox 5, J. W. Addison 6, T. W. Dobson (conductor) 7, H. Tubb 8. Half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Durham.



**ARKSEY, DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cooper 1, W. H. Johnson 2, Miss Lucy Mottishaw 3, P. Price 4, Miss V. Burton 5, Mrs. I. Somerville 6, Miss Laura Mottishaw (first as conductor) 7, B. Birkett 8. First on working bell for 4 and 5.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Brittain 1, P. Layton (first quarter in method) 2, Michael Layton (first quarter) 3, Winifred Adams 4, H. Smerdon 5, H. N. Pitsof 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, E. Woolloff 8.

**BOBBING, KENT.**—On Oct. 5th, 720 Kent T.B., 300 Oxford T.B., 180 Plain Bob: G. Mabbs 1, F. Cheal 2, B. W. May 3, T. Jull 4, W. J. Walker 5, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 6. For the wedding of the granddaughter of the ringer of 4.

**BARNWOOD, GLOS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Case 1, E. Evans 2, W. Sidwell 3, W. Jones 4, H. Daniels 5, L. Barry 6, T. Newman (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8. For the induction of the Rev. J. R. Lawton.

**CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 5th, the Cathedral Dedication Festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Goacher (first quarter on eight bells) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Patricia Smees 3, Joyce Humphrey 4, W. R. Falconer 5, R. G. Blackman 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, F. S. Smithers 8.

**FULMER, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. F. Black 1, Doris M. Bolton 2, W. W. Wolstencroft (cond.) 3, E. Harding 4, M. Blencowe 5, E. J. Briden 6. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 5 and 6.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitty 1, W. Aley 2, V. Tipton 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, W. Horsnell 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, L. Whitty 8.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Oct. 5th, 960 Little Bob and 300 Plain Bob: G. Dear 1, G. Mayes 2, J. Church 3, J. W. Gibson 4, G. B. Andrews 5, L. H. Bywater 6. A farewell to 4 and 5, of the R.A.F., who have given good service to Henlow tower.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ILKESTON, DERBYS.**—At St. Mary's Church on Oct. 5th, 1,376 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: F. Tarlton (first quarter) 1, C. J. Baker 2, E. Fletcher 3, F. W. Shaw 4, E. C. Gobey 5, H. Beardsley 6, E. F. Gobey 7, D. H. Anstey (first as cond.) 8.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, Miss J. Mattinson 2, S. Smith 3, E. Ambrose 4, M. T. Symonds 5, L. Offord 6, R. Clouston 7, L. Pryke 8.

**MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, T. Pink 3, Miss V. Hunwicke (first inside) 4, Miss P. Jackson 5, C. Ward 6, W. Langley 7, D. Tinsley 8.

**MARKSHURY, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Tibbotts 1, Miss H. Prescott 2, Miss A. Tibbotts 3, Miss D. Smith 4, R. Smith 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5, and first by local band.

**MIDHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Tribe 1, C. West 2, J. Etherington (cond.) 3, F. Ashby 5, J. Booker 7; covers, G. Orchard 4, A. Dummer 6, G. Waller 8. All Sunday service ringers.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sankey 1, W. H. Curson 2, G. A. Patrick 3, H. Carter 4, J. Quimley 5, H. C. Adams 6, J. W. Cotton (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Ebbe's Church on Oct. 5th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: E. G. Moore 1, Miss M. L. Tutt 2, W. F. Judge (cond.) 3, Miss M. R. Cross 4, P. K. Williamson 5, N. I. Allnatt 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, A. R. Pink 8.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—At All Saints' on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Gooing (first quarter Grandsire) 1, P. North (first quarter Grandsire inside) 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, A. White 4, L. Fields 5, C. R. Wright 6, A. Firth (cond.) 7, T. C. Ryder 8.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Superlative: E. Bishop, jun. 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, D. Watson, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, S. T. A. Russell 6, P. A. Corby 7, W. Rogers (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 4 and 6.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral on Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: B. E. Cornell 1, Mrs. T. J. Lock 2, L. T. Hansell 3, T. J. Lock 4, D. A. Bayles 5, A. Day 6, W. J. Arnold 7, L. A. Goodenough 8, R. F. Ewer 9, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 10. First quarter of Cambridge Royal by 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and first of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Burrows (first of Treble Bob) 1, D. A. Bayles 2, C. F. Saver 3, R. W. Darvill 4, W. J. Arnold 5, T. J. Southam (first in method as cond.) 6.

**STEPNEY.**—On Oct. 5th at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Boomsma 1, C. W. King 2, G. J. Boomsma 3, T. G. Fox 4, L. J. Fox (cond.) 5, R. N. Stedman (first quarter) 6.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' on Oct. 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss F. L. Wright 1, R. Lees 2, G. C. Cookson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, D. H. Watson (first in method inside) 5, A. Whatmore (cond.) 6, R. Smith 7, E. A. Turner 8. A 21st birthday compliment to G. C. Cookson.

**TREETON, YORKS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 720 Cambridge Minor, 720 Kent Minor: J. Brothwell 1, Mildred Turley 2, W. H. Taylor 3, F. Cardwell 4, J. H. Brothwell 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6.

**YARNTON, OXON.**—On Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 180 of Grandsire and 120 each of Antelope, Union, Reverse, St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Norfolk and April Day: L. Poulton (first quarter in 10 methods) 1, G. Aston 2, H. Floyd (cond.) 3, W. Durham 4, J. Green 5, G. Charlett 6.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Congratulations to Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who rang his 800th peal on his 80th birthday. He rang three handbell peals in the past month to bring off this unique double.

Those attending the Aldershot meeting are asked to note the alteration in the time.

The peal at Dilhorne, Staffs, reported in our last issue, was conducted by Mr. J. G. Cartledge, of Cheadle.

There has been a change in the Mastership of the Oxford University Guild. Mr. W. F. Moreton, who has gone down, has been succeeded by Mr. C. J. Dickinson (Magdalen).

We have had a cut in our paper allocation which will necessitate pegging our circulation. Any additional copies for the time being will be very limited.

The overwhelming success of the Leicester festival was marred by the failure to secure the peal of Yorkshire at Loughborough. After more than two hours' ringing, the conductor expressed his dissatisfaction by setting his bell. Expert ears outside regarded the striking as good.

'Birthday presents are difficult to buy these days, so here's a nice idea for country folk—a quarter-peal of country bells to bring pleasure and ring on in the mind for a twelve-month.'—'The Woman' gives this delightful thought in a special article. If this form of gift becomes the vogue, the Editor trusts that it will not be necessary to insert every quarter-peal.

Stafford ringers celebrated the 70th birthday of their head ringer, Mr. J. Warrilow, by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Oct. 15th. The band was R. W. Lander 1, H. Bayley 2, J. Warrilow 3, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 4, A. E. Garbett 5, J. J. Taylor 6, E. Vaughan 7, F. Eley 8.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

After the Frederick peal comes the John peal from Penistone, Yorks. Just before the war an all Yorkshire John peal attempt conducted by the late John Flint, came to grief three courses from home. Enough Johns were not available in the Yorkshire area, so John Worth, from Macclesfield, and John Aubler, from Pudsey, participated.

Mr. John E. Bibby rang his 50th peal this year at Frodsham, Cheshire, on October 14th.

The quarter at Fulmer, Bucks, on Oct. 6th, was the first by Mr. E. J. Briden's youthful band with the exception of veteran E. Harding, 79, and was due to the patient coaching of Walter W. Wolstencroft.

Mr. Edgar Humfrey celebrated the 60th anniversary of his first peal by calling a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Laurence's, Reading. Now over 77, he has been a service ringer for nearly 60 years. In his first peal at Drayton, Berks, he rang with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook.

From Lichfield comes news of the Beresford family. Joan and the two 13-year-old twins have rung their first peal in hand as a birthday compliment to their mother. 'The striking was regular and good throughout,' comments the umpire. Last Sunday the twins rang a course of Stedman Caters with two noted handbell ringers—Mr. H. J. Poole and Mr. A. H. Pulling.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Leicester, on October 11th, is a new irregular 12-part by Brian D. Price. It was rung at the second attempt, the first failing at Syston through a clapper breaking after 2 hours 50 minutes. It was the 100th peal of Grandsire Triples by Ernest Morris, who has called peals in this method containing the least number of calls—90 J. J. Parker's One-part; and 340 by A. J. Pitman.

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COMPANY OF 1,200 AT FESTIVAL DANCE

Probably the largest gathering of ringers since the end of the war was the Leicester Diocesan Festival, held at Leicester last Saturday. The representative character of the gathering was a tribute to the popularity of the Guild's president (Mr. Harold J. Poole) and his officers.

A programme to delight a ringer's heart had been arranged. In the morning a number of peals were planned, the afternoon was devoted to ringing in Leicester's well-known towers and a service in the Cathedral, at which the Bishop gave an inspiring address. The festival dinner was followed by a dance in the city's largest hall. For non-dancing handbell ringers a room was set apart for their enjoyment.

## THE SERVICE.

A congregation approaching 400 attended the service in the Cathedral Church. The Provost (the Very Rev. H. A. Jones) conducted the service, and the address was given by the Bishop of Leicester (the Right Rev. G. Vernon South).

'The bells are like the heralds; they proclaim great events,' said the Bishop. That week they would be rung to proclaim the 21st anniversary of the restoration of the ancient diocese of Leicester. Bells were so fully Christian; they had never been commercialised. The great crash and clash of the bells was brought into perfect harmony and obedience by the still small voice which called the changes. They had a simile in the confusion in the world to-day. If only the nations would say, 'Christ is King,' and bring Him into everyday affairs, life would be so different from the discontent prevailing to-day.

## THE DINNER.

There was a company of 270 at the dinner held at the Bell Inn. The Bishop presided, supported by the president (Mr. Harold J. Poole), the Provost (the Very Rev. H. A. Jones), the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and Mr. Ernest Morris. Representative guests present included Mr. A. B. Peck (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. J. T. Dyke (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Miss F. Steele (Bedfordshire Association), Mr. E. Lindley (Cambridge University Guild), Mr. W. Lancaster (Derby and District Association), Mr. J. W. Price (East Derbyshire and Notts Association), Mr. C. A. Bassett (East Grinstead and District Guild), Mr. J. Armstrong (Essex Association), Mr. W. Ayre (Herefordshire Association), Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association), Miss I. B. Thompson (Ladies' Guild), Mr. W. H. Shuker (Lancashire Association), Mr. F. J. Hannington (Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. T. J. Lock (Middlesex County Association), Mr. J. W. Cotton (Midland Counties Guild), Mr. H. G. Jenney (National Guild of Police Ringers), Mr. C. Burns (Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. W. Carnwell (North Staffs Association), Mr. W. Hibbert (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. F. Judge (Oxford Society), Mr. E. E. Whitmore (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. F. Harvey (St. Martin's Guild), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. Pritchard (Shropshire Association), Mr. G. W. Steere (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. T. Groombridge (Southwell Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. D. Collins (Stafford Archdeaconry), Mr. D. Cooper (Surrey Association), Mr. G. Williams (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Worcestershire and Districts Association), Mr. L. W. G. Morris (Yorkshire Association), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Mr. J. Bray (Lincoln Diocesan Guild). Those present also included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Provost submitted the health of the City of Leicester, recalling that for 700 years the church which was now the Cathedral had been closely asso-



MR. HAROLD J. POOLE,  
President, Leicester Diocesan Guild

ciated with the city. He always thought of the city as combining the attractions of a very long tradition with the efficiency of a modern outlook.

The Lord Mayor (Ald. W. H. Smith), in his reply, recalled his first association with ringing when as a boy he rang the bell at a mission church at Narborough.

The toast of 'The Diocese' was submitted by the Chief Constable of Leicester (Mr. Oswald J. B. Cole), who traced the development of the diocese from 713 A.D., and when it once extended from the Trent to the Thames. To-day, he said, there was a tendency towards materialism instead of looking towards the things spiritual. There was a great need for the rededication which was being associated with the 21st anniversary celebration, and he believed that bellringers were looked on as some of the most earnest churchworkers to be found in the diocese.

## 'A LONDON SURPRISE.'

In his reply, the Bishop of Leicester said he was a suffragan bishop of London before he came to Leicester, and his arrival at Leicester was 'a London Surprise' (laughter). Calling attention to the forthcoming visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury for the start of the anniversary celebrations, the Bishop mentioned that the Primate was born in a Leicestershire parsonage and received his early education in a Leicestershire school.

As a diocese they were proud to have Mr. Harold Poole, their president, as a lay canon and to congratulate Mr. Ernest Morris upon ringing his 1,000th peal.

What really was the diocese? He would describe it as a household of faith—a collection of men and women who had faith in God and faith in Christ the eternal Son of God. Secondly, the diocese was the Christian home of all sorts and conditions of men. When they drank the health of the diocese he asked them to say, 'Hold on to the faith and be strong, and may its love, beauty and strength put heart into people who are losing heart, and put courage into a world that is in need of hope.'

The health of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild' was submitted by Mr. G. W. Hunt, who said that in Mr. Harold Poole they had a Christian

gentleman, and they were all delighted when it pleased the Bishop of Leicester to confer on him the rank of lay canon not only for his services to the Church, but to his profession. Never was a better officer in the courts or one who would try to help mankind than the president. The Guild also had that wonderful ringer in Mr. Ernest Morris, who along with 15 others had completed 1,000 peals and had written a classic on bellringing.

Mr. Hunt also mentioned three of the young ringers of the Guild who had rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus—Mavis Whitehead, aged 13, Alan Cattell (16) and Kathleen Tilley (18). Last and not least he would mention Jill Poole, who had been secretary for their ringing festival and whose ringing performances were known not only in the diocese, but wherever ringing took place in the British Isles.

## THE HUMBLE MESSAGE.

'You can't all be Surprise ringers, and those who rang in country towers with five or six bells ringing standard methods should not be discouraged; their message was just as sincere as the great peal from a cathedral tower.' He hoped the bells they rang with such enthusiasm would bring the message of God to men and that they would try to build a new foundation of peace for all times.

Mr. Harold J. Poole, who was coupled with the toast, in reply, said they had been told the Diocese of Leicester was celebrating in the very near future its coming-of-age, and those responsible for the activities of the diocese and its spiritual welfare were looking back on the first 21 years with a certain amount of gratification and satisfaction. While they could not put the clock back, it was just as well to reflect from a ringing standpoint where they were. Twenty-one years ago there was no Leicester Diocesan Guild; they were then part and parcel of the Midland Counties Association. Twenty-one years ago Fred Dexter was in full blast in Leicester, and those who knew Fred Dexter would appreciate that remark, and appreciate what he did for ringing.

The success of any ringing guild or association depended on co-operation with the Church authorities, and they in the Leicester Diocesan Guild were very fortunate in that matter. Without the co-operation of the incumbents they would be helpless. They provided them with the bells and they were very happy and getting a great encouragement from those responsible for the government of the diocese.

Mr. Poole also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see so many of his friends from other associations as guests that day. It did show what appeal the Leicester Diocesan Guild made to the Exercise.

## MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS GREETED.

The Bishop of Leicester gave the toast of 'The Visitors' and had a special word of welcome to Mr. George Williams, of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who was no less than 90 years of age.

Mr. C. Harrison, in presenting the toast of 'The Ringing World,' expressed appreciation of the work of the Editorial Committee in placing the journal in a sound financial position.

The Editor, Mr. T. W. White, in reply, called attention to the fact that the circulation had reached a higher figure than in any period of the paper's history and that circulation had to be pegged. With a waiting list of subscribers it would mean those who did not pay their subscriptions promptly on the appointed day would find that their copy had been allocated to a new reader. He also replied for the visitors and thanked the president and the Guild for their generosity and congratulated Miss Jill Poole on her ability in undertaking the secretarial work for such a large venture.

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## Malmesbury Abbey Bells

Malmesbury Borough Council at their October meeting passed the following resolution: 'That the Council considers the unnecessary and prolonged ringing of the Abbey Church campanile to be a public nuisance to the inhabitants of the built-up area surrounding, and recommends to the Parochial Church Council that in future these bells be rung for not more than 20 minutes on any day for any purpose, except on Sundays, and then for recognised periods only.'

The mover of the resolution, Ald. Hodge, said: 'Last Saturday we had a gang from Bristol and Gloucester, who exercised their peculiar hobby for five and a quarter hours and made the town a perfect bedlam with their cacophony. Why should private individuals have to interfere with law-abiding citizens? Why they cannot stick to something like darts and dominoes, goodness knows.'

Cler. F. Taylor, one of the Abbey bellringers, claimed that the bells were 'part and parcel of the church service.' 'The new bells,' he said, 'if and when they are put in—'

'God help us if they ever are,' interjected Ald. Hodge.

Cler. Taylor continued: 'When the belfry is bricked up in a proper manner the bells will not be heard by those living nearby.'

Cler. Taylor explained that the bells now were not properly tuned and said he appreciated the nuisance they caused.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

A very enjoyable meeting was held on Oct. 4th at the ancient Parish Church of the Royal Borough of Sutton Coldfield. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Boggon), who, in his address, first gave the members a hearty welcome to Sutton Coldfield.

The Master, Councillor Paddon Smith, presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: E. J. Lindley (Epsom), G. Dodds (Isleworth), George W. Fletcher (Caister-on-Sea), A. Timmins (Quinton), T. J. Lock (North Mimms), all as life members; and D. Nock (Erdington) as an ordinary member. It was decided to hold the next bi-quarterly meeting at the Parish Church, Knowle, and the next quarterly meeting, being also the annual meeting, at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on January 3rd.

After some discussion as to the possibility of holding the Henry Johnson Dinner next March as usual, it was unanimously agreed on the proposition of the treasurer, seconded by Mr. Albert Walker, that the secretary be instructed to make the best arrangements possible to hold the commemoration dinner on March 6th, 1948.

Mr. G. F. Swann congratulated Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd on his recent publication, 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters,' the method and its proof. It was a useful little book and a welcome addition to odd bell methods. He commended it to the members and it was agreed that a copy be included in the Guild's library.

## LEICESTER FESTIVAL—Contd. from p. 523. THE DANCE.

The concluding event was the dance at the De Montfort Hall, the largest hall in the city. Here the Ambassadors Band played for a company of 1,200 people. Tune handbell ringing by the Beltonians, conducted by Mr. S. Harrison, was a popular interlude. The Bishop of Leicester attended the function and chatted freely with the guests.

On Saturday morning an outing to the Loughborough foundry was arranged. Three peals were rung during the morning, viz., Grandsire Triples at Anstey; Kent Treble Bob Major at South Wigston; and Stedman Triples at Wigston Magna. Peal arrangements were made by Mr. Ernest Morris.

## WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL DINNER.

The tenth annual dinner on October 4th broke all attendance records, when for the first time the gathering was held in the Guildhall, Worcester. The Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt.) presided, supported by the Mayor of Worcester (Mr. W. R. Amphlett), the Rev. J. T. Davies (Rector of Halesowen), the Rev. J. G. Jefferies (Badsey), the Rev. A. M. Moreton Jackson (Leigh), Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. S. T. Holt (Master) and Mrs. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson.

All parts of the diocese were well represented and visitors were present from Bilston (Staffs), Terrington St. John (Cambs.), Newport (Mon.), Newbury, Bromyard and Nottingham. Just before dinner a message of apology was received from the clerical secretary, the Rev. H. Hartley, who with Mrs. Hartley was prevented from attending through indisposition.

Following the honouring the loyal toast, Mr. J. R. Newman proposed 'Church and State.' Ringers, he said, were churchmen. Through the bells they prompted others to remember and tried to attract them to the Church. They were also citizens of the State, and both Church and State needed help, for both had big duties. With each individual doing a little to help, the difficulties would lessen, and, he concluded, might they soon be solved.

The Rev. J. T. Davies, who first replied, referred with pride to his own noble church, the bells and his local band at Halesowen. Ringing was essentially an English craft, for there was nothing like it elsewhere in the world. Religion and ringing had much in common, for both had a humble origin. He expressed the hope that the voice of the bells would again mean something in the life of the country and then there would be a return to religion and to God.

The Mayor, who replied for the State, mentioned that he was a member of the Cathedral voluntary choir and had also a connection with ringing through his mother's family—the Hinton, of Bristol and Worcester.

### 'THE ASSOCIATION.'

The toast of honour was entrusted to the Master Mr. S. T. Holt, who said that in peal ringing the Association had, during the past two years, almost reached its pre-war efficiency. That was a cause for some satisfaction, but, generally speaking, no great strides were being

made in the local bands. Worcestershire always had been self-supporting, and they had even provided several for export, as quite a number of well-known ringers had learnt their ringing in the county. He appealed to each tower to maintain its band at full strength.

In reply, Mr. J. D. Johnson said he could never understand why it should be looked upon as the perquisite of the general secretary, but his first duty was the very pleasant one of asking the Mayor to accept their sincere thanks for the use of the Guildhall that evening. It was a worthy setting for their record gathering, and they felt they had the privilege of meeting in the most beautiful hall in the most beautiful county in England.

The Worcestershire Association had much of which to be proud. They were one of the very few associations annually to print their reports during the war; they were the first of the territorial associations to revive their dinner since the war, and they had not yet had to consider raising their subscriptions. It was still eighteenthence, and to-day they were stronger financially than ever before. They had their problems, but these had always been with them, and they were no more acute now than in the past.

In proposing the toast, 'Kindred Associations,' Mr. B. C. Ashford referred to the fraternal side of ringing and quoted instances in the past where old bands did not even know the ringers in adjoining towers. To-day they not only welcomed visitors at such functions as this, but on all occasions.

Mr. F. Colclough (Dudley and District) replied, and said it was the second big surprise in his ringing career, as he had only been asked to speak that evening. He warmly thanked the Worcestershire Association on behalf of all the visitors.

The toasts were interspersed with a first-class musical programme and all items met with warm appreciation. The artistes were: Miss Molly Tromans (Halesowen band, violin selections with her sister at the piano); Mrs. H. Tamlyn (contralto) and Mr. G. J. Hemming (tenor), of Evesham, sang a duet and several solos; Eddy James, of the Cathedral choir (song); with tunes on handbells by Messrs. G. J. Hemming, J. Thomas and J. D. Johnson. A course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was rung by the Hinton band: P. Harris 1-2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, J. Thomas 7-8, Miss M. Rowland 9-10; and two courses of Stedman Triples by the middle three and the addition of T. W. Leuss.

## \*ROYAL BIRTHDAY PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 'name' peal at Beddington, Surrey, about which Mr. Fredk. E. Collins makes an enquiry, I rang in a 'William' peal of Kent Royal 5,000 changes, at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 16th, 1932. The ringers were: J. William Driver 1, William H. Wood 2, William H. Hewitt 3, William H. Hollier 4, William Welling 5, William E. Judd 6, William H. Fussell 7, William Henley 8, William Madgwick 9, William Bottrill 10. Composed by William Willson. Conducted by William Hewitt. This peal was arranged by W. H. Hollier to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the 'peal of Treble Ten' rung at this church by 'Williams.' Mr. J. William Driver stood in at the last moment, I believe, owing to the indisposition of one of the original band.

In addition, I have taken part in the following 'William' peals: Double Norwich C.B. Major at Twickenham, Middlesex, on February 24th, 1934; Stedman Caters at Isleworth, Middlesex, on February 23rd, 1935; Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Ealing, Middlesex, on February 22nd, 1936. These later peals were all rung as birthday compliments to the late William H. Hollier.—Thanking you, yours faithfully,

W. BOTTRILL.

Deal, Kent.

## SUFFOLK GUILD

On the day the Bury St. Edmunds District met at Horringer (October 18th), the local captain (Mr. J. A. Ford), his wife and family had sailed for Australia to start a new life. Mention of his departure was made by the secretary, who moved that in recognition of his services to the Suffolk Guild, Mr. Ford be made a non-resident life member. This was carried with acclamation.

The musical light eight were put to full use, and the Rector expressed the hope that other people had enjoyed listening to the bells as much as he had.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Eight teams entered for this six-bell contest at Kirkheaton on October 11th, and the decision of the judge, Mr. H. Roberts, was as follows: 1 Shelley (Oxford), 15 penalties, 56 faults, 71; 2 New Mill (Oxford), 94; 3 Meltham (Oxford), 97; 4 Silkstone (Plain Bob), 107; 5 Sandal (Oxford), 127; 6 Friezland (Oxford), 152; 7 Liversedge (Oxford), 162; 8 Huddersfield (Kent), 198.

Mr. Hoyle, of the Shelley band, said when they rang at Kirkheaton 32 years ago Shelley won the cup and there was still a member in the team to-day.

Tea was served by the local band and their wives, a company of about 80 attending.



## WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS DEDICATED

The great scheme of recasting and rehangng the bells of Wakefield Cathedral was carried out through the generosity of the Mayor of Wakefield's 'Cathedral Bells' Fund and the Cathedral congregation. The dedication ceremony was performed on October 18th by the Bishop of Wakefield (the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D.).

It was early in 1936 that the bells were condemned as being unsafe, owing to the serious oscillation of the massive wooden frame. At that time the Cathedral authorities were faced with tremendous financial commitments. The ravages of the death-watch beetle threatened the fabric and the necessary restoration work cost some £6,000. In addition the old Chantry Chapel on Wakefield Bridge was being restored, and it was, therefore, decided to defer the restoration of the bells. Nevertheless, a sum of £800 was collected; last year the Provost (the Very Rev. Noel T. Hopkins) decided that the time had come to launch the restoration appeal.

The then Mayor of Wakefield (Cclr. Mrs. Crow) readily consented to issue such an appeal for £4,000. Deep satisfaction was at once felt when the Provost made an offer of £1,000 as the Cathedral congregation's contribution. The appeal met with an overwhelming response and in the matter of weeks the fund had been oversubscribed.

The work of recasting and rehangng was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and they have given the Cathedral a truly magnificent ring worthy of the grand old building, which for many years has been the centre of religious life in the city.

The inscriptions on the new bells are:—

Treble: Dion, Elizabeth and Angela Bell, 1946. Recast 1947.

2nd: From the Deanery of Birstall. Harry Tavener Robinson, Canon and Rural Dean. Recast 1947.

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th: Recast 1947. Semitone: Cast 1947.

7th: Recast 1947.

8th: The gift of the employees of F. Green & Son, 1946. Recast 1947.

9th, 10th and 11th: Recast 1947.

Tenor.—The gift of the Cathedral Congregation, 1946. Noel Thomas Hopkins, Provost. Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy house. Recast 1947.

Each bell also bears the mark of the bell-founders. The tenor weighs 35 cwt. 1 qr. and is in C. The light eight have a tenor of 14 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F. A 14th bell, a sharp seconded (F sharp) is shortly to be added, giving yet another light octave.

### THE SERVICE.

The impressive service attracted much attention. The Mayor and Corporation, the M.P. for the City and many civic leaders were present. About 140 ringers from as far afield as London were admitted into the Cathedral, which was packed to capacity by Friends of the Cathedral. Outside some thousands of people were gathered in the streets waiting to hear the bells. Traffic had to be diverted from the centre of the city.

The service opened with the singing of Psalm 150, and the lesson was read by the Bishop of Pontefract. This was followed by the hymn, 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty. After prayers the familiar ringers' anthem, 'When morning gilds the skies,' was sung as a procession, which included the Bishop and the Mayor (Cclr. Harry Watson), went to the tower.

Here the Mayor asked the Provost's acceptance from the citizens of Wakefield of the

ring of bells and the clock with its chimes. The Bishop then dedicated the bells and sounded one of them ten times, once for each century of the thousand years which have recorded the offering of Christian worship in the ancient church of Wakefield. The concluding hymn was 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones.'

As the Mayor stepped from the west door the bells rang out to the opening course of Grandsire Cinques by the following: J. Ward 1, R. H. Dove 2, P. Woodward 3, E. Smith 4,



WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL CHURCH

F. Pickles 5, W. Walker 6, T. Duffin 7, F. Bennett 8, T. W. Strangeway 9, J. H. Kirby 10, J. T. Kirkby 11, M. T. Lockwood 12. The tower was then thrown open until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Cathedral School.

After tea ringing continued until 9 p.m. Methods rung ranged from Bob Minor to Stedman Cinques. Everyone present was delighted with the go and tone of the bells. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. were represented by Messrs. Paul Taylor and J. P. Fidler, and Messrs. William Potts, who were responsible for the clock and chimes, by Mr. R. H. Dove.

A set of new chimes had been composed for the Cathedral by Sir Walter Alcock, lately organist of Salisbury Cathedral. They are unusual in that the quarters strike upon 12 bells, including the flattened sixth, and the fourth quarter's chimes lead to the striking of the tenor bell.

### PAST HISTORY.

The first reference to Wakefield Cathedral bells was made in 1552, when, according to a survey, there were five great bells. In 1639 the bells were rehung. In 1704 three new bells were obtained, and in 1739 all the bells were hung in a new frame by James Harrison, of Barrow-in-Lincolnshire.

A new ring of eight was decided upon in 1778, and these were supplied by Messrs. Pack and Channan, of Whitechapel, at a cost of

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## John H. B. Hesse

WRINGTON, SOMERSET. Oct. 18th.

Intimate friends of the late Major Hesse have assembled in the ringing room of the belfry here to-day for the dedication of a plaque erected to his memory. It is inscribed as follows:—

To the memory of John Harley Bridges Hesse, a lover of bells and ringers, who died at Wrington on 18th October, 1946, aged 74 years. He was devoted to this tower, and its bells were his constant care. It was largely through his inspiration that in 1911

the old six bells were increased to the present peal of ten.

The mural tablet, which is of bronze with lettering in relief, has been given by his close ringing friends; a general appeal for subscriptions was not made. Among those present were Mrs. J. H. B. Hesse (widow), Peter and John Hesse (sons), Mrs. John Hesse, Mrs. E. D. Marshall (sister), Preb. A. J. Hook (Master, Bath and Wells Association), J. T. Dyke (general secretary), Rev. Arthur Talbot (Rector of Wrington), R. Beck (Chilcompton), Major J. H. Cann (Kilve), E. G. Caple (Clevedon), C. W. Denyer (Aldershot), C. H. Dobbie (Teddington), Stafford Green (Lyme Regis), E. E. Hardwick (churchwarden), W. H. Kingcott (steeplekeeper), H. W. Knight (tower captain), Mrs. H. W. Knight (tower secretary), A. R. Macdonald (Parkstone), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), A. Reeves (Bristol), H. Sanger (Everecreech), F. Skidmore (Bristol), E. J. Taylor (Tiverton), L. R. G. Taylor (Salford), W. H. Thompson (Poole) and members of the Wrington company of ringers.

The dedication, by the Rector, was in the following words: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Immediately following the dedication, a peal of Stedman Caters (Louis Head, 5,019 changes) was rung in three hours twenty-five minutes by the following: S. Green 1, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 2, A. E. Reeves 3, H. Sanger 4, C. H. Dobbie 5, E. J. Taylor 6, H. W. Knight 7, W. H. Kingcott 8, J. T. Dyke 9, R. Beck 10.

During the peal, the remainder of the company assembled at the Golden Lion Hotel, where they were guests of Mrs. E. D. Marshall and Mrs. J. H. B. Hesse at tea. Later, the Rector, on behalf of Mr. Knight, thanked all subscribers; also Prebendary Hook for composing the wording on the memorial; Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was unable to be present, as he was on his way home from America, for getting the tablet made, and finally their hosts.

When the peal was over, the ringers were also entertained, and handbell ringing rounded off a memorable day. E.G.C

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£124 6s. 9d., together with the metal from the old bells. The new tenor weighed some 24 cwt. Thirty-eight years later it was resolved to recast these bells and add two new ones to make a ring of 10, with the tenor weighing 31 cwt. in D flat. This work was entrusted to Messrs. Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel. In 1882 two trebles were added, but these did not prove satisfactory.



## OBITUARY

MR. T. W. GILMOUR.

The Lancashire Association, particularly the Liverpool Branch, has sustained a great loss by the death of one of its oldest members, Mr. Thomas W. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour died on October 11th and was buried at Sefton on Wednesday, October 15th. The bells of Sefton were rung by some of his old ringing friends. An impressive service was held at St. Peter's, Aintree, which was the parish in which Mr. Gilmour and his family resided. The Vicar (the Rev. W. K. R. Strickland) gave an appropriate address.

Tommy Gilmour, as he was affectionately known, became a member of the Lancashire Association upwards of 50 years ago, and in his early days was taught by the late Mr. Charles E. Wilson at the Church of St. Mary, Walton-on-the-Hill, where one of the finest six-bell companies in the country was then to be found. Mr. Gilmour was one of this band until 1919, when he became a member of the St. Nicholas' company and rendered valued service there for many years. He was an excellent ringer and striker on all numbers of bells.

The destruction of St. Nicholas' Church with the taking away of the bells from that tower was a great grief to him. Another sorrow was the loss through fire of the peal boards and records that were in the tower of St. Mary, Walton-on-the-Hill. Among these records were the ringing of 720's in the 41 Surprise Minor methods and the silent peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. Mr. Gilmour had rung many peals, but latterly he was more fond of short touches and an occasional quarter-peal.

MR. FREDERICK C. LAMBERT.

The Suffolk Guild has lost an old and very valued member by the sudden death of Mr. Frederick Charles Lambert on October 20th at the age of 78.

A ringer from the age of 10, he had been district secretary of the Halesworth Branch since the Guild's formation, and his work as instructor and conductor and local ringing organiser will be sadly missed.

Mr. Lambert was an authority on records of smuggling on the East Coast, and on the River Blyth and the Suffolk dialect. He was regarded as Halesworth's historian.

The Rector (the Rev. C. D. Hulbert) officiated at the funeral service on October 23rd and mentioned Mr. Lambert's service to the church as clerk and verger for 35 years as well as a bellringer. There was a large congregation and fellow ringers rang handbells at the graveside and the Parish Church bells half-muffled in the evening.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL TO MR. W. J. NEVARD.

In the presence of a large gathering of ringers, a memorial tablet to Mr. W. J. Nevard was dedicated in Great Bentley Church on October 11th. The tablet was erected by the Essex Association; it is of bronze and black engraved letters, and has been placed inside the nave near the entrance.

Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, Master of the Association, performed the dedication, and afterwards spoke of the sterling qualities of character of the late Mr. Nevard. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Colley) added his tribute in the course of his address. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 5s.

The light eight at Great Bentley, which were relung in 1937 at the expense of Mr. Nevard, were rung before and after the service. Fifty ringers sat down to tea in the chapel hall. Thorington bells were also available.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringing in a variety of methods, including Spliced Surprise and a touch of Stedman Triples by a band of ladies made the joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Banstead on October 4th most enjoyable. Mr. H. N. Pitlow was thanked for the arrangements.

## BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The old church of All Saints, Burstwick, in the heart of Holderness, was the venue for the October meeting of the Society, a cordial welcome being extended by the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. R. George), who conducted the service.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. Williams, the resignation of Mr. Clem Glenn as Ringing Master on leaving the district on release from the Services was received. The meeting decided to hold the resignation over to the next meeting in the hope that he might return to the district. Mr. Len Daggett was appointed Deputy Ringing Master.

A lively discussion followed the committee's recommendation to hold combined practices. A request from Bridlington Priory for tuition received favourable consideration. New members elected were Messrs. W. H. Anstead and J. W. Procter (Hessle) and N. Logan (Pattrington). The November meeting will be at Cottingham. Ringing was in the four standard methods.

## MARRIAGE OF MISS LANGDON

Miss Audrey Langdon and Mr. William Hughes were married at All Hallows', Tottenham, on October 18th. The service was fully choral, the Vicar officiating, assisted by the curate. The bride was in white satin and carried red carnations and was attended by three bridesmaids and a 'junior miss', all wearing pale blue taffeta and carrying posies of multi-coloured flowers.

As the bride and bridegroom came down the aisle the eight bells of All Hallows', manned by friends from a Holloway tower, rang out in Grandsire Triples. At the reception the Vicar of Tottenham proposed their health. The honeymoon is being spent in the Isle of Wight.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.

On October 4th, a party of 59 spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening in Loughborough. The first objective was to visit Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s Bell Foundry, where Mr. Harrison conducted a tour of the foundry, which proved to be very interesting. The bells at the Foundry Campanile were rung, and, owing to their lightness, were rather tricky to handle and caused much amusement, although a few touches were brought round.

The second place visited was Loughborough's War Memorial Carillon, and it was agreed by all that a high standard of craftsmanship had been bestowed on every detail. A special recital had been organised.

A high tea was served at Kynoch's Cafe. Mr. S. Millward proposed a vote of thanks to the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. E. Nobles) for arranging the trip. In reply, Mr. E. Nobles thanked Mr. Harrison for conducting the tour of the foundry. An hour's ringing was enjoyed at the Parish Church on the fine ring of ten.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Luton District held a very successful meeting at Leighton Buzzard on October 18th. About forty ringers visited the tower and a large variety of methods was rung. A strong party from Blethley enabled the light ring of eight at Linslade to be opened for ringing.

Mr. Head was in charge of the catering arrangements and provided the party with a first-class meal. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. D. Harris, of Woburn, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Dunstable in November.

CLAVERTY, SALOP.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Newman 1. J. Marsh 2. C. Jones 3. E. Drew 4. A. Thirst 5. F. Hinton 6. A. Pearson (cond.) 7. F. Bennett 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: K. Duffell 1. W. Woodward 2. J. Meakes 3. K. Seymour 4. R. Wright 5. W. Avery (cond.) 6.

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FIFTY HANDBELLS, by John Taylor, Loughborough; 4 octaves chromatic, from number 25G, 3 baize covered tables, handbell music for 8 to 10 ringers; best offer over £160.—Jones, 35, Beaufort Road, Clifton, Bristol. 2204

## ACCOMMODATION WANTED

HERTFORD. — Young professional man, change ringer (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman), taking up appointment with County Council end of November, seeks congenial digs in Hertford.—Page, 13, East Street, Pontyprrd, Glam. 2171

## MISCELLANEOUS

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION IN GOOD TIME.—Delight Ringers' Record Books would make ideal presents for your ringing friends.—Details and sample sheets from William H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2150

## PUBLICATIONS

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witely Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

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## MEETINGS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK. — Dedication ceremony arranged for Sat., Nov. 1st, postponed. 2200



**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Rusper, Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. 2173  
**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC. and DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting, Chesterfield Parish Church, Nov. 1st, 3. Tea probably arranged.—Sam Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield. 2176

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Southern Branch.—Ringing practice meeting at Evesham bell tower, Sat., Nov. 1st. All ringers most cordially invited to this splendid ring of 10. Bells from 3. 2158

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD** (Farnham District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Combined meeting Aldershot (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 2.30. Tea 5. Service 7.15.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting Nov. 1st, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4. Nomination of officers. For members attending the 310th anniversary dinner at Pimms, Bishopsgate, on Nov. 8th, there will be ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 1.15 to 2.45, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, from approximately 3.30.—A. B. Peck. 2170

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—Bushey (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. Tea at Institute.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 2162

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting Basford St. Leodegarius' (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec., 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. 2179

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Mon., Nov. 3rd, 7.15, a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth; everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec. 2202

**BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOC.**—Meeting at Silkstone, Nov. 8th, 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mrs. Cooper, Ring o' Bells, Silkstone, near Barnsley, not later than Nov. 1st.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2177

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Malins Lee (6), Sat., Nov. 8th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—E. D. Poole. 2168

**SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—All ringers and friends of L. A. Wilson are invited to his jubilee meeting at Wootton Bassett (8), on Nov. 8th, which marks his 50 years' work among the bells and ringers of Wootton Bassett. Bells from 1 p.m. Please notify me for tea by Nov. 3rd.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 2156

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 8th, at Sawbridgeworth. Bells (8) 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea not later than Nov. 4th to G. Radley, 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 2187

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Shireoaks, Sat., Nov. 8th. Tea only for those who notify Mr. H. Hall, Measham House, Shireoaks, by Nov. 4th.—H. Denman. 2186

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Cottingham, St. Mary's, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 3s. All notify W. Lawson 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, Thursday morning, Nov. 6th.—Albert E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 2185

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Turners Hill (8), Nov. 8th, 3. Tea at Mrs. Pollard's 5. Names by Nov. 6th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells. 2184

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Newhey, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bring food; cups of tea provided in the schoolroom. All ringers welcome.—I. Kay, Hon. Sec. 2182

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting Woolton, Sat., Nov. 8th. Tower open 3. Service 5. Tea provided. Please send names to Mr. T. W. Hesketh, 1, Mason Street, Woolton, Liverpool.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 2199

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Kirby Lonsdale, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Important: names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, not later than Nov. 5th. 2197

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Bi-quarterly meeting at Solihull, Sat., Nov. 8th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 2198

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting Broughton, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley. 2181

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. David's, Brecon, on Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Nov. 4th to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon. 2189

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting Tempsford, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6), 3. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 2190

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Oswald's, Sat., Nov. 8th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, by 6th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 2192

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Ilkeston District.—Breaston, Nov. 8th, 3. Names for tea to W. S. Spencer, Roker, Wilsthorpe Road, Breaston, by Nov. 5th, please. 2193

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Please send names to H. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, by Wed., Nov. 5th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 2201

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting Farnsfield (5), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3.15. Bring food. Buses from Newark, Nottingham, Mansfield, Retford.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 2188

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.**—Quarterly meeting Penhow, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Business to follow. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Buses quarter to the hour from Newport.—F. J. Hannington. 2183

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—A Guildford District meeting will be held at Old Woking on Sat., Nov. 15th; usual arrangements. Cups of tea only provided. Names please, by Nov. 10th. Nominations for district officers for 1948 must be made at this meeting.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2195

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 11th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 2194

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting Walton-on-Thames (8), Nov. 15th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for district officers for 1948. Notifications for tea to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2191

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting Wickwar (6), Sat., Nov. 15th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Nov. 11th.—H. V. Robinson, Station Road, Wickwar. 2203



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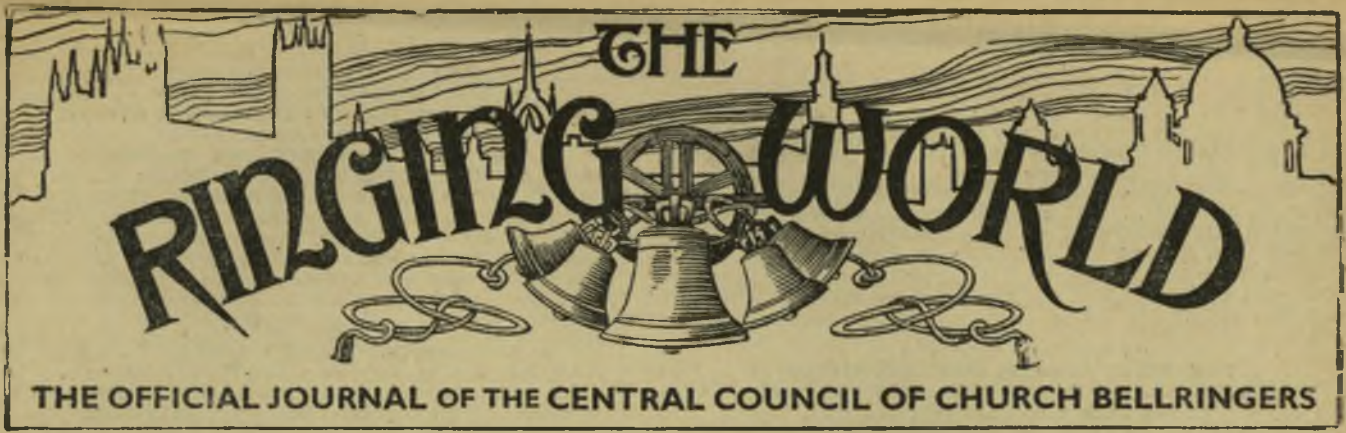
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## TWO CATHEDRALS

In two successive weeks the bells of two English Cathedrals, after being recast, have been dedicated. At Wakefield a ring of 12 with a supplementary bell to permit of a light eight being rung has been provided, and at Lichfield ten bells. That two of our Cathedrals should have been so enriched within the space of eight days is unprecedented in the history of ringing.

Both rings of bells have for many years required attention. Wakefield's bells have been silent since 1936, the frames having been condemned because of the oscillation. But even before that date the bells had not given satisfaction, as the trebles which were added in 1892 for calibre and tone failed to blend with the other ten. In consequence Wakefield has not the reputation of being a ringing centre. Ringers from Ossett helped substantially at the dedication festival, although the event created widespread interest. Wakefield have before them the task of training a new company, and we feel sure that the helping hand will be forthcoming from Yorkshire towers within easy reach, so that this skilled example of the founder's art will be truly used to the glory of God and for His service.

The story of Lichfield is in some respects similar. Here a Cathedral with beauties in architecture that, on first viewing, almost takes one's breath away with its magnificence, had as poor a specimen of English bells as one could find. Noisy and jarring to the nerves of those living in the vicinity, they had none of the mellowness that might be expected from a cathedral of such antiquity. Very little appears to have been done to these bells since the days of Waterloo, although endeavours had been made, without success, to tune the trebles. The gift of the recast bells from the Freemasons of Staffordshire is munificent and timely. There is a dignity about the new tenors that is pleasing to the ear, and the Exercise hopes to have the pleasure of recording the first peal on these bells on the occasion of the wedding of Princess Elizabeth. While Lichfield will have to train more ringers, they have the nucleus of a young band in the Beresford family, and if other young people can capture their enthusiasm, then Mr. G. E. Oliver and Mr. A. F. Sedgwick will have a company to be proud of, and there will be an added glory to the Cathedral of St. Chad of bells well and truly struck.



## TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ... Treble	*FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 2	*FREDERICK C. WHITE ... 7
FREDK A. H. WILKINS ... 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 8
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Cyril J. Hibbert.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT G. BLACK, Guild Secretary ... Treble	
BURLEY P. MORRIS, Branch Committee ... 2	
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN, Branch Committee ... 3	
GEOFFREY E. WATSON, Branch Secretary ... 4	
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ERIC NOBLES, Branch Ringing Master ... Tenor	

Composed by GEORGE HOLFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

\* First peal on ten bells. An officers' peal. In memoriam, the Rev. E. S. Powell, M.A., for 12 years the respected Master of the Guild.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS M. ROWLAND ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	*PATRICK HARRIS ... 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... 3	WALTER H. RAXTER ... 8
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 9
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 5	FRED CRUMP ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GREAVES. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters and first on ten tower bells.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

SIDNEY BRIGGS ... Treble	CLEMENT GLENN ... 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	JACK BRAY ... 7
GEORGE DOWLING ... 3	BERT SUTTON ... 8
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Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. R. C. C. Hargreaves, M.A.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 8
HENRY J. SANGER ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5	RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal on ten. To the memory of John H. B. Hesse.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES W. WILLIAMS ... Treble	†JOSEPH PORTER ... 5
*HAROLD PARKINSON ... 2	*MISS BETTY MORELAND ... 6
ALBERT MILLS ... 3	†CHARLES CLEGG ... 7
THOMAS HILLMAN ... 4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. † First in method. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Moreland. Conductor's 100th peal on tenor bells.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 26½ cwt.
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	†GEORGE SKINNER ... 5
WILLIAM H. HOWE ... 2	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 6
*BRIAN PIDGEON ... 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 4	†JACK DEEM ... Tenor

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

RICHARD BENSON ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 6
MARY WALSHAW ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

A welcome to the new Bishop of Manchester.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pistow's Transposition.	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	ERIC T. LEE ... 5
G. SYDNEY JOYCE ... 2	†T. MARK WHITE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4	WM. H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. A 21st birthday compliment to T. Mark White.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	ARTHUR ROLFE ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A birthday compliment to the Vicar.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDGAR C. PIZZY ... Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... 6
SILVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.



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## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CLIFFORD BIRD ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
ALFRED G. HILL ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

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

## ASHTED, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GORDON P. T. PETERS Treble	*ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 5
†ALFRED H. WINCH ... 2	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
†ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 3	*GEORGE A. COOK ... 7
†GEORGE MARRINER ... 4	†ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal of Painswick. † First peal of Painswick Major. First peal of Painswick Major by the Guild.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*GORDON F. HURN ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
*ROBERT G. FISHER ... 2	PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 6
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

\* First peal in the method.

## EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	JOHN S. WALTON ... 5
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

## BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF TIVERTON LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
JOHN HAYES ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3	HARRY PYE ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

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

## HEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

MISS M. FLACKETT ... Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 5
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 3	FREDERICK GROCOTT ... 7
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

## HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS STELLA WICKENS ... Treble	*MAURICE THOMAS ... 5
ALBERT W. BOND ... 2	ROBERT C. PRIDGEON ... 6
*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY ... 3	EDGAR RAPLEY ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	HENRY STALHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich with an 'inside' bell.

## LYMM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 29 cwt, 3 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.

CECIL RADDON ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
CYRIL VALENTINE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

## ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ... Treble	GEOFFREY E. FOWLER ... 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	*REGINALD F. CROOK ... 6
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
*RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 4	VINCENT T. CHERRILL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES C. MCGUINNESS Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
*MISS JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 4	JOHN WALDEN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of London Surprise.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*FREDK. E. DUKES ... Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 5
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
EILEEN H. BASTOW ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## SOUTHAMPTON.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... Treble	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 5
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	TOM PAGE ... 6
*MISS JILL BRITAIN ... 3	†ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal.

## WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOAN A. RANCE ... Treble	ALBERT FLEET ... 5
VIOLET N. CASTLE ... 2	WILLIAM J. PARKER ... 6
WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 7
WALTER HUNT ... 4	*LEONARD D. MILLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.



## IPSWICH.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;**

Worcester Variation.		Tenor 32 cwt.	
HOBART E. SMITH ... ..	Treble	HERBERT G. JILLINGS ...	5
JEAN FREER ... ..	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	7
HARRY D. LISTER ... ..	4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ...	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.  
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor.

## WOOLWICH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	Treble	† FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	5
* ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ...	2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	6
ALFRED G. HILL ... ..	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	JAMES E. BAILEY ...	Tenor

Composed by J. B. FENTON. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.  
\* First peal of New Cambridge. † 150th peal. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Very Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, Provost of Southwark and previously Rector of Woolwich, as Bishop of Croydon.

## SIX BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

In various callings.		Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.	
* MISS M. A. PAWLEY ...	Treble	REG. C. TIPLER ... ..	4
J. ANTHONY FLINT ... ..	2	CECIL E. CARR ... ..	5
† JOHN R. FLINT ... ..	3	WILLIAM R. DRURY ...	Tenor

Conducted by CECIL E. CARR.  
\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pawley.

## STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Ten different callings.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
* ROBERT CRAWSHAW ...	Treble	* JAMES JACKSON ... ..	4
* WALTER SCHOFIELD ...	2	† FRANK HODGE ... ..	5
* HARRY SAXON ... ..	3	† VERNON TURNER ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HODGE.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First as conductor. Rung for the centenary of the church.

## WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5280 CHANCES;**

Being 44 six-scores, five callings.		Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.	
* WILLIAM M. STEPNEY ...	Treble	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ...	4
FRANK H. HICKS ... ..	2	† CLIFFORD BOOTH ...	5
WILFRED BOOTH ... ..	3	FREDERICK BAKER ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.  
\* First peal (aged 12 years 8 months). † First peal 'inside.' First of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Seven extents: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (2) Ipswich and Cambridge; (3) Stamford; (4) Rossendale; (5) London; (6) Wells; (7) Durham, Surfleet, York and Beverley.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
BRYAN SIMS ... ..	Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... ..	4
C. HENRY HARDING ... ..	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.  
First peal in 12 Surprise methods by all, in the county and by the Association.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, N. Adams 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, C. E. Tett 8.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Being seven 720's, C.C.C. Nos. 50, 48, 37, 49, 55, 28, 29.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

* ERNEST J. ROWE ... ..	Treble	GEORGE CARE ... ..	4
* REGINALD FINCH ... ..	2	STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	5
* WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ...	3	ERIC NOBLES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.  
\* First peal of Minor.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
* JOHN COOPER ... ..	Treble	JEAN WARD ... ..	4
ALAN CATTELL ... ..	2	MAVIS WHITEHEAD ...	5
JOHN BENNETT ... ..	3	* ERIC WATSON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.  
\* First peal. First peal of Bob Doubles for all and for the Guild.  
MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARWENNE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.		Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.	
* WILLIAM J. VINNICOMBE	Treble	* JOHN H. BOWDEN ...	4
ALAN J. HICKS ... ..	2	CHARLES E. TAYLOR ...	5
* REGINALD G. PEARCE ...	3	* JAMES RICH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.  
\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Sangwin, who instructed the band.

## MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Seven different 720's.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
* EDWIN G. MOORE ... ..	Treble	† FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	4
† HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	* NEIL I. ALLNATT ...	5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... ..	3	ALAN R. PINK ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor.

## SMARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Bob Minor, different callings.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
HARRY BAKER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD...	4
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ...	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	5
MARK W. MARSHALL ... ..	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Consisting of one block 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 35 lb.		Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 35 lb.	
* STANLEY GILBERT ... ..	Treble	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ...	4
* PETER BORDER ... ..	2	HERBERT FIELDS ... ..	5
FRANK W. LACK ... ..	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.  
\* First peal of Surprise and on the bells.

## GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of Bourne and Norwich and three of Cambridge.		Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 35 lb.	
G. CHERRY ... ..	Treble	L. FIDLER ... ..	4
E. WINTERS ... ..	2	W. CROFT ... ..	5
A. E. SYMONDS ... ..	3	F. CROFT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. CROFT.  
First peal of Surprise by all the band and on the bells. Rung for the silver wedding of the ringers of 3 and tenor.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Oct. 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. N. Braitch (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, N. G. Hoilingworth 4, W. D. Grainger 5, A. J. W. Hughes 6, J. Bullock 7, J. Rea 8.



FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

An extent each of Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 6½ cwt.

KENNETH SPAVINS ... ..	Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... ..	4
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... ..	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... ..	5
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE ... ..	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being eight 240's of Morris' and Thompson's Arrangement, and 26 six-scores, ten callings.  
Tenor 7 cwt.

REGINALD BEALE ... ..	Treble	*ARTHUR C. DRAYTON ... ..	4
REGINALD WELCH ... ..	2	†THOMAS J. HILL ... ..	5
FREDERICK WELCH ... ..	3	*ALFRED BOND ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' In memoriam, the Rev. E. S. Powell and J. Hole (late captain).

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

One extent of Double Oxford, two of St. Clement's, one of Plain Bob, one Oxford Treble Bob and two Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOODY ... ..	Treble	BERNARD O. MANN ... ..	4
*WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... ..	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..	5
†MISS F. MAKY LACEBY ... ..	3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in five methods 'inside.' † First peal in five methods.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Bob Royal: C. F. Sayer 1, Miss A. Bailey (first in method and of Royal) 2, A. Dale 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Miss A. Wren (first inside and of Royal) 5, H. Mason 6, G. W. Debenham 7, F. J. Spicer 8, H. V. Frost 9, T. J. Southam (conductor) 10. First on 10 as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED STEDMAN & GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... ..	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	5-6
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... ..	3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... ..	7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... ..	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Consisting of 2,501 Stedman, 2,502 Grandsire, with 52 changes of method, believed to be the first peal rung 'in hand' with these methods spliced.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

OLAVE BROYD ... ..	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... ..	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... ..	3-4	*EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..	7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS.

Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

\* 350th peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Broyd and a birthday compliment to Mrs. O. Broyd.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT TRENTWOOD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MRS. J. BRAY ... ..	1-2	JACK BRAY ... ..	5-6
FRED JEFFERY ... ..	3-4	PHILLIP BARNES ... ..	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.			
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... ..	1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... ..	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... ..	3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... ..	7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

A wedding compliment to Mr. R. Speakman and Miss Leslie Margaret Wilson, only daughter of Mr. Francis S. Wilson.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

A question for research experts. When was the last peal of Tiverton Little Bob rung? Mr. J. Swindley, now 75, found no difficulty in learning this method and rang it faultlessly at Buckley, Flintshire.

William M. Stepney, who rang his first peal at Warbleton at the age of 12 years 8 months, is believed to be the youngest ringer in Sussex to ring a peal. Mr. W. A. Kitchenside has now thrice 'circled' this tower.

What is the record for father and son peals? The Groombridges, of Nottingham, have rung 236 together.

A regretted omission from our report of the Leicester Guild Festival concerns the Coventry Diocesan Guild. Mrs. D. E. Beamish, the Guild secretary, and three other members attended to bring their good wishes and congratulations to their neighbours.

In the Worcester Variation of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung at Ipswich on October 18th, there are no bobs. It produced some excellent music on this grand old back eight, reports Mr. Oliver G. Barnard, the conductor. The company met short for Royal.

Peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus have now been scored by Messrs. W. F. Judge, F. A. H. Wilkins, N. I. Allnatt and Alan R. Pink. The last lap for these worthies was at Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, on Oct. 18th.

Mr. R. J. Brocklehurst, of Sneyd Park, Bristol 9, who has family connections with Charleston, South Carolina, has received a letter from Mr. George Williams concerning interest in change ringing. He states that the bells of St. Michael's Church, Charleston, are rung by an electrical device from a special keyboard near the organ console, the organist thus being able to chime the bells and then start his opening voluntary.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

To hand is a copy of 'The Scout,' telling of the unsuccessful attempt to ring a peal by eight Scouts at St. Nicolas', Godstone, last September. For the attempt Scouts came from Guiseley, Yorks (3), Aylesbury, Edmonton, Farnborough, Leatherhead and Worthing, the conductor being Eric Dench.

Comments B.D.P. in telling the story: 'Change ringing has a brotherhood that is akin to Scouting. If you can ring, you can walk into almost any belfry, introduce yourself and make friends immediately. And, like Scouting, it isn't easy. It needs stickability and a helping hand from others, and the experienced ringer in his turn helps those who are beginning.'

Holy Trinity bellringers, Hobart, Australia, are attempting a peal on November 20th for Princess Elizabeth's wedding.

Sunday service ringing has been resumed at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, after closure through decaying roof timbers and for decorations.

The peal of Painswick Surprise at Ashlead was rung for the golden wedding of Mr. Alfred L. Brown, of St. Martin's, Epsom. Mr. Brown rang his first peal at Ashlead on March 10th, 1903. Unfortunately, the bells of St. Martin's were not available.

Mr. James G. Rumsey celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first peal by a peal of Bristol at Framlingham, Suffolk. The band tender their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maulden for their hospitality after the peal.

While there were four first pealers at Stalybridge on October 14th, the ringers in question learnt to ring in 1925 and 1927 respectively. Mr. F. Hodge, the conductor, who has been ringing since 1919, has two peals to his credit. While the 'go' of these bells is excellent, they are very noisy, being 13 or 14 feet above the ringers with only a 9in. floor between.

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# LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS DEDICATED

GIFT OF STAFFORDSHIRE FREEMASONS.....TENOR 31½ CWT.....ASSOCIATION OF BELLS WITH LIFE

**L**ICHFIELD Cathedral was enriched on Sunday, October 26th, when the ring of ten bells, recast as a gift of the Freemasons of Staffordshire, was dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford. The gift commemorated the 750th anniversary of the Cathedral.

It was a memorable ceremony and was attended by a congregation that numbered over 2,000. The Masons entered the Cathedral from the west door in procession, wearing aprons and collars. The Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Dartmouth, was attended by his officers. Another procession was formed by the Mayor and members of the Corporation of Lichfield, escorted by a detachment of the Special Constabulary.

## SERVICE RELAYED.

The service opened with the singing of the National Anthem and the hymn, 'Before th' eternal Father's throne.' The dedication followed the first lesson, read by Canon J. E. W. Wallis. In the spacious belfry were assembled the Bishop of Stafford, the Dean, Precentor and singers, together with the Provincial Grand Master and his officers, and the ceremony of dedication was relayed by loud speakers to all parts of the Cathedral.

In making the offer of the recast bells on behalf of the Freemasons of Staffordshire, the Earl of Dartmouth asked the Dean's acceptance of the gift 'to the greater glory of God and for the enrichment of our Cathedral Church.'

The Dean (the Very Rev. F. A. Iremonger), in accepting the bells with due thankfulness, added, 'It shall be our endeavour to see that this gift is preserved for the purpose for which it has been offered.' He asked the Bishop to dedicate the ring of bells 'that it may thereby be set apart from all worldly and profane purposes and may be used in the worship and service of Almighty God in this church.'

The Bishop then hallowed and dedicated the bells, and the prayers he offered included one for bellringers—that they 'may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and mindful of the sacredness of Thy house, may put away from them all idle thoughts and light behaviour.'

The singing during the service was of great beauty. It included two anthems, S. S. Wesley's 'Lead me, Lord, lead me in righteousness' and 'Let their celestial concerts all unite' (Handel). The Te Deum was to Stanford's setting in B flat.

## THE MUSIC OF THE STEEPLE

The Dean, in his address, said: 'You, whose generosity has made this gift possible, must surely feel a thrill of pride and joy when you reflect that for generations to come the bells of Lichfield Cathedral—now recast and more tuneful than any of us can remember—will ring out, as of old, over the Staffordshire countryside.'

'There is a music of the steeple as well as a music of the choir stalls and the organ loft. And it would be surprising if both the greatest and the least distinguished writers had not vied with one another in describing in verse or prose the emotions aroused by that music in their hearts.'

'On the sound of the church bells has centred some of the world's best poetry, and much of its worst, and most sentimental doggerel from Edgar Allan Poe's immortal masterpiece to 'The Miner's Dream of Home.' One verse of a poem describing the bells of Oxford which has haunted me from the day I first read it I will quote:—

Mind'st thou the bells? What a place it was for bells, lad!

Spirits as sharp as thrushes' bills to pierce the sky with song!

How it shook the heart of one, the swaying and the swinging,

How it set the blood a-tramp and all the brain a-singing.

Aye, and what a world of thought the calmer chimes came bringing.



**LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.**  
The bells are hung in the tower on the right.

Telling praises every hour  
To His majesty and power,  
Telling prayers with punctual service, summers,  
centuries, how long?  
The beads upon our rosary of memorable song.

## THE VALUES OF ETERNITY

The greatest of all the associations to which the sound of church bells ministers is the associations of worship. Only one thing was needed, during the war, to make all days alike, and to secularise completely our communal life; and this the Government achieved when they stopped the ringing of church bells on Sundays. It was the snapping of the last link, however feeble a one, in the chain that bound many of our fellow countrymen to the values of eternity.

'Is it too much to hope that from this morning there may be formed in your minds some fresh association with the bells, which, thanks to the skill and initiative of Mr. Sedgwick, the captain of our bellringers, and his team, you will hear ringing as you leave the Cathedral? If the hope of any such association is justified, will you rest assured that we, in this Close and City, will do all in our power to encourage and sustain it. A thou-

sand men and women have banded themselves together, under the name of the Friends of Lichfield Cathedral, to secure this aim—to hand down to the generations to come this Cathedral unspoilt and unimpaired.

Ringling during the dedication was two whole pulls in rounds, and the following took part, all local ringers: Joan Beresford 1, F. T. Hayle 2, F. A. Sedgwick 3, L. Smith 4, L. Monk 5, A. Smith 6, A. Bowler, sen. 7, W. J. Cope 8, A. Bowler, jun. 9, G. E. Oliver 10.

The opening touch after the service of Grandsire Caters was by ringers from Coventry, Birmingham, Stafford, Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Lichfield, with Mr. Harry Withers as conductor. Over 100 ringers were present during the day, the ringing being in the capable hands of Mr. G. E. Oliver. Opinions were unanimous that a magnificent ring of bells had been provided by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

## THE NEW BELLS.

The inscriptions on the recast bells are:  
Treble: Recast at Gloucester by Thomas Rudhall, 1764.

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8: Conflavit me Henricus Bagley anno salvtis, 1688.

9th: Prosperity to the Church of England. Cast by Abel Rudhall, 1758.

Tenor: Thomas Mears, of London, Fecit, 1815. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. This peal of bells was recast as a gift of the Freemasons of Staffordshire, 1947. F. A. Iremonger, Dean; Masonic Emblem; Dartmouth, Provincial Grand Master. Ring out the false, ring in the true. Bishop: E. S. Woods. Precentor: S. G. B. Exham. Chancellor: J. E. W. Wallis. Treasurer: L. D. Hammond. Custos: J. H. Kempson, 1947.

The nine smallest bells also bear Taylor's shield with 'Recast 1947' below. The tenor bell weighs 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. and sounds note D natural.

## HISTORY OF THE BELLS

The early history of the Cathedral bell's is purely conjectural, but in 1477 Dean Heywode gave a great bell called Jesus, which bore the following inscription:—

I am the Bell of Jesus, and Edward is our King,

Sir Thomas Heywode first caused me to ring.

This bell was destroyed during the partial destruction of the Cathedral during the Civil Wars. A Bodleian MS. says: 'One Pickens, a pewterer, on July 26th, 1653, knokt in pieces the fair bell called Jesus at Lichfield, he being the chief officer appointed for demolishing that Cathedral.' In 1670 Bishop Hacket, who restored the Cathedral, contracted for 'six bells becoming a cathedral.' When Bishop Hacket died on October 26th, 1670, three of the bells had been cast, but only the tenor fixed. On hearing this bell for the first time the good Bishop observed that it would be his passing bell and died shortly afterwards.

In 1687, the Hacket bells having become 'bad and useless,' a subscription was raised to replace them with a new peal of ten, and the contract was placed with Henry Bagley, of Ecton, Northants. This peal was completed in 1688. A fire occurred in the belfry in 1758, and the intense heat cracked the ninth: this was recast by Abel Rudhall. The treble was 'recast by Thomas Rudhall in 1764.'

The three smallest and also the sixth bell had been very badly chipped away on their edges, and still they were flat in relation to the tone of the other bells; the musical quality of the peal as a whole was very poor indeed, especially for such a magnificent Cathedral.



## Oxford University Society

MR C. J. DICKINSON THE NEW MASTER.

A general meeting of the Society was held at Magdalen College on October 14th, the president (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) being in the chair. Thirty-seven people were present, including 15 new members. The treasurer's report, showing a balance of £9 2s. 5d., was adopted.

Miss Higgins gave an account of the Society's activities, ringing and otherwise, during Trinity Term and the ringing tour held at Hereford in August. This was followed by an account from Mr. Semmens of the ringing-cum-farming holiday at Honeybourne.

The Chairman announced that as the present Master, Mr. W. F. Moreton, had gone down, the election of a new Master was necessary. There were three nominations—Miss K. Higgins (L.M.H.), Mr. P. C. Wright (Univ.) and Mr. C. J. Dickinson (Magdalen). The nominees having withdrawn from the room, Mr. Dickinson was elected. The office of male secretary, previously held by him, thus fell vacant, and Mr. Wright was elected nem con.

The Chairman suggested that the secretaries should write to Mr. Moreton expressing the Society's regrets at his departure and thanking him for his many services during his term of office. The Society heartily concurred.

The date of the Society's annual ringing tour caused some lively discussion, the main question being whether it should be held in the summer as in previous years or in the Easter vacation to avoid interfering with the Universities' Association tour. It was decided to obtain the opinions of members who had gone down before making a decision. The tour will probably be held at Berkhamsted next year.

A proposal that a social should be held this term was eventually carried, and a committee was elected to make the arrangements.

With the aid of a model, Miss Higgins explained how a tower bell was rung, for the benefit of new members, and described the basic principles of change ringing. K.H.

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Nineteen members, representing ten colleges, and friends from Banstead, Chichester, Fulham and Greenford were present at the third annual meeting of the University of London Society on October 25th.

The Vicar of Battersea (the Rev. A. S. Hopkinson) made the Society very welcome to St. Mary's Church, and after their ringing conducted a short service, in which he gave an interesting and original address. After an excellent meal at the George II. Cafe, the business meeting and further ringing were held at St. Stephen's Church.

Capt. D. N. Layton, R.E.M.E., the first Master of the Society, acted as ringing master and also as chairman for the lengthy business meeting.

The reports of the Master, secretary and treasurer all showed that the main aim of the Society during the next year should be the finding and thorough training of recruits from the University, thus making available to the Exercise more ringers who could help depleted service bands and also help to bring into use for church purposes the very many good rings which now hang idle. An increase in membership and in the balance in hand was reported.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson; Master and representative for London on the Universities' Association Committee, Mr. V. J. Benning; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. R. Blackman; committee, Mr. P. R. Layton, Miss J. Yearsley and Miss H. Y. Gardner; and auditor, Mr. G. C. Carter.

An ambitious programme is to be attempted during this session, details of which were left to the committee, and if possible a dinner in London on January 3rd if sufficient support is forthcoming and it does not interfere with other functions.

## 800 Peals

MR. T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.'s RECORD.

Many congratulations have been extended to Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who rang his 800th peal on his 80th birthday. His ringing career seemed to peter out with his accident in July, 1939, and after his 794th on October 9th, 1941, Mr. Groombridge announced that he would not attempt another peal.

This held good until last year, when he rang a peal of Kent Minor at Stapleford and Grand-sire Caters at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

A few attempts which failed followed at intervals, but recently the suggestion was made to complete the 800 on his 80th birthday, and he just succeeded, as No. 799 was rung two nights before. To keep in practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman in hand was started for on the remaining evening, but it was not taken too seriously.

One of his most cherished memories is deleted from the 800, the record peal of Cinques at Southwark, which turned out to be false, but he often cites this as some of the best ringing he ever took part in.

He had handled the tenors at Bow, Southwark, Manchester Town Hall, Cornhill, etc., but was equally proud of managing Fooks Cray treble of 1 cwt. plus a few pounds to a peal of Stedman Doubles. His record is as follows:

Doubles: Stedman 1.  
Minor Var.: 21 (conducted 15).  
Triples: Grandsire 90 (47), Oxford Bob 4 (1), Plain Bob 1, Erin 1, Union 1, Stedman 162 (82 conducted, 1 non-conducted).

Major: Plain Bob 39 (11), Double Bob 1, Double Norwich 77 (12 and 1 non-conducted), New Double Norwich 3 (2), Double Oxford 5, Hereward 2, Kent Treble Bob 71 (28), Oxford T.B. 4, Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Granta T.B. 1, Little Bob 2, Erith Little Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 64 (5 and 1 non-conducted), New Cambridge 2, Superlative 32 (5 and 1 non-conducted), Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1, Ipswich 1, Crayford 1, New Cumberland 3, London 22 (1), Bristol 11 (1), Four Spliced 1.

Caters: Grandsire 4, Stedman 35.  
Royal: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 1, St. Clement's 1, Forward 2, Duffield 1, Kent T.B. 15 (4), Cambridge Surprise 10.

Cinques: Grandsire 2, Stedman 48.  
Maximus: Plain Bob 2, Kent T.B. 7 (1), Cambridge Surprise 16 (3), Superlative Surprise 2.

Handbells: Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 1, Granta T.B. Major 1 (1), Granta T.B. Royal 1, Plain Bob Major 14 (1), Plain Bob Royal 4, Plain Bob Maximus 1.  
Total 800, conducted 220.

## HODNET BELLS

Two new trebles have been added to the ring of six at Hodnet, Shropshire, to complete the octave. These were dedicated by the Bishop of Shrewsbury on October 19th after a Confirmation service.

Immediately after the ceremony the bells were rung in rounds and 'Queens' by the local ringers, and the tower was afterwards thrown open to visitors, who rang methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. The striking was of a high order and the parishioners had a chance of hearing their bells at their best.

Both the new bells are inscribed, 'Thanksgiving for victory, 1939-1945,' on the waist, and round the shoulder, 'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1947.' The treble weighs 4 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb., and the second 5 cwt. 2 lb. They blend perfectly with the old bells (Rudhall, 1769), which were rebuned at Loughborough in 1931 and rehung in a 'low side' iron frame for eight.

Everyone was delighted with the peal, and the founders are to be congratulated on making such an excellent 'splice.' The Hodnet people now possess one of the best eights in the country.

## Kent County Association

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

An attendance of 120 ringers representing 18 towers was recorded at the annual meeting of the Rochester District on October 18th. Ringing preceded the service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, assisted by the Archdeacon. Prayers from the Ringers' Service Handbook and the ringers' hymn were introduced into the service.

Following tea at the City Cafe, the Dean welcomed the company. At the business meeting the Archdeacon of Rochester presided, and the secretary reported an all-round improvement on last year in membership, finance and ringing. Three new practising members and an hon. life member were elected.

Mr. B. W. May was re-elected district secretary, as were the two district representatives. Rainham was selected for the next meeting. In the evening there was ringing at the Cathedral, Chatham and Frindsbury.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A suggestion by Mr. H. Goodwin that a collection should be made at each meeting for the benefit of the church concerned as a mark of the visitors' esteem led to a spirited debate at the annual meeting at Tonbridge on October 4th. The suggestion was rejected, and the matter was left as at present, viz., that deserving towers receive donations from the Belfry Repair Fund.

The secretary's report was adopted and the accounts accepted. Officers elected were: Secretary, Mr. R. Whitehead; district representatives, Mr. B. Collinson and Mr. E. Ladd; Ringing Master, Mr. B. W. Pankhurst.

Two proposals of the Lewisham District were considered: (a) That a peal secretary be appointed for the Association; (b) that a beginners' booklet on change ringing be produced for sale at a nominal price to learners and others.

The first was well supported, but the second was rejected, the district deciding to give it no support.

The Vicar (the Rev. Russell B. White) officiated at the service, Mr. A. H. James, a member of the local band, acting as organist.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

First Guild meeting to be held at Bursdon since its transfer to the Alton and Petersfield District took place on October 18th. The Rector (Canon G. S. Morley) conducted the service and presided at the meeting.

New ringing members elected were A. J. Garrett (Petersfield) and Miss A. Waller (Blackmoor). Those present included the Rev. A. D. Somerset Ward and Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary). The annual district meeting will be held at Alton on February 7th.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

Some 30 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting at Curdridge on October 18th. The Vicar officiated at the service. At the business meeting, which followed tea, members stood in silence as a token of respect to Mr. F. S. Bayley, a former member, who recently died.

Methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

## VISIT TO RANMORE COMMON

On October 11th, 21 members from the towers of St. Leonard's, Streatham, Christ Church, Mitcham, and St. Mary's, Wimbledon, visited Ranmore Common, near Dorking. The trip was made by coach and the weather was glorious, which enabled everyone to enjoy to the full the scenery with its autumn tints.

Through the permission of the Rector (the Rev. H. G. Davies), about two hours' ringing was enjoyed, and touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were successfully accomplished.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANKS, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed, in the name of many visitors to Leicester for the festival, to express our warmest appreciation and thanks for the memorable week-end so carefully planned and so ably carried through.

The organisers were obviously involved in a prodigious amount of preparatory work, and one hopes they will feel regarded by the unqualified success of the occasion. Our thanks are also due to the Lord Bishop and to the other speakers at the dinner and to the incumbents of the various churches who gave permission for peal attempts and other ringing.

Seldom has there been a more successful and enjoyable gathering of ringers.—Yours sincerely,  
‘ONE OF THE VISITORS.’

## THE LOUGHBOROUGH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—As a member of the band which attempted the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Loughborough on the day of the Leicester Festival dinner, may I make the following points in reply to your remarks in *Belfry Gossip*? First, if the opinion of the ‘expert ears’ was that the ringing was only ‘good,’ then it could not have been excellent, which I think should be the standard demanded on a ring of bells of the quality of All Saints’, Loughborough. While agreeing that the ringing at approximately 12 noon was good, it did not, however, improve, but gradually deteriorated, the ringing being marred by a series of irritating trips which continually upset the rhythm. When we descended from the tower at 1.15 p.m. none of the expected listeners appeared.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Stapleton, Bristol.

## ‘NAME’ PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bottrill’s letter in your last issue makes interesting reading, and it seems clear that a name peal of Royal was rung at Fulham in 1902. I am curious to know whether the 1932 peal rung there can properly be claimed as a name peal, seeing that one of the ringers had to use his second Christian name to ‘qualify.’

Having recently rung in the *Fredrick* peal at Beddington, and thereby feeling somewhat superior, I suggested that I might help out some Williams (who were unsuccessful in an attempt for Royal on the same afternoon as that on which the Beddington peal was rung) in their next attempt. Should I be eligible? If so, it is a pity that my mother bestowed on me only those names with which I sign myself—

FREDERICK WILLIAM GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath, Bucks.

## SUDBURY’S TENOR

Dear Sir,—We have at All Saints’ Sudbury, a fine peal of eight, tenor 28 cwt., in excellent order, marred in beauty by the faulty clapping of the tenor.

This has been examined and a provisional estimate of £50 has been given. The bell will have to come out and be correctly clapped and rehung. Under the auspices of the Vicar we have opened a fund to get this done, but as that gentleman is busily engaged in raising £1,000 to restore the church, we ringers have undertaken the task of raising the sum.

May I appeal to any reader who feels generously inclined to help us achieve our object? Any contributions, of whatever amount, will be graciously received and individually acknowledged by the Vicar, the Rev. Crowther Smith, All Saints’, Sudbury, or by the undersigned as trustee of the fund.—Thanking you, yours faithfully,  
ARCHIE A. FITCH.

7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Uden 1, A. Miller 2, H. Allen 3, T. Miller 4, P. Allen (cond.) 5, J. Uden 6.

## INITIATING A NEW BAND

Dear Sir,—Your leaders often give rise to interesting questions. One is: Has the best way to initiate a new band into change ringing been discovered, published and adopted as standard practice? Not that I am aware of; but of the various possibilities, one must be the easiest for learners and therefore the quickest. Which is it?

In my experience the propagandist is very liable to be faced by two obstacles, either of which, singly, would make matters very difficult. When both are in evidence at the same time, the position is hopeless.

In my last opportunity I undertook the task at the invitation of vicar and curate. After the usual war-time difficulties had been overcome, a strictly local band of novices reached the stage of being able to ring the 14 hunting lines on seven bells (tenor covering) in preparation for Grandsire Triples. This success proved that I was working on the right lines; it only remained to bring the striking up to a satisfactory standard, and they were ready to tackle the Plain Course.

In the meantime, unfortunately, the sympathetic vicar had died, and his successor took the opposite view. Then the captain left the town, and the remnant (instead of making an intensive effort to replace losses) allowed themselves to be inoculated by some unknown counsellor with the opinion that the right approach to change ringing is by way of Grandsire Doubles. As it was known that in an eight-bell tower, surrounded by thousands of people, I do not approve of changes on five bells, I received no further requests to be helpful. Later, at the next branch meeting, there were handed in nine local names for associate membership; so why was there any need to give up eight-bell ringing?

It is now over two years since I was last in the tower as an invited guest, and (to the best of my knowledge) no local six have succeeded in ringing any Doubles. On the last three occasions that I have happened to pass during time for service ringing, the worshippers were being invited to attend by means of (1) one bell; (2) and (3), chiming on eight bells.

If the blame for the failure rests on me, where did I go wrong? ‘ADSUM.’

Devon.

## ADELAIDE DEDICATION

Dear Sir,—In your issue of August 1st, which has just come to hand, is a letter from Mr. Edgar Knott, captain of St. Paul’s bellringers, Melbourne. Some of his statements are incorrect.

Mr. Knott states that I made arrangements with him to take a combined team to Adelaide to open the bells of St. Peter’s Cathedral. This is wrong. At the time I was in Melbourne the Bishop himself did not know what date the bells were to be opened, so how could I make these arrangements? I did say that some of the Sydney men would probably go to Adelaide if there were sufficient numbers to make up a band.

Mr. Knott states that he wrote to the Bishop in regard to a visiting team. The Bishop wrote and told him that Mr. Joyner was making all arrangements. Mr. Knott did not write to Mr. Joyner. The matter was a personal one between the Bishop of Adelaide and Mr. Joyner and had nothing to do with the N.S.W. Association.

The Bishop wrote on June 4th inviting St. Paul’s ringers to be present at the opening of the bells and that he would pay travelling expenses. As he had no reply, no doubt he assumed that St. Paul’s had changed their mind. I fail to see how Mr. Knott can say that the Sydney ringers were unsportsmanlike. He had his invitation, and if that letter did not arrive he should blame the postal authorities, not the N.S.W. Association, W. ROWE.

Sydney, N.S.W.

## Suffolk Guild

## ELECTION OF IPSWICH DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Six Ipswich ringers attended the tea and business meeting on the occasion of the election of a new district secretary on Oct. 25th.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Master of the Guild, opened the meeting by referring to the death of Mr. Fred Lambert, and gave a short history of his life and career and valuable work for the Exercise. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, general secretary, said he had called the meeting for several reasons, but chiefly to elect a district secretary in the place of Mr. J. W. Jennings, who had left the town to reside at Branham. He thanked Mr. Jennings in his absence for the good work he had done in training recruits, Sunday service ringing and secretarial work. Mr. Pipe asked for a show of loyalty to the new district secretary by early payment of Guild subscriptions, attendance at meetings, the finding and teaching of recruits, Sunday service ringing and, last but not least, the observance of good striking on all occasions.

It was a great disappointment to find so few Ipswich ringers present, and had it not been for the visitors the tea arranged for 26 would have been cancelled.

Referring to the coming marriage of Princess Elizabeth, Mr. Pipe asked all ringers to make early arrangements to ring for the occasion. Touches or peals rung any time during the wedding day would be greatly appreciated by the public, and ringers had a great opportunity of drawing the attention of the populace to bells and bellringing.

Mr. Edward E. Ellenger, of Ipswich, was unanimously elected as district secretary. In thanking the members, he asked for loyalty and support. Both he and Mr. Fred Steward said they were keen to see more new members and more church bells rung, and with the help of Mr. Fred Bowell they hoped to get around and find more young blood and keep the head of Ipswich district above water. C.W.P.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The joint meeting with the Oxford Guild at Hillingdon attracted 80 members and friends. The Rev. E. S. C. Lowman, Vicar of Bray, who is a ringer, presided at the business meeting, when a letter was read from Miss G. E. Trollope thanking the Association for their expressions of sympathy on the death of her brother. Those present stood in silence in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell (life member) and Mr. J. J. Pratt. Miss Ruth Geraghty (Pinner) was elected a ringing member.

The usual social evening followed. Handbell tunes were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. John Ford, and the Gutteridge family entertained with songs and a pianoforte solo from Rosemary.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## MEETING AT CRANLEIGH.

Favoured by a bright autumn day, the Guildford District meeting at Cranleigh on October 18th proved to be a completely satisfactory function. Fifty members attended and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise methods.

After the service, conducted by the Rector of Cranleigh, a very good tea was admirably arranged by Mr. R. Whittington, who was thanked for his effort.

At the invitation of the Rector of Dunsfold and Mrs. Crowhurst, who were present, a small party was organised to visit Dunsfold, where a new band has been formed.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. P. Floyd 1, Miss N. Honey 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, Miss L. R. Pimm 4, E. G. Moore 5, J. Coggins (first quarter on eight bells) 6, C. G. Calcutt 7, N. Floyd (first quarter on eight bells) 8.



## QUARTER PEALS

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—At SS. Peter and Paul's on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Colin Verdon 1, Kathleen E. Fletcher 2, F. H. Wellington 3, Rev. P. J. Boulsover (first quarter as conductor) 4, F. A. Smeaton 5, Mildred F. Scarfe (first quarter) 6.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Collett 1, W. J. Dixon 2, F. W. Soden 3, T. H. J. Prince 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, F. Soden (cond.) 7, G. R. Miles 8. For 5th ringer's 15th anniversary as organist.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—At St. Paul's Church on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Roden 1, Miss N. Brain 2, W. J. Leach 3, A. Foster 4, B. G. Key (conductor) 5, G. Harrison 6, G. L. Roden 7, L. Chamberlain 8.

**CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Betty Turner (first quarter) 1, Miss Edna George 2, P. Gray 3, J. Perrott 4, J. Hayward 5, H. Simmons 6, T. Blow (cond.) 7, F. Brownett 8.

**CLEWER, BERKS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. Purchase 1, R. Posnett 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, S. L. Posnett 6. First quarter in method by all and by local band.

**DUCKLINGTON, OXON.**—On Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 180 Grandsire, 120 each of Antelope, Union, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune: L. Oliffe 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, J. Coggins 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, C. Bustin 5, E. Knight 6. First quarter in 10 methods by 1, 3, 5 and 6.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys Anderson 1, E. J. Lindley 2, Barbara Pollinger 3, D. N. Layton (cond.) 4, H. E. Good 5, H. Cheesman 6, J. E. Beams 7, D. Mann 8.

**FARNWORTH, LANCs.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pte. J. Thornley 1, T. Aldred 2, J. W. Dearden 3, J. Boyer 4, W. Gorton 5, R. Eastham 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Welcome to the new priest.

**GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.**—A tribute to the late O. J. Smart, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Smart 1, O. Smart 2, Miss N. Smith 3, A. Mitchell 4, J. Holloway 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for all except conductor.

**GWENNAP, CORNWALL.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hosking 1, J. A. Vincent 2, Miss J. E. Withey (cond.) 3, Miss T. Richards 4, S. A. Reed 5, K. Applin 6. First quarter inside for 2, 4 and 5.

**HIGHGATE, LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Anne on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Carter 1, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 2, J. M. Payton 3, D. J. Gay (first quarter) 4, T. Bevan 5, J. O'Dell 6.

**LEAFIELD, OXFORD.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wright 1, L. Smith 2, H. Townsend 3, N. Locke 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, A. Wilshire 6. First quarter by all.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,248 Bob Major: G. A. Naylor (cond.) 1, F. J. Cheal 2, F. G. Southgate 3, T. Cross 4, E. Naylor 5, F. M. Macey 6, W. J. Walker 7, W. L. Rayner 8.

**SEPTON, LIVERPOOL.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Bob Major: T. Hammond 1, S. Flint 2, J. Prescott 3, E. Edmondson 4, Mrs. D. Booth 5, D. Booth 6, J. Hale 7, W. Deacon (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for 3, 4 and 7.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Ware 1, P. Mayne 2, L. May 3, W. Cockram 4, E. Richards 5, J. Upton 6, L. E. Parris (cond.) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

**UFFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss P. Orford 1, W. E. Maulden 2, J. Daniell 3, C. E. Fisher 4, Miss P. Jenvey 5, G. Finch 6, J. Prestner 7, F. L. Fisher (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 5.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.**—At St. Oswald's on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Clouston 1, R. Webster 2, K. Lawson 3, E. Burnett (cond.) 4, T. Templeman 5, J. Clouston 6, F. Rabson 7, N. Mahoney 8. All local ringers except conductor.

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## MEETINGS

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 8th, at Sawbridgeworth. Bells (8) 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. 2187

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Turners Hill (8), Nov. 8th, 3. Tea at Mrs. Pollard's 5.—C. A. Bassett, 2208

3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells. 2184

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—For members attending the 310th anniversary dinner at Pimms, Bishopsgate, on Nov. 8th there will be ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 1.15; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30. On Nov. 9th ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, 10.15 a.m.—A. B. Peck. 2170

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Bi-quarterly meeting at Solihull, Sat., Nov. 8th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 2198

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. David's, Brecon, on Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2189

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting Tempsford, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6), 3. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 2190

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 2201

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be no ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Sunday, Nov. 9th.—G. W. Steere. 2221

**HERTS ASSN.**—Combined practice, Monday, Nov. 10th, St. Peter's, St. Albans, 7.45 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2224

**LEICESTER DIOCESEAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Double Norwich practice second Thursday each month, 7.30 to 9 p.m., at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, commencing Nov. 13th. 2205

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting Farnfield (5), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3.15. Bring food. Buses from Newark, Nottingham, Mansfield, Retford.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 2188

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 11th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 2194

**CHESTER DIOCESEAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Alsager (8 bells), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Refreshments provided. Names by 12th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 2208



**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—A Guildford District meeting will be held at Old Woking on Sat., Nov. 15th; usual arrangements. Cups of tea only provided. Names please, by Nov. 10th. Nominations for district officers for 1948 must be made at this meeting. —A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2195

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.**—Quarterly meeting Penhow, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Business to follow. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Buses quarter to the hour from Newport.—F. J. Hannington. 2183

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting Walton-on-Thames (8), Nov. 15th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for district officers for 1948. Notifications for tea to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2191

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Practice, Lyminster (6), Nov. 15th, 3. Names for tea by 13th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 2211

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting, Norwood Green, Sat., Nov. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea, Plough Inn, 5.30 p.m. Names must be sent to Mr. W. Emmett, 4, Norwood Terrace, Norwood Green, Southall, by Nov. 14th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. Perivale 5320. 2210

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. —Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Lea on Sat., Nov. 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Women's Institute at 5 p.m. Names, please, to me by previous Wednesday. —Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 2229

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackpool, on Sat., Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. —J. H. Foster. 2226

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District. —Dunstable (8), Sat., Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those notifying me by Wed., Nov. 12th. —H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds. 2223

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bring food.—W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft. 2207

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston Dis. —Cossington (5), Nov. 15th, 3 to 8.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 2209

**EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSN.**—Morton (6), Nov. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Please send names not later than Tues., Nov. 11th, to Mr. G. Holdgate, 6, Sitwell Avenue, Morton, Derby. 2218

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting Henley (8), Sat., Nov. 15th. Bus leaves Ipswich 3. Last bus back 8. Tea 5. Bring food and tea. Names by 11th to Edward Ellenger, Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. All ringers welcome. 2222

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Butcombe, Sat., Nov. 15th, 4 p.m. Nempnett Thrubwall 6. —Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2220

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Meeting, Smarden (6), Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 9d.) at Chequers, 5 p.m. —T. Cullingworth, Dis. Sec. 2217

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 15th, at Hitchin. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 13th to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. 2216

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Coventry District. —Meeting, Kenilworth (6), Nov. 15th, 3. Tea at the Cosy Cafe, Castle Green, for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 2213

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Groby (6), Sat., Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names by Tues., Nov. 11th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 2219

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Ashby (8), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify E. W. Beadmoore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, by Nov. 12th, please. 2231

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Weekly practices, Tuesdays, 7.30, St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (6). Service ringing, 1st and 3rd Sundays, 5.30. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth (8), Nov. 17th, 6.15. —P. R. Blackman, Hon. Sec. 2233

**NORWICH ASSN.**—West Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Swaffham, Nov. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please reply early. —W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 2228

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Sat., Nov. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2214

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. St. Andrew's bells available in the evening. Will all desiring tea please notify me by Nov. 18th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath. 2230

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury (10), Nov. 22nd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Curtis, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, by Wed., Nov. 19th. 2225

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A practice meeting has been arranged at St. Botolph's, Northfleet, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Gentlemen welcome.—E. M. Mitchell. 2212

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Nov. 22nd. Tea only for those who notify me by Nov. 14th.—J. E. Allen, Hon. Sec., Virginia Cottages, Donington, Spalding. 2196

**ALDEBY, near Beccles.**—Dedication of new treble, making ring of 5, Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Handbells 2.30. Ringing after service. Tea in School. Names for tea to Rev. W. H. Gunter, Aldeby Vicarage, Beccles.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 2125

**METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD and LADIES' GUILD** (Central District). —Meeting at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, S.E.1, on Sat., Nov. 29th. Details later. —N. Bagworth and E. E. Davis, Dis. Secs. 2215

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#### QUARTER PEALS

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1.260 Grandshire Triples: Miss A. Smith 1, R. Biggs 2, R. P. Newton 3, A. Cox 4, A. Heywood 5, P. Newton (cond.) 6, R. Blaby 7, V. Evans 8. Also 1.268 Bob Major (conductor, W. Lee).

**LUTTERWORTH, LEICS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: A. B. Webb 1, E. W. Tipler 2, C. Underwood 3, A. E. Barlow 4, C. E. Turner 5, A. J. Timson 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, H. Goosey 8.

**STOWMARKET.**—On Oct. 9th, 1.260 Grandshire Triples: R. Wilding 1, Miss J. Freer 2, B. Chilvers 3, L. Forster 4, H. D. Lister 5, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 6, F. Sterry 7, H. Copeland 8. In memoriam Thomas L. Snarrow.

**UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 11th, 1.260 Grandshire Triples: Miss J. Durrant 1, A. Richardson 2, F. Hart 3, F. Miles 4, F. Weller 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. W. E. Daw (cond.) 7, C. Hart 8. In memoriam James A. Hart, captain and over 40 years a ringer at the Parish Church.



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## THREE JOHNS

A feature at the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths is the concluding toast, in which the respective Masters of 100, 200 and 300 years ago are remembered. Mr. E. Alex Young, who since the death of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope has been the society's historian, delved into the past and gave sidelights of these three worthies, all of whom were christened John, when the 310th anniversary dinner was held on Saturday.

In 1847 the Master was John Bradley, who was one of those energetic men of the middle of the 19th century and was a contemporary of John Cox, who during Bradley's mastership was the leading conductor of the College Youths. Bradley joined the society in 1840, and at the time he came in he rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

John Hardham, who held office in 1747, has been much in the news this year in view of the Ancient Society's visit to Chichester this summer. Chichester was his birthplace, and the town he endowed in a handsome fashion by his will. He succeeded Benjamin Annable as Master, having rung his first peal in 1725, and also stood in the record peal of Maximus. Mr. Young described him as 'a reliable man and one who did not push himself to the front.' In business as a tobacconist and snuff purveyor, he was a man of substance. His shop remains to this day at Fleet Street, and 'Hardham's Snuff Shop' is still to be seen on the fascia of the premises.

John Bayes, the Master in 1647, was elected a member a couple of years before, and he never filled the office of steward. There was no question that he was a man of standing, as the composition of the College Youths in those days was largely professional men or law students. His predecessor, John Houghton, was a writer of learned books and dealer in coffee, chocolate and other luxuries 'against the Ship Tavern in Bartholomew Lane.'

This pride in the achievements of the past and the maintenance of continuity is ever constant among the College Youths. Shades of past performances undoubtedly were present on the occasion of the peal by the society recorded this week at Southwark Cathedral. From those distant Stuart days when the society was formed until to-day it is doubtful if any great royal occasion has passed by without appropriate ringing. And next Thursday will be such an occasion when the bells of Westminster Abbey will express the rejoicings of the people on the occasion of the marriage of Princess Elizabeth, the heir to the throne, and her gallant sailor bridegroom.



## TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
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HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 11
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 6	JOHN A. WAUGH ... Tenor

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## TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	*P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 2	†DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 7
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 3	AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 8
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**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 6
*EDWIN DREWITT ... 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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On Mon., Oct. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

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ARTHUR D. COOK ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
JOHN S. WALTON ... 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. W. CRITCHLEY.  
A 21st birthday compliment to Arthur D. Cook.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.
FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ... Treble	HAROLD G. REYNOLDS ... 5
ERNEST GOWER ... 2	†PETER J. ROLLISON ... 6
RONALD W. PANKHURST ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
*ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 4	LOUIS W. FAULKNER ... Tenor

Composed by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JOSEPH MORRIS ... Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

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

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRED W. BROWNLOW ... Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
EILEEN H. BASTOW ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
JOHN BOOTH ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.  
\* First peal in method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF LIVERPOOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
FRANCIS BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANDES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.  
\* 75th peal. The first peal in the method.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... Treble	FRANK TAYLOR ... 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 2	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 6
†ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... 7
*GEORGE R. DAWSON ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. A welcome to the new Vicar.

PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, DOUGLAS PARBOLD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE R. NEWTON ... Treble	*ALBERT PARKER ... 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
GEORGE H. HESKETH ... 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal of Triples and in the method on the bells. In memoriam Thomas W. Gilmour.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES MARSHALL ... Treble	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 5
*MISS C. DUNNINGTON ... 2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 6
†ALAN CATELL ... 3	*G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 7
WALTER WHITE ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Kent Major.

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**BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 2 hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthias,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

PATRICIA E. M. BARTON <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7	
WILLIAM BARTON ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ED. CAWSE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY NEWMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE CASE ... 5	
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 6	
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... 7	
*GEORGE R. HANKS ... 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

\* First peal of Major.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

JAMES S. WEBB ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN HAYES ... 5	
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6	
*ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... 3	HENRY O. BAKER ... 7	
PERCY SWINDLEY ... 4	GEORGE F. SPERRING ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor.

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.		
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD HARROLD ... 5	
MISS A. HUMBERSTONE ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 6	
ERIC NOBLES ... 3	GEORGE R. CARE ... 7	
PHILIP WALKER ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*HELEN GORRINGE ... <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5	
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 2	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 6	
ERNEST J. LADD ... 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 7	
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Major. 225th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Audrey, daughter of the conductor.

**EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Swithin,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5	
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6	
ALBERT E. LAKER ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7	
ERIC H. KNAPP ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by C. H. MARTIN (C.C.C. No. 164).

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

**DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

*A. JAMES CULLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	*FREDERICK W. HALE ... 5	
*MISS B. CLEVELAND ... 2	*WILLIAM G. MORTIMER ... 6	
P. W. J. HARDING ... 3	REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 7	
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ... 4	*SIDNEY G. GRANT ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by SIDNEY G. GRANT.

\* First peal of Major.

**OVER, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Chad,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

CECIL RADDON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5	
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	*ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6	
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7	
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

\* 50th peal.

**ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN G. GEARY ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ... 5	
*RICHARD E. ELSON ... 2	HERBERT COAKES ... 6	
†BRIAN AUSTIN ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7	
WALTER NICHOLS ... 4	RONALD RUSSELL ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

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

**UFFORD, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Sun., Oct. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5	
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 6	
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 3	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 7	
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

**HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Oct. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5	
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6	
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7	
HENRY H. FARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FARN ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FARN.

**SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.**

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

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*THOMAS ABBOTTS ... <i>Treble</i>	*VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 5	
EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 2	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6	
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	GEORGE E. FARN ... 7	
HENRY H. FARN ... 4	ALBERT WALKER ... <i>Tenor</i>	

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

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

**OXFORD.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Ebbe,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 4½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	*JAMES HIGGINS ... 5	
*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	ALAN R. PINK ... 6	
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7	
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods.

**MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., Oct. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

STANLEY R. COCKEL ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY PROUT ... 5	
ARTHUR W. ANGEL ... 2	HAROLD SMITH ... 6	
*MISS RUBY GIBBONS ... 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... 7	
ARTHUR J. WEST ... 4	CYRIL G. GIBBONS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.  
\* First peal 'inside.'



## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF JAMES, SUTTON,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. W. L. SLACK ... .. Treble	Mrs. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
*SYDNEY SLOUGH ... .. 2	JOHN WORTH ... .. 5
C. W. LAWTON ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Cambridge. Rung for the wedding of Denis Lockhart Armitage and Miss Dorothy M. Lamb.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

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

Seven 720's. (C.C.O. Nos. 50, 48, 37, 49, 55, 28, 29).

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*ERNEST J. ROWE ... .. Treble	GEORGE CARE ... .. 4
*REGINALD FINCH ... .. 2	STANLEY M. RUDDLESSEN 5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS 3	ERIC NOBLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal of Minor.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and three each of Oxford Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*ANNIE ABRAHAM ... .. Treble	ROBERT LARKEY ... .. 4
SYDNEY FLINT ... .. 2	†THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... 5
JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 3	†WM. H. DEACON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.

\* First peal. † 25th peal together.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ... .. Treble	†GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 4
*ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 2	*FREDK. SAVAGE ... .. 5
*CECIL F. MOGFORD ... .. 3	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor and on the bells. † First of Minor.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 4
†JOHN E. MANNERS (14) 2	WM. M. GREENAWAY ... 5
*VICTOR GRIFFIN (15) ... 3	*LESLIE G. HEDGES (15) Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being three 720's Kent Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS MABEL PROCKSON Treble	†BERNARD WILLIS ... 4
*MISS PAULINE JACKSON 2	PHILIP BLAKE ... .. 5
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 3	FREDK. A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

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

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Canterbury, Reverse, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SUGG ... .. Treble	E. JOHN TARGETT ... .. 4
DAVID TARGETT ... .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 5
RONALD G. BECK ... .. 3	H. DAVID MACKAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. DAVID MACKAY.

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

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

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

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) St. Albans; (2) Wragby; (3) Capel; (4) Sandal; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Kingston; (7) Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR ... .. Treble	*ERIC SIMPSON ... .. 4
ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
ARTHUR HIBBERT ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,

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

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

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

ALBERT BOOTH ... .. Treble	*DAVID SMITH ... .. 4
HARRY PARKER ... .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
*ERIC HORNBY ... .. 3	*A. GORDON LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

\* First peal in more than four methods.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. Treble	I. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 3
*DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER 2	†W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 4
IAN A. MORRISON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.'

HOO, NEAR ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*ALLAN A. VIDGEON ... Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4
†CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 2	THOMAS BEAUMONT ... 5
SYDNEY T. JARRETT ... 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to C. S. Jarrett.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

*MISS NANCY HALL ... Treble	*HERBERT NICHOLS ... 4
FREDK. W. MIDDLETON 2	†HARRY J. HALL ... .. 5
†Mrs. F. C. GOODMAN 3	†F. CHARLES GOODMAN Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' † 100th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells rung by resident band.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED RAGGETT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 4
Mrs. EDNA DENYER ... 2	THOMAS E. DENYER ... 5
†MISS OLAVE WADE ... 3	CHARLES W. DENYER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, WINSHILL,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings).

*LIONEL H. DANDO ... Treble	*JOHN O'NEILL ... .. 4
*GEORGE R. BROWN ... 2	*WALTER H. ELLIOTT ... 5
†FREDK. G. FRETWELL ... 3	*GEORGE R. LESTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. G. FRETWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Tues., Oct. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

At 459, DUDLEY ROAD,

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

Seven different extents.

TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 1-2 | ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3-4

ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 5-6

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Oct. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*

At 68, NEWFIELD ROAD.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 1-2 | FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5-6

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3-4 | HUBERT SUMMERS ... 7-8

Composed by W. GARRARD. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

A 70th birthday compliment to J. H. W. White, vice-president of the Guild.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Oct. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

At 124, CARHOLME ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 1-2 | \*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5-6

JOHN FREEMAN ... 3-4 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7-8

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9-10

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Oct. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours,*

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9-10

ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6 | JOSIAH MORRIS ... 11-12

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Oct. 26, 1947, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,*

At OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

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

Seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D sharp.

MISS R. MINALL ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4

MISS BRENDA FELS ... 5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Tues., Oct. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

At VICTORIA VILLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

OLAVE E. BROYD ... 1-2 | ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6

ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4 | EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by EDWIN JENNINGS. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Oct. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;**

GEOFFREY DODDS ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 3-4 | EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

A birthday compliment to Geoffrey Dodds.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Fri., Oct. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

IN THE CRYPT OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

\*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 1-2 | JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 5-6

†JILL BRITAIN ... 3-4 | WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 7-8

BETTY SPICE ... 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles:  
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 Kindred 4, P. Kindred (first as cond.) 5. In memoriam to Mr. William  
 Smith, a local ringer, who died on October 27th.

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'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

Arrangements are being made on an extensive scale for ringing next Thursday in honour of the wedding of Princess Elizabeth. In expressing the feelings of national rejoicing, ringers will by good striking be conveying their personal felicitations.

The ringers of the opening touch of Grand-sire Cinques at Wakefield Cathedral were J. E. Kirby 11 and M. L. Lockwood 12, and not as printed.

Regarding father and son peals, Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, writes: I rang 235 peals with my father, Edwin Barnett, sen. In 16 of these three generations took part. I should not be at all surprised to learn that the record number by father and son was rung by Arthur Knights and one or other of his two sons.

The young ringers of Carbis Bay held their first outing on October 25th, when a party of 17, accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts and Mr. H. Miles, visited St. Agnes (6), Perranzabuloe (6), Kea (8), Perranar-worthal (6) and Mabe (6).

Mr. H. Carnwell has completed 59 years as a ringer at St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, Staffs. In thankfulness he called 1,296 Treble Bob Minor (360 Trinity Sunday, 720 Kingston, 216 Cambridge Surprise) on Oct. 19th. The ringers were J. Mosley 1, W. Edwards 2, H. Carnwell 3, E. Twigg 4, F. Edwards 5, W. Carnwell 6.

An interesting note accompanies the peal at Melksham, Wilts, on Oct. 31st. This was rung as a thanksgiving for the faithful service to the church of the following members of the local band: Robert H. Legg (70 years), Arthur W. Angel (57 years), Arthur J. West (55 years), Harry Prout (53 years) and George H. Archard (50 years). With the exception of Mr. Archard through illness, all are regular service ringers at St. Michael and All Angels' Church.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

After ringing a peal at a Sussex church, the ringers were surprised to find a gallon of beer in a brass jug on the steps outside the belfry door. It was from the local landlord with his compliments. Writes the conductor: 'Although I have read all about the bad old days and would not recommend the consumption of beer in the belfry, this beer tasted better than any I have had for some time.'

The first anniversary of the dedication of the treble at Mulbarton, Norfolk, was commemorated by a peal of Minor. The occasion was marked by two first peals—by Miss Nancy Hall aged 15, and Mr. Herbert Nichols, aged 63. May succeeding anniversaries be similarly commemorated.

There has always existed a very warm spirit of friendliness between London and Birmingham ringers, and this was further strengthened recently when seven members of the St. Martin's Guild were invited to take part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark.

Under the capable conductorship of Mr. H. Langdon, course after course rolled by without incident and a very good peal resulted, free from any mistakes. In pre-war days, this ring was easily one of the best in the country, but the work done on them has brought a new beauty and resonance.

The peal of Doubles at Winhill, Burton-on-Trent, replaces one lost after 24 hours' ringing through losing a clapper on September 2nd. This was to have marked the 86th birthday of Mr. Charles Brown, who has just retired after being a ringer at the church for 77 years.

It is pleasant to read that at Wisborough Green, Sussex, on October 26th, the local ringers were thanked at evensong by the Rector for their work, and a course of Grand-sire Triples was rung on handbells in place of a hymn. After the service the Rector invited the ringers to the Rectory for light refreshments and a chat.

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## COLLEGE YOUTHS' 310th ANNIVERSARY

A YEAR OF PROGRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT ..... THIRTY-SEVEN NEW MEMBERS ..... FOURTEEN  
HALF-CENTURY MEMBERS PRESENT

FOR the 310th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths at Pimms, Bishopsgate, London, on Saturday, a dinner was substituted for the war-time expedient of a mid-day meal. The limitation of the company to 100 through Ministry of Food regulations meant many disappointments; nevertheless, there were 14 Youths with over 50 years' membership present to give that loyal support to the reigning Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil, the secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, and the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes, J.P., after his tour of Canada and the United States.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said they as churchmen-ringers owed a great deal to the Church—in fact, they might say they owed to the Church the very existence of their Exercise. During the last 50 or 60 years there had been developed a better understanding between the clergy and the ringers, and that probably dated from the time of the formation of the Central Council in 1891. Since then, particularly in the last 10 or 12 years, they had seen a greatly increased interest between clergy and ringers. It had been a great pleasure and honour to be Master for the past year, and he would like to thank his fellow officers and members for their advice and help during his period of office.

Canon Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, who replied, said he was sure that the ringing of bells must have an uplifting effect on people even if they were not conscious of the purpose. He recalled that when a glorious ring of bells was sent from the Whitechapel Foundry to Victoria Cathedral, British Columbia, he received most amazing letters about them. People stood in the streets with tears streaming down their cheeks, not having heard the sound of bells since they left England—in some cases 50 years.

### ABBEY'S TRIBUTE OF LOYALTY.

He would like to pay tribute to the ringers of Westminster Abbey, where for 25 years he had had among his duties that of superintendent of the belfry. They were all great fellows. 'May the Abbey belfry successfully accomplish its tribute of loyalty next Thursday week to the bonny bride and the gallant sailor to whom she has given her heart' (applause).

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who proposed the toast of 'The Society,' said he would like to congratulate the Society and its officers on reviving the dinner. It was a pity that circumstances over which they had no control limited their numbers to 100 when they ought to have had 200. He would also like to congratulate them on the reopening of Southwark bells, and what a noble ring they were, especially after the little 'tickling' they had received. Another matter of congratulation was the little event at Chichester. It was a happy inspiration to celebrate the 200th anniversary of John Hardham being their Master.

There was one other event to which he would like to refer, and that was how sorry they were to hear of the passing of the historian of the Ancient Society. He felt that Mr. Trollope did a great deal in writing that masterly history of their Society. Whatever his failings, he had a great talent for historical research, and he did not think they should let his death pass without a tribute.

They were pleased to have with them Mr. J. C. Mitchell, and he would like to thank him for the opportunity of joining in the celebration of the 60th anniversary of ringing Holt's Original in hand, silent. Another striking thing during the past year was that they had admitted three new members from Western Canada (applause).



MR. G. W. CECIL,  
The Master of the Ancient Society of  
College Youths.

That day they missed one who for years had proposed that toast—Canon Coleridge—and he hoped the Society would send him a message on his 90th birthday.

Membership of the College Youths had gained for him friends in all parts of the country. In 1906 he was in Lancashire and could not get to London, so four of them had their dinner together. There was John Aspinall, George Newton, who was still going strong, and William Davis, who was apt to get very excited and would cry out in his Welsh accent, 'Now listen at them.' Another old Lancashire worthy was Jack Eches, and he remembered attending a meeting at Wigan where the bells were pretty lumpy. Jack came into the belfry and said, 'Eh lads, what's t'matter? Is it mean or bells?' After a pause he added, 'I think 'tis men.'

Mr. A. B. Peck, the hon. secretary, whose name was coupled with the toast, said they had still four towers—St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. Paul's, Southwark Cathedral and St. Dunstan's, Stepney—and at all these four they rang the bells every Sunday. The Society had held 13 business meetings during the year and 43 ringing meetings, including a visit to Chichester, which was a great success. He thought with the help of Mr. Young they could arrange something similar during the coming year. Their visit to Chichester was to mark the 200th anniversary of John Hardham; perhaps in 200 years' time they would be going to Stepney!

### CANON COLERIDGE'S MESSAGE.

From his dear friend Canon Coleridge he had received the following letter: 'An unexpected attack by some unknown germ was made on me when I was on my way to Exeter for the Central Council meeting six months ago, preventing my attendance. It is not a germ now, but weak knees and bad feet, which I am sorry to say will keep me from the 310th anniversary of the College Youths. I can only hobble about with the aid of two stout sticks to keep me up. As I must be here on Monday I don't want to be taken to hospital in case of an accident and disappoint many of my friends here (Crowthorne).

'I know many will be disappointed at my non-appearance at Pimms—but no one more

so than myself. I can't tell you how disappointed I am in being forced to "give a miss" on Saturday—but I remember the old proverb, "Discretion is the better part of valour," and feel that I ought to show it. I have not missed many—if any—anniversaries of the College Youths for quite 50 years, and I feel that I should like to stand up with others during one's 68th year of membership of the Antient Society and in person offer my best wishes to all members present, in particular yourself, the Master and Stewards coming first—and also to the new officers to be elected next week.'

Mr. Peck said he had also received a letter from his old friend, Albert Walker, who had been a member for 51 years.

During the year the Society had rung the following peals: Chelsey, Berks, Stedman Triples; Trowbridge, Wilts, Stedman Cinques; Balcombe, Sussex, Cambridge Major; Southwark Cathedral, Stedman Cinques; Hornchurch, Bob Major; Croydon, Stedman Cinques; Stepney, Grandsire Caters; Crayford, London Surprise; Harlington, Stedman Triples; Cheltenham, Cambridge Maximus; Southwark, Stedman Cinques.

### VETERANS OF 50 YEARS.

Mr. Peck then gave a special welcome to the following who were present and had a membership of over 50 years: John C. Mitchell, 62 years; Henry R. Newton, 61; Richard W. Stannard, 57; E. Alex. Young, 55; William T. Elson, 55; E. J. Menday, 53; Albert Cullum, 52; W. H. Pasmore, 52; Roland Fenn, 51; David Wright, 51; George N. Price, 50; Rev. L. Edwards, 50; George F. Hoad, 50; and F. Dench, 50.

The company stood when the following members who had died during the year were remembered: Rupert Richardson, Walter S. B. Northover, J. N. Oxborrow, J. H. Wilkins, E. J. Rowe, J. Armiger Trollope, F. Dennison Taylor, Fred S. Bayley, Charles Potchecary, E. J. Heath, J. Woods, J. Preston, F. B. Lambert, C. Fowler, A. Hinds, W. N. Johnson and W. Robinson. Two other ringers who had died during the year were Keith Hart and the Rev. E. Banks James.

### NEW MEMBERS.

They had a magnificent lot of ringers in the College Youths, and he was pleased the way things were going. He welcomed the following new members who had joined during the year:

E. Armstrong (Weybridge), Sam Scattergood (Chesterfield), Willoughby E. Maulden (Framlingham), Albert T. Boomsma (Stepney), E. J. Exeter (Balcombe), J. E. Chilcott (Hounslow), J. W. Linnitt (Northampton), H. H. Alexander (Banbury), Fredk. A. H. Wilkins (Oxford), J. B. Sansom (Southall), W. R. Baxter (Trowbridge), G. E. Plater (Hayes), Fredk. E. Dukes (Dundalk), C. W. Blakey (Accrington), W. J. Paice (Kensington), R. G. Burton (Boston), W. Rogers (Rotherfield), F. W. Burnett (Portsmouth), J. H. Hunt (Titchfield), E. E. Whitmore (Raunds), R. F. B. Speed (Eastbourne), A. J. Butler (Branksome), the Rev. M. T. Marshall (Stepney), E. F. Salmons (Bishopstoke), E. S. John Hatcher (Ditton, Maidstone), J. Ginson (Meldreth), John A. Izard, E. H. Hewitt-White, Douglas Boniface (Victoria, B.C.), L. W. G. Morris (Bradford), P. E. Baker (Bishop's Cleeve), George E. Green (Wicken), E. E. Frampton (Taunton), V. J. C. Wood (Clitheroe), J. H. Gartside (Chorley), Harry Anderton (Blackburn), N. G. Hollingworth (Crouch End), A. H. Russell (Finsbury Park).

Mr. F. Smallwood, in proposing 'Kindred Societies,' said there were two main problems which confronted them. One was the recruit-  
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ment of suitable material to carry on the art. There was a tremendous wastage which they would do well to analyse. He would say that it was no longer safe or desirable to treat youngsters as they were treated in his young days. He was reminded of a story concerning John Day, of Birmingham, who was very pompous. Seeing a stranger in the belfry, he went up to him with a patronising air and asked him where he came from. 'Walsall,' replied the youth. 'Can you ring 12?' asked John. 'No, I can only ring one!' was the rejoinder.

The other problem was how they could practise their art without giving annoyance to other people. He asked them all to give special attention to that problem.

## SOMERSET AND WALES.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, who replied, said in Somerset they definitely looked up to the College Youths not only because of their high standard of ringing, but of the personalities in the Society. His earliest recollection of College Youths was in 1910, when he came to London to take his matriculation. In Somerset they were very bellminded and they liked to get about and ring, but he was afraid that owing to the decision of His Majesty's Government they would be stuck for some time.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Llandaff and Monmouth) also replied, and expressed his delight at being present. He had the pleasure of ringing a peal the previous Saturday and he was now 82.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was submitted by Mr. J. A. Waugh (senior steward), who announced that there would be a cordial welcome at Southwark Cathedral to any young ringers coming to London.

The Editor, in his reply, in calling attention to the popularity of peal ringing, mentioned that two peals of Doubles had been rung in New South Wales. November 19th was an important anniversary in the history of the Society. Sixty years ago Holt's Original was rung in hand for the Society at St. Albans by John C. Mitchell 1-2, G. W. Cartmel 3-4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5-6, and Albert Barnes 7-8. All those four members were still alive.

The concluding toast was to the Master and the following old Masters: John Bradley, 100 years ago, John Hardham, 200 years, and John Bayes, 300 years, and was given with a wealth of historical data by Mr. E. Alex. Young.

## THE COMPANY.

Supporting the Master on the top table were the secretary and treasurer, Dr. Jocelyn Perkins, the Rev. L. Edwards. Messrs. E. H. Lewis, J. Lewis Cockey, C. W. Roberts, J. C. Mitchell, E. Pengelly, A. R. Macdonald, W. H. J. Hooton, G. J. Strickland and E. Alex. Young.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. E. G. Fenn, R. Overy, E. T. Exeter, A. Laker, G. F. Hoad, F. T. Hoad, J. T. Dyke, E. Nash, J. A. Mundy, S. T. Russell, A. Lewry, R. Lathbury, R. T. Newman, F. Sharpe, L. W. Prosser, P. E. Collins, C. Dean, D. Wright, D. Cooper, F. W. Housden, C. H. Kippin, A. H. Brown, H. N. Pitstow, Russell Wilson, C. Parks, G. E. Fearn, G. W. Critchley, W. Box, J. F. Smallwood, W. Seabrook, J. Phillips, P. E. Haynes, G. Murphy, F. W. Budgen, A. Cullum, E. J. Menday, A. Sweetyer, L. Mannering, T. S. Grice, A. Butler, K. S. B. Croft, J. Freeman, J. W. Jones, A. W. Heath, G. Large, J. S. Hawkins, J. Hawkins, jun., W. C. Cook, W. H. Pasmore, E. P. Duffield, R. Fenn, W. R. Melville, P. E. Baker, E. Rapley, C. Longhurst, W. Hibbert, R. G. Burton, F. Mundav, J. Mundav, J. Gipson, J. Waugh, T. Fox, L. Fox, G. M. Kilby, J. W. Ward, J. W. Chapman, Cyril Hibbert, R. Stannard, J. Rumlev, W. Williams, F. Shorter, W. T. Elson, A. Purdom, G. N. Price, E. Armstrong, A. A. Hughes, W. Hughes, D. Hughes, E. A. Young, R. F. Deal, P. W. Cave, H. R. Newton, A. Tomlinson and T. W. White.

## Essex Association

### A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ADVENTURE.

The 'Crusaders' of South-West Essex completed a two years' programme on October 25th, when 40 ringers met at Hornchurch and participated in touches of many of the standard methods.

The movement, initiated by Mr. G. L. Joyce, began in May, 1946. Twenty or so experienced ringers promised their support, and the average attendance has been eleven, augmented by visitors, numbering from twenty to forty, the number varying according to the weather and accessibility of the tower. The 'experts,' not prolific peal ringers, although most like a peal or two occasionally, have given up the last Saturday in most months of the year for carrying the art here and there over the district.

Visitors were invited, even 'bullied' into trying something new to them, with a willing 'coach' standing behind one who was not quite sure. Encouragement was given to 'look up' a method, or methods, for the next meeting, and the expressions of appreciation from those who made an advance in an unfamiliar method have made the efforts of the band well worth while.

It is hoped that the series will be continued in the next open season, probably from April to October, 1948. To date the following towers have been 'covered': Brentwood, Loughton, Dagenham, Rayleigh, Barking, Romford, Woodford, Langdon Hills and Hornchurch, with district meetings at Woodford, Epping, Leigh-on-Sea, Stamford-le-Hope, West Ham, Bentley (South Weald), Fyfield, Prittlewell, with Thorpe Bay. (The 'Crusade' meeting arranged for Chigwell Row in September had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a fete nearby.) This collection of towers comprises rings of five, six, eight and ten bells.

The officers of the district are grateful for the wonderful backing received from the 'Crusaders,' drawn from various towers in the district. Their loyalty, enthusiasm and forbearance have been outstanding, and many contacts have been made which should be treasured in the days to come. Also thanks are extended to the incumbents and the steeple-keepers—without their ready co-operation the scheme would have failed.

While some questions have been asked and answered on matters theoretical, it must be confessed that the burden has not been so heavy as might have been expected. The writer does mildly wonder why it is that more do not boldly ask to be allowed to try calling this or that touch. Are they too shy, or don't they aspire to conduct?

The district secretary, Mr. J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, would be only too glad to hear from anybody who thinks that the conduct of the meetings could be bettered. By criticism only can improvements be introduced. The 'visitor' of to-day becomes the 'Crusader' of to-morrow! J.C.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### SOUTH OXON DISTRICT.

At the annual meeting at Thame on Oct. 18th, presided over by the Rev. F. N. Girling (branch chairman), the secretary (Mr. H. Badger) reported that membership had increased from 62 to 93 during the past year and there was also a slight increase in the balance in hand.

Mr. Badger was re-elected secretary, and Mr. Davis (Warborough) and Mr. Wells were elected branch representatives.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. N. Middleton Evans) conducted the service, and the Rev. F. N. Girling gave the address.

**BRIGHTON.**—On Oct. 12th at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss E. M. Ralph (first quarter) 1, G. Wiggins 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, G. Adis 4, F. Bennett (cond.) 5, W. Hart 6, H. Statham 7, M. Richardson (first quarter) 8.

## OBITUARY

### MR. JOHN HANSON.

A ringer and chorister at St. Catherine's, Gorseinon, Swansea, from boyhood, Mr. John Hanson died recently at Weston-super-Mare.

Fellow ringers acted as bearers at the funeral at Gorseinon and after the interment a quarter-peal of Grandshire Doubles was rung by A. Jones 1, R. Dobbins 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Williams (cond.) 5, H. Dobbins 6, A. Tew 7, G. Thomas 8 (7, 6 and 8 covering). It can be said of John, 'Enter into thy rest thou true and faithful servant.' J.W.

### MR. J. W. WALDOCK.

The Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy Mayor and some of the councillors of Maldon, Essex, attended the funeral service at All Saints' Church, Maldon, on Oct. 27th, for Mr. J. W. Waldock, a well-known Essex ringer. Until his retirement last April, Mr. Waldock had been for 27 years macebearer and caretaker of the Moot Hall. He died on October 21st, aged 73.

At the service the bellringers were represented by Messrs. H. J. Mansfield, W. H. Chalk, A. South, C. J. Mann and J. D. Buckingham.

### THE REV. J. F. HASTINGS.

Rector of Martley, Worcs., from 1907 to 1944, the Rev. James Francis Hastings died on Nov. 4th at Hartford House, Hartley Winney, Hants, aged 86.

Older members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will remember his keenness for ringing while a curate at Yarmouth (1888-91). He rang a number of peals for the Association and retained his interest when he accepted preferment in Worcestershire. It is believed that he took part in the clerical peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick about 40 years ago.

## BARWELL REMEMBERS

On All Saints' Day two memorial tablets were dedicated in Barwell, Leicestershire, belfry by the Rector (Canon H. V. Williams) to Charles F. Belton and William White, who together had served for more than 110 years as ringers.

The tablets are of Welsh slate with gilt engraved lettering, the work of Mr. C. H. Webb, a ringer of Allesley, Coventry. Members of the Hinckley District subscribed for Mr. Belton's memorial, and the other was provided by Mrs. White, the widow.

The service, which was fully choral, was largely attended, and at tea at the Church Institute about 100 were present. The ringing was notable for very good striking, Mr. W. P. Whitehead being the ringing master.

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The fine ten at St. Mary's, Warwick, were well employed on the occasion of the Guild's quarterly meeting on October 18th.

The Master, Mr. F. E. Pervin, presided at the business meeting, and asked all present to stand in silence to the memory of Mr. T. W. Chapman, a freeman and founder member of the Guild, who had done much for ringing in the Midlands; and also to the memory of Mr. E. Stone, a pupil of Mr. Chapman's who had done much spadework with struggling bands.

Bedworth was chosen as the meeting place for January. New members elected were G. Rathbone (Southam), Rosalind Griffiths and Colin Wharton (Allesley) and Eileen Vines (Meriden), the three last mentioned being junior members.

Mr. D. Stanley (Stratford) said that he would bring a notice of motion before the next meeting to include Stratford in the rota of annual meeting places.

After a question regarding the financial status of the Guild, it was decided to ask the secretary to proceed with the preparation of reports for the years 1946 and 1947 to be published in time for the annual meeting in April, 1948.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Wakefield Peal Boards

Dear Sir,—I feel sure that all who visited Wakefield for the dedication of the Cathedral bells went home with the conviction that a really magnificent job had been made of the restoration. Indeed, some may have departed with feelings of envy.

We often hear it said, 'Nothing is as good as it used to be,' but this cannot be said of the new ring at Wakefield. All concerned are to be congratulated on the result, particularly the founders, who have made a notable addition to their already long list of beautiful rings in the County of Broad Acres.

In the Wakefield Cathedral Magazine, the Provost, the Very Rev. N. T. Hopkins, writes:

'I have had the large unsightly boards in the ringing chamber, recording the peals rung during the past 100 years or so, removed; they occupied an unjustifiable amount of space in the chamber, they darkened the place and, though perhaps possessing some interest to a very limited number of people, were of no particular antiquarian or historical value.'

'Nevertheless, I have taken care that the records inscribed on the boards shall be preserved and, for this purpose, a rather beautifully bound book has been procured and all the various inscriptions which have now disappeared from the walls have been inserted in the volume. An account of the present restoration of the bells and their dedication will also be included, together with any notable peals which may be rung in future years. I shall have the volume preserved in a dust-proof case in the ringing chamber.'

There will be many ringers who, whilst being thankful to the Provost for his good work in connection with the bells, will not see eye to eye with him with regard to the old peal boards. He must realise that the very limited number of people to whom the old boards were of interest are the ringers, who are the only people who use the ringing chamber.

One feels when ringing in a chamber with its walls covered by old peal boards that one is ringing against a background of history; history made by our predecessors in days when ringing knowledge was not what it is to-day.

The removal of the boards is to be deplored, but we get a few crumbs of comfort from the knowledge that the old records have been preserved in a book: a book, however, which, no matter how beautifully it may be bound, can never replace the old peal boards.—Yours truly,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, York.

## TIVERTON LITTLE BOB

Dear Sir,—With reference to your query in 'Belfry Gossip,' the peal of Tiverton Little Bob rung at Buckley was, in fact, the first in that method.

It may perhaps be helpful to place on record the methods in the Central Council's Plain Major Methods Collection in which peals have so far been rung. The following list is, I think, complete:—

Nos. 1-15, 17, 19-22, 32-34, 36-44, 51, 53, 70, 73-79 and 81.

Of the Cater methods, No. 5 only (Double Norwich) has been rung.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## MARRIAGE OF MISS L. K. BOWLING

The congratulations of a wide circle of ringing friends will be extended to Canon Charles Cecil Marshall, former Vicar of Far Headingley, Leeds, and until this year president of the Yorkshire Association, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Lucy Kathleen Bowling, who is also a member of the Central Council.

The ceremony took place at Broadclyst, Devon, on October 30th, the Rev. A. T. Allwork officiating.

## The Loughborough Attempt

Dear Sir,—I hesitate to indulge in the washing of dirty linen in public, but I am so filled with righteous indignation at Mr. Clift's gallant but misguided attempt to excuse and condone the fiasco at Loughborough that I cannot refrain from one or two comments.

Excellence, as I would judge it, is a quality seldom experienced in ringing. If excellence is to be the standard, far less than one per cent. of the peals at present rung should be published. Certainly none of the ringing we heard at Loughborough was in that class. For one thing, there was a tendency for the treble to be rung just a shade slow at hand. For another, the first two courses were a trifle too slow (17 minutes a course) even for such a majestic peal of bells. But taking it all round, the ringing was good average stuff until the first trip of the attempt occurred. This trip could, and should, have been stopped at a missed dodge as it occurred at the easiest possible lead of the course (the third lead). Even so, the bells were right well within the lead, and with a proper effort at the back end to keep the beat going, an immediate recovery would have been possible.

Right or wrong, my opinion is that the conductor, having omitted to put the bells right himself, resented the fact that someone else did. It ought not to take 2½ hours to find out whether or not ringing is good enough for a peal, however excellent the bells, and in any case there are occasions when private feelings should be subordinated to the claims of common courtesy. As the popular song would have it, 'It ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it.'

In conclusion, may I say that I hope I shall have the pleasure of ringing a peal with Mr. Clift under more propitious circumstances at some future date. He can be assured that I, for one, having started for a peal, will make every effort to play my part in ringing it. This is the least that can be demanded of any ringer.

The opposing opinions having now been put in public, I trust the matter will be dropped and that an incident best forgotten will not be allowed to mar the pleasant memories and friendships of a very happy week-end.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Forest Hill, S.E.23.

## SOUTH AFRICA'S WELCOME

Dear Sir.—I wish to thank Harold Milford, late of Plymouth, now in Simonstown, South Africa, for his kindness to me on arrival at Capetown on September 24th. From the time I stepped off the ship he took full charge of me until it was time to leave by train at 9 p.m. the same evening.

Also to Cyril Chambers, who very kindly met me at Durban. He obtained accommodation, also a job of work for me, which I commenced three days after arrival. He is proving a most invaluable friend to me. The ringing is in a very poor state at the moment, but Mr. Chambers and myself are determined to send that 'quarter-peal' as soon as we can. We have a splendid peal of ten at St. Mary's, tenor 18 cwt., and a nice peal of eight, tenor 14 cwt., at St. Paul's, but there is a lot of hard work to be done. We are having every support from the clergy.—Yours very sincerely,

FRANCIS THOMAS WAITE.

Late of Gloucester, Eng'nd.

Linwood Villa, 150, Smith Street, Durban.

HALSE, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 11th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Commins 1. C. Hancock 2. F. Branchflower (cond.) 3. T. Hancock 4. W. Hancock 5. H. Smith 6.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Mrs. G. W. Burt 1. G. W. Burt 2. F. Terry 3. J. J. Tine 4. T. W. Tine (cond.) 5. E. D. Tine 6. Composed by F. Terry, consisting of 105 mixed calls.

## Lancashire Association

## WIGAN BRANCH AT ORMSKIRK.

The Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association held their monthly meeting at Ormskirk Parish Church on November 1st. About 40 ringers were present and all attended the short service given by Canon Redwood. After tea at a local cafe, the members stood in silence as a mark of respect to Mr. F. Rigby, secretary of the Preston Branch, who died suddenly during the week, and to T. Gilmour, of Liverpool.

It was a very good meeting, and, thanks to visiting friends, useful work was done from London to Grandsire Triples. Methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise and London Surprise.

At the meeting it was arranged to ring a half-muffled peal of Cambridge by a band of eight Wigan Branch men. The peal was accomplished on Monday, November 3rd, at Christ Church, Southport, it being the finest Surprise peal of Major by an entirely Wigan Branch band.

## LADIES' GUILD JOINT MEETING

Miss H. F. Mills, who for the past 27 years has been secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, was presented with a cheque as a small token of the members' gratitude and esteem at a joint meeting of the district with the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild at Aldershot on November 1st. The presentation was made by the Vicar of Aldershot (the Rev. A. L. E. Hoskyns Abraham). Miss Mills, in reply, said she thought it was time a younger member took office. The Ladies' Guild appointed Miss Winifred A. Oliver, of Guildford, as her successor.

Business at the Farnham District meeting included the renomination of the district officers for 1948 and the election of two new members—Mr. Cobb (Farnborough) and Mr. Wake (Yorktown).

Mr. G. L. Grover, Guild secretary, thanked the Vicar for permitting the meeting and also the tea hostesses, three local lady ringers.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

## CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT AT ICKLETON.

When the Cambridge District met at Ickleton on October 25th, Mr. Hibbin spoke of the Association's jubilee, paying tribute to the following pioneer members: Mr. P. Webb (Ickleton), Mr. F. Hurry (Sawston), Mr. B. Buttress (Fulbourn), Mr. Fields (St. Neots), Mr. Abrams (Chatteris) and Mr. Dennis (Cambridge).

Mr. B. Threlfall (Bebington, Cheshire) and Mr. B. P. Crowley (Wiveton, Norfolk) were elected non-resident life members, and Mr. R. Iredale (Cambridge) a resident member. The next meeting will be at Harston on Nov. 29th.

Thirty-six members and friends attended, and the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Penny) conducted the service.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The presence of 44 ringers at Rothwell for the Society's October meeting was an indication of the popularity of this tower and its leader, Mr. Strangeway. This point was made by Mr. W. H. Senior in his vote of thanks to the local company, with special thanks for the tea.

Mr. J. McGlenn presided, and the Rector of Rothwell and Mr. Cargill (churchwarden) also attended. Two new members elected were Mr. M. Petty (Idle) and Mr. T. Bradley (Armley).

The Chairman thanked the Rector and churchwardens for allowing the use of the bells, and the Rev. H. S. Tallents, in reply, said he was pleased to see the Society getting older and younger at the same time, for by the old and young working together the continued success of the Society would be assured. The next meeting is due at Kippax on Nov. 29th.



## QUARTER PEALS

**BASFORD, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hooten 1, S. Pinder (cond.) 2, B. Bates 3, D. R. Carlisle 4, H. Scagrove 5, G. R. Widnell 6, R. E. Carlisle 7, R. W. Carlisle 8. On the 800th anniversary of St. Leodegarius.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. John's Church on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Best 1, J. Daniels 2, Miss B. Adlam 3, G. Evenden 4, G. Pullinger 5, Miss F. Child 6, H. Mitchell (cond.) 7, M. Routh 8. First quarter Grandsire by 1, 2 and 4.

**BOWDON, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss Jean Brown 1, N. Brown 2, Miss Mary Elkins 3, O. K. Lewis 4, H. A. McKinnell 5, Miss Joan Morris 6, R. Elkins 7, A. J. Brown (cond.) 8.

**CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.**—At All Saints', Tuckingmill on Oct. 19th, 1,260 (Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: P. Jago 1, Miss M. Hosking 2, Miss J. E. Withey 3, S. A. Reed 4, R. O. James 5, Mrs. H. M. Darlington 6, W. J. Sanders (cond.) 7, J. A. Vincent 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At the Parish Church of St. John, on Oct. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. Yeomans 1, H. Jenkins 2, P. D. Oldham 3, F. Rowsell 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, W. H. Dare 7, A. Parnell 8, E. Coombes (cond.) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Pickering 1, H. G. Dwelly 2, F. W. Knowles 3, Miss F. M. Price 4, J. W. Price 5, W. Swain (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

**CHESTER.**—On Oct. 12th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Best 1, A. B. Close 2, P. Swindley 3, D. Maddock 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, H. Pye 6, H. O. Baker (first quarter of Stedman as cond.) 7, T. Griffiths 8. First quarter of Stedman for 2 and 4.

**DUCKLINGTON, OXON.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods, being 120 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Norfolk, April Day, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Union, Antelope and 60 of Grandsire: T. Bond 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, J. Coggins 3, G. Wright 4, H. Floyd (conductor) 5, G. Harris 6. First quarter-peal in 11 methods for ringers of 3rd and 6. In memoriam the Rev. C. Tristram.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. R. Allsop 1, J. H. White 2, W. J. Paice 3, W. Langdon 4, H. Belcher 5, H. M. Page 6, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 7, F. Asprey 8. Compliments to W. Langdon on his 71st birthday.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Meadowcroft (first quarter) 1, W. J. Barrett (cond.) 2, Miss F. Mance 3, P. J. Eves 4, A. G. Bartholomew 5, A. Meadowcroft 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Meadowcroft on their 23rd wedding anniversary.

**LLANTRISANT, GLAM.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Westcott 1, W. Huish 2, F. Rowsell 3, T. Yeoman 4, R. Westcott 5, G. Westcott 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Yates 1, H. Carter 2, H. C. Adams 3, P. W. Grice 4, W. Brooker 5, J. Quimby 6, J. W. Cotton (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. In memoriam Arthur Jackson, secretary P.C.C. and former ringers.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Thurlow (first quarter) 1, Ruth Geraghty 2, Elsie Savory 3, H. Punt 4, N. Genna 5, W. Bunce 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Pithall 8.

**QUEENSBURY, YORKS.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whiteley 1, P. Birkett 2, C. Ellison 3, William Ambler 4, H. Wild 5, A. V. Pickles 6, S. Longbottom (first in method as cond.) 7, R. Kendall 8.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICS.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turrell 1, J. H. Bayless (first of Triples as cond.) 2, J. Smith (first of Triples inside, age 15) 3, R. Tipler 4, G. Ball 5, N. Walker 6, A. Ballard 7, H. Briggs 8.

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## DEATHS

**DRAKE.**—On Nov. 8th, 1947, at Ufford Rectory, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, the Rev. Herbert Drake, founder of the Suffolk Guild, suddenly but peacefully. Aged 79 years. Funeral at Ufford, Sunday, Nov. 16th, at 2.30. No flowers, please. 2254

**NYE.**—On November 3rd, 1947, Charlotte Jane Crosby Nye, aged 85, beloved wife of Frederick Charles Nye, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot. 2237

**TURNER.**—On Friday, November 7th, 1947, Frederick Albert, only child of Albert and Lucy Turner, of 24, Rusper Road, Wood Green, passed peacefully away after nearly five years' illness patiently and cheerfully borne. 2247

## PERSONAL

**RICHARD ARTHUR POST** herewith gives notice that as and from the date of appearance of this notice in 'The Ringing World' he will cease to be a member of all ringing Guilds and Associations upon whose books his name appears as either resident or life member, and officials concerned are asked to accept and act on this, the only intimation of resignation. 2252

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## MEETINGS

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 2194

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Lea on Sat., Nov. 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Women's Institute at 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 2229

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—A Guildford District meeting will be held at Old Woking on Sat., Nov. 15th; usual arrangements. Cups of tea only. Nominations for district officers for 1948 must be made at this meeting.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2195

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting Walton-on-Thames (8), Nov. 15th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for district officers for 1948. Notifications for tea to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2191

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting, Norwood Green, Sat., Nov. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea, Plough Inn, 5.30 p.m. Names must be sent to Mr. W. Emmett, 4, Norwood Terrace, Norwood Green, Southall, by Nov. 14th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. Perivale 5320. 2210

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting Henley (8), Sat., Nov. 15th. Bus leaves Ipswich 3. Last bus back 8. Tea 5. Bring food and tea. All ringers welcome. 2222

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Meeting, Smarden (6), Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 9d.) at Chequers, 5 p.m.—T. Cullingworth, Dis. Sec. 2217

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 15th, at Hitchin. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. 2216

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Ashby (8), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify E. W. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch



**CHESTER GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 15th, at Prestbury. Bells (8) available from 3. Good cafes available for tea. 2253

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Practice meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Tuesday, Nov. 18th. Bells 6.30 to 9.30.—T. J. Lock. 2235

**NORWICH ASSN.**—West Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Swaffham, Nov. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please reply early.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 2228

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. St. Andrew's bells available in the evening. Will all desiring tea please notify me by Nov. 18th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath. 2230

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Nov. 22nd. Tea only for those who notify me by Nov. 14th.—J. E. Allen, Hon. Sec., Virginia Cottages, Donington, Spalding. 2196

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Sat., Nov. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2214

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury (10), Nov. 22nd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Curtis, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, by Wed., Nov. 19th. 2225

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A practice meeting has been arranged at St. Botolph's, Northfleet, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Gentlemen welcome.—E. M. Mitchell. 2212

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Grimsby District).—Meeting Waltham, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Service 4.15. Tea at Tea Gardens 5. Names, please, to Mr. J. J. Willows, Snowdon, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby, by previous Wednesday.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2246

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Sat., Nov. 22nd, Tadmarton, 3. Swalcliffe after tea. Please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 2234

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting Newchurch, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Tower open 3. Meeting in tower 6. Cups of tea; bring own food. 2234

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—East Mallings (6), Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 2238

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Belper, Nov. 22nd, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—W. A. Parsons, Dis. Hon. Sec. 2251

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Arnesby (5), Nov. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2241

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting Eaton Socan, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 2240

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Meeting Rowberrow, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) open 6.30.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 2243

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Joint meeting with Hawkhurst and District Guild at Wadhurst (6), Sat., Nov. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells, by 20th.—F. H. Hicks, Assist. Div. Sec. 2256

**HANSLOPE, BUCKS.**—The two new trebles by Mears and Stainbank to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at 3.—R. H. Howson. 2250

**ALDEBY, near Beccles.**—Dedication of new treble, making ring of 5, Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Handbells 2.30. Ringing after service. Tea in School. Names for tea to Rev. W. H. Gunter, Aldeby Vicarage, Beccles.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 2125

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Whitehorse Road, Stepney, on Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3 and 6.30 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 2236

**LADIES' GUILD** (Midland Branch) and **LEICESTER DIO. GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting Shepshed, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Charnwood Cafe, price 2s. each. Names for tea to Mrs. B. A. Whitworth, Charnwood Cafe, Field Street, Shepshed, by Nov. 24th.—C. W. Hall. 2206

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting Newport, Nov. 29th. Notifications for tea by Nov. 25th to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 2242

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western District.—Meeting St. Stephen's (8), Weir Road, Clapham Park, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 3. Tea and meeting 4.15 at Williamson's, 55, High Road, Balham. Ringing after to 8.30. Nominations for district officers for 1948. Numbers for tea by Nov. 26th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2244

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern Division.—A thirteenth bell will be dedicated on Sat., Nov. 29th, at 4.30, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Chelmsford. Bells available after tea until 9. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2245

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Buckden, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton. 2248

**METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD** and **LADIES' GUILD** (Central District).—Joint meeting St. George's, Borough, Sat., Nov. 29th. Ringing 3. Service. Tea provided for those notifying Mr. N. S. Bagworth, 5a, Clandon Terrace, Kingston Road, S.W.20, by Tues., Nov. 25th.—N. S. Bagworth and E. E. Davis, Hon. Secs. 2249

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## THE PRINCESS

YESTERDAY was a memorable occasion in the life of the British Commonwealth with the wedding of the Heiress Presumptive. It was not only at Westminster Abbey, where amid pageantry this solemn sacrament took place, that the bells rang out their message of felicitations, but also from all the great cathedrals of our land as well as the churches of our towns and villages. And the vibrant hum of the bell was not confined to this land; messages have reached us from Canada, Australia and South Africa telling of the plans to give expression to that devotion that in a remarkable manner has been displayed towards the House of Windsor.

This loyalty is almost a paradox, coming as it does in an era when men's minds are drifting towards communal ideas and objectives. Outlook has changed since the days when the first Elizabeth ascended the throne and the individuality of the Sovereign found expression in vigorous direction of the affairs of State. 'Have a care over my people,' she charged her judges. 'You have my people; do you that which I ought to do. See unto them; see unto them, for they are my charge.' To-day the great ties of the throne are by precept and example. The unity of this people has been brought about by the Christian example and the display of those homely virtues by the reigning sovereign and his family. They constitute a pattern for a great people, and while those virtues of truth, unweariness in duty, courtesy and consideration for others are revealed in our King and Queen, then will the traditional respect and homage knit the peoples of their dominions together.

The good wishes and blessings, which have been showered on the young lovers from the hearts and minds of millions are not mere platitudes; they have been stimulated by the words of the Princess in her famous coming-of-age broadcast from South Africa. There was the sense of statesmanship of the first Elizabeth behind her message, which read: 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the great imperial family to which we all belong. I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution unless you join in it with me.' That dedication of service is not reserved to the Princess. We humbler folk of the ringing chamber will surely accept the challenge and share kinship with her by performing whatever tasks are before us to the best of our might and skill.



## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*MISS JEAN C. BROWN...Treble	HERBERT A. MCKINNEL	5
MISS MARY ELKINS ... 2	MISS JOAN MORRIS ...	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	A. RICHARD ELKINS ...	7
*FRANK ARROWSMITH ... 4	ALAN J. BROWN ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.  
\* First peal.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER ... Treble	HARRY WILDE ...	5
W. GEORGE TURNER ... 2	*ROY MANN ...	6
*JOHN PEARSON ... 3	ALBERT E. HANCOCK ...	7
†LEONARD HEALEY ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ...	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALBERT E. HANCOCK.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

*ALAN SALTER ... Treble	†ROLAND H. SMITH ...	5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 2	NIGEL W. BOLTON ...	6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 3	FRED STANFORTH ...	7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	5
ROBERT W. BARBER ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ...	6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ...	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... Treble	†JAMES E. BAILEY ...	5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM... 6	
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 3	†FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.  
\* 50th peal on the bells. † First peal of Belgrave Major.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RONALD J. SHERMAN ...Treble	*DAVID R. REED ...	5
*MISS MYRA THILLER ... 2	*COLLIN W. REED ...	6
*LESLIE G. HARRIS ... 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	7
RONALD MARLOW ... 4	*CHARLES J. DRAYSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.  
\* First peal.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...Treble	*NORMAN H. COOMBS ...	5
DONALD G. CLIFT ... 2	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK ...	6
*ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 3	*RONALD G. BECK ...	7
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. LEMON ... Treble	*FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	5
EDWIN BARNETT ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	6
JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	BRIAN J. E. WHITE ...	7
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.  
\* 150th peal.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE ...Treble	WALTER H. POOLE ...	5
R. W. HAYWARD ... 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER ...	6
*REGINALD BEALE ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ...	7
ARTHUR H. REED ... 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by Wm. G. GIGG.  
\* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells.

HILLINGDON WEST MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS G. BANNISTER...Treble	ALICK CUTLER ...	5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	FREDERICK A. FINCH ...	6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	*HERBERT W. IMPEY ...	7
FRANK CORKE ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS...Tenor	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOS. G. BANNISTER.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

*CYRIL H. KINCH ... Treble	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ...	5
LEONARD E. FIDLER ... 2	CHARLES F. SAYER ...	6
DONALD C. MEARS ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	7
FRANK W. CROFT ... 4	†LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.  
\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 or. 8 lb. in D.

Pitstow's Transposition.	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5
JOHN DAVY ... Treble	*ROGER O. FRY ...	6
JANET MATTINSON ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ...	Tenor
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4		

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
\* First peal in the method. To commemorate the reopening of the Cathedral Church.



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## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Treble	*W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5
ERIC G. BENNETT ... 2	*GEORGE SAYER ... 6
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of New Cambridge.

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## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

FRED JEFFERY ... Treble	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JACK BRAY ... 6
JOHN WALDEN ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
PHILIP BARNES ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
PETER LAFLIN ... 2	TOM WILDE ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Composition from 'Clavis.' \* First peal of London on 'inside' bell.

## KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
PHILIP WALKER ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 4	J. RICHARD CHANDY ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* 50th peal. The conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Triples.

## BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... 6
JESSE HARRISON ... 3	WALTER LEE ... 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

## WROTHAM, KENT.

## THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 20 cwt.

DENIS N. LAYTON ... Treble	BETTY SPICE ... 5
*PETER LAYTON ... 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 3	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 7
WILLIAM L. B. LEES ... 4	VERNON J. BENNING ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal on a working bell and first peal in the method.

## HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANCES;**  
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

W. E. MAULDEN ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	EDWIN R. GOATE ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

\* First peal in the method. In memoriam Frederick C. Lambert.

## SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Vicars' Six-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

*H. NUTT ... Treble	A. TAYLOR ... 5
W. HOWARTH ... 2	V. SYKES, SEN. ... 6
H. BARLOW ... 3	+V. W. SYKES, JUN. ... 7
I. KAY ... 4	+J. T. WALMSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by V. SYKES, SEN.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

## FAVERSHAM, KENT.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**  
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... Treble

BERTRAM JOHN LUCK ... 5	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
*GEORGE R. FRENCH ... 2	EDWARD J. BEER ... 7
+MISS BRENDA PHILPOTT ... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor
+CYRIL E. BUESDEN ... 4	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## LINTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**  
DORIS E. COLGATE ... Treble

GEORGE B. COLLINS ... 5	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
ROBERT COLLINS ... 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor
ERNEST J. LADD ... 4	

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.  
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Sone, father of the conductor.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**  
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble

*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 5	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Tenor
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 4	

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

\* First peal in the method. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Sone, of Linton.

## EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**  
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

*HAROLD G. PESKETT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 2	+LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	HENRY STALHAM ... 7
CYRIL S. WEST ... 4	+GEORGE ORCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal on eight bells. † 300th peal. ‡ First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.

## TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

HARRY MILES ... Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... 6
*MISS JOAN E. WITHEY ... 3	CYRIL E. LANXON ... 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 4	EDWARD SANDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. 150th peal for the Guild.

## EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**  
\* Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
MRS. M. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
TOM PAGE ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.



## BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	ALFRED LEA ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. EVANS ... 2	WILLIAM CATHRAL ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN M. CAPPER ... 4	DENIS MADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE H. RANGLES.

In honour of the wedding of Miss G. Usher, daughter of a local ringier.

## MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. ROBINSON ... Treble	† L. BONNARD ... .. 5
G. WORTHY ... 2	G. P. KEMBALL ... .. 6
Mrs. L. WARRIOR ... 3	J. C. POLLARD ... .. 7
* T. M. COX ... 4	W. WATSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung to commemorate the birth of a son to the ringier of the 4th and as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS**

## PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, N.S.W.

## NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

In 10 different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

W. H. SHORT ... Treble	WILLIAM M. ROWE ... 4
* G. WILLIAMSON ... 2	* BRUCE DUNBAR ... 5
* J. B. WATTS ... 3	* TOM HOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.

\* First peal. First peal for the Association. First peal as conductor.

## SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* CHARLES W. POOLE ... Treble	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 4
† JOSEPH BARRETT ... 2	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
J. LEONARD GLYDE ... 3	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL.

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

## RANDWICK, SYDNEY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,

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

Being 1,200 Antelope, 1,920 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt.

* MISS RUTH DONNELLY ... Treble	* R. ROWE ... .. 4
WILLIAM M. ROWE ... 2	* J. DUNCAN ... .. 5
* N. ROBINSON ... 3	* E. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.

\* First peal. First peal by all in three methods.

## RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS HILL ... Treble	JACK ROBERTS ... .. 4
* DAVID BEACHAM ... 2	CYRIL HALLING ... .. 5
CHARLES HAYTINGS ... 3	PETER BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAYTINGS.

\* First peal. A compliment to the ringier of the 4th, who is joining the Forces.

## BEEFHAM, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford-Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

G. E. FOWLER ... Treble	* A. RICHARDSON ... .. 4
JOYCE DOWNHAM ... 2	E. C. WALLACE ... .. 5
* L. NICHOLLS ... 3	A. C. C. CHURCHILL ... Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by G. E. FOWLER.

## LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

Mrs. LESLIE BAINHAM ... Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 4
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... 5
SIDNEY BAMFORD ... 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

First peal in the method by all the band and in the method on the bells. A compliment to the Rev. Rhys Morris on appointment as Rural Dean.

## HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE BENNETT ... Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON ... 4
CHARLES BROWN ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
MISS BETTY BROWN ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MISS D. LIDBETTER ... Treble	ALBERT FLEET ... .. 4
* THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 5
† ARTHUR PARKER ... 3	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. N. RANCE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to the Rector's eldest son.

## LADBROKE, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

HAROLD FOLWELL ... Treble	ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 3
IAN A. MORRISON ... 2	ROBERT J. EDDEN ... 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

First peal on the bells.

## CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

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

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt.

* MISS D. M. WATTS ... Treble	EDWARD LANKESTER ... 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 2	ALFRED BONE ... .. 5
MISS R. MARY DAVIES ... 3	ALAN TOZER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal.

## COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

A. HOODLESS ... Treble	* A. LIGO ... .. 4
WALTER WHITE ... 2	W. NICHOLS ... .. 5
* C. E. DALE ... 3	* C. KNAPP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

\* First peal.

## WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

MARK W. MARSHALL ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 4
WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
* FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* 75th peal for the Association. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Severn.



**HITCHAM, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately).  
Tenor 8 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*Miss GWEN MURKITT ... Treble	Miss J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4
†Miss MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 2	Miss JOYCE HEARN ... 5
Miss FRED A. MURKITT ... 3	*GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

**SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WALTER H. MARKS ... Treble	HERBERT G. WESTLAKE ... 4
*RONALD SHORT ... 2	FREDERICK T. LOCKE ... 5
PERCY COX ... 3	JOHN T. LOCKE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. LOCKE.

\* First peal of Minor.

**CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

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

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, one 720 Oxford Bob, two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORFFREY MAYES ... Treble	ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... 4
*CYRIL J. SMITH ... 2	STANLEY H. WALLIS ... 5
*ALFRED J. ODFIELD ... 3	PERCY W. TOMPKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY W. TOMPKINS.

\* First peal.

**STANDLAKE, OXON.**—On Oct. 30th. 1.260 Doubles, being 120 each of Norfolk, O'd Doubles, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Union, Antelope, Fortune, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 60 of Grandsire: Miss L. Pimm 1, H. Floyd (cond.) 2, J. Coggins 3, G. Wright 4, H. C. Farnier (first in 11 methods) 5, C. Bowsher (first in 11 methods) 6.

**RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

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

Being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury and St. Simon's and 18 of Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*DAVID MANN ... Treble	PETER BORDER ... 3
†GEOFFREY DODDS ... 2	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 4

ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

**SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Nov. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

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

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Miss ENID LONNEN ... Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	CECIL F. LONGHURST ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**NOTTINGHAM.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Oct. 31, 1947, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,  
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,*

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

Seven different 720's.

PETER NIX ... 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

**LEICESTER.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

CHARLES MARSHALL ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

We are reserving the  
issue of December 5th for  
the recording of ringing  
for the Royal Wedding. This number will be  
of 16 pages. Conductors of peals and quarter-  
peals will facilitate production if they send in  
reports early.

Before our next issue, Mr. James George,  
of Heather View, 118, Rossmore Road, Park-  
stone, the ringer of 1,279 peals, will have  
passed his 94th birthday. Best wishes from  
us all for Nov. 27th.

Mr. Peter Laffin has circled Norbury (Hazel  
Grove) Church, Cheshire, and Philip Barnes,  
Burton-on-Stather, Lincs.

A sign of progress from Ringwood, Hants.  
Six first peals and all service ringers at the  
church.

Appeals have been made in the local Press  
at Driffield, Yorkshire, to provide ringers. A  
ring of six, with tenor 12 cwt., dated 1593,  
was restored in 1880, and during the past 67  
years the tower has never possessed a change  
ringing band. The Beverley and District  
Society are only too anxious to help if the  
recruits are forthcoming.

Ernest Morris had hard luck at Bottesford,  
one of the only two remaining towers in  
Leicestershire he has not rung a peal. After  
2½ hours' perfect Stedman Triples the tenor  
clapper broke! This is his second similar  
occurrence within the last three months. Re-  
cently at Syston after 2½ hours the 7th clapper  
broke!

Martock, Somerset, does not frequently  
appear in the peal column. Between the peal  
of Bob Major on November 1st and the last  
was a gap of 22 years. Only once before has a  
peal of Major been rung here—in 1903 when the  
late Mr. W. Pye and other well-known ringers  
were on tour. This was New Cambridge Sur-  
prise. Preb G. W. Saunders and Mr. Farrant,  
the captain, visited the belfry at the end and  
congratulated the ringers on their good striking.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringling history has been  
made in New South Wales  
by the first peal for the  
local association. It is our pleasure to record  
two peals of Doubles this week from Australia.  
It's up to you, Canada!

Mr. J. L. Millhouse rang his 50th peal this  
year at Horbling, Lincs, on November 1st.

Nine peals were rung on November 1st in  
churches dedicated to All Saints, and were for  
the patronal festival.

When was the last peal at Stoke Mandeville,  
Bucks? Will the conductor please enlighten  
the Editor, as it is omitted from copy in hand.

November 25th is the 55th anniversary of  
the first peal of Stedman Caters by the All  
Saints' Fulham, Society. Of the band, Messrs.  
Adams (Warwick), Elson (Fulham) and W. S.  
Smith (Wimbledon) are still with us.

The first peal of Royal by a band of the  
same Christian name was 5,000 Treble Ten at  
Fulham on April 19th, 1902. The band con-  
sisted of W. Weatherstone, W. S. Smith, W.  
T. Elson, W. E. Judd, W. H. Hollier, W.  
Pickworth, W. J. Jeffries, W. Berry, W. J.  
Nudds and W. Pye (conductor).

Inadvertently omitted from the list of those  
who had completed 50 years' membership and  
attended the 310th anniversary dinner of the  
College Youths was Mr. Francis T. Hoad, of  
Reigate. With his father, the late Francis T.  
Hoad, and his brother, George F. Hoad, he  
joined the Society in 1897 and is very proud  
of his membership.

What is probably the finest model bell in  
existence has been loaned to the tower at  
Wrington in Somerset. It belonged to the late  
Major Hesse, and is complete with wheel and  
steel frame, a remarkable engineering job of  
the utmost precision. The actual bell was cast  
at the Whitechapel Foundry from the cannons  
of Sherborne Abbey tenor, and it is fitted with  
a clapper of special design, perfected by Major  
Hesse, who built the model himself.

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## Ringling in British Columbia and the U.S.A.

Dear Sir,—During my recent tour in Canada and the United States I visited Vancouver and Victoria, B.C. Arriving at Vancouver on Sunday, September 14th, I was met by Mr. Limpus, the veteran of ringing in that far western part. In the evening a full muster turned up to welcome me at the R.C. Cathedral Church of the Holy Rosary, and we were able to ring Grandsire Triples. Later on we all spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. Limpus, jun., and wonderful hospitality was dispensed. The next move was to Victoria, Vancouver Island, a trip of exceptional beauty. Arriving on September 16th, we were met by Messrs. Izard and Lomas. In the evening a full band met at Christ Church Cathedral and we were able to ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a course of Bob Major, the first on the bells (tenor 30 cwt.). The framework was erected and the eight bells hung in five days by local labour under the guidance of Mr. E. W. Izard. The band included Mr. Izard, his son and daughter, Miss Chandler and Messrs. Lomas, White, Melhuish, King, Lake, Merritt and Ernest Weatherby, who had flown from Los Angeles for the occasion. The tower is not yet complete and the bells are housed in a wooden structure on top of the walls. After the ringing the party was royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Izard in their home on the shores of a beautiful inlet.

On the following evening, further ringing, and an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman, conducted by Mr. Lomas. This unfortunately came to grief after 30 minutes. Three new members were elected to the Ancient Society of College Youths, viz., Messrs. Izard, jun., E. G. H. White and D. Boniface. On the following day I greatly appreciated a tour through Messrs. Yarrows' shipbuilding yards, through the kindness of Mr. Izard. These yards must surely be the most beautifully situated of their kind in the world; they have been described as a shipyard in a beautiful garden. A 7,000 ton ship under construction was to be launched two weeks later.

Ringling in Victoria is certainly making good progress. After visiting California we finally arrived in Boston, Mass., and it was a great joy to meet once again Mr. Warren Sturgis, his son, and Mrs. Arthur Shurecliff (daughter of the late Dr. Arthur Nicholls). Ringling for divine service at Groton School Chapel followed on Sunday morning. The ringing here is carried on by boys of the school, and it is a pity that their progress cannot be continued after school days, for in the great majority of cases the boys are settled where no ringing is possible. The same conditions apply to Kent School. They are, however, wonderfully keen and make good progress.

On the following Tuesday evening, after an enjoyable dinner party at the College Club in Boston, we attended a meeting of tune ringing handbell guilds, originated by Mrs. Shurecliff. The performances were of a very high order, and the harmony produced by some of the bands with only fourteen or fifteen bells was wonderful. Mrs. Hughes also contributed to the evening's entertainment. Mr. Sturgis, Mrs. Shurecliff, Mr. Walker (totally blind) and I were able to ring a course of Grandsire Triples. It was all a delightful experience.

A few days later we returned to Montreal, and after a rough passage arrived at Liverpool 14 hours late to face stern realities once again. The wonderful kindness and hospitality we received everywhere will never be forgotten.—Yours, A. A. HUGHES.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.

A successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, on November 8th, when 93 members from various districts attended. The meeting was notable for the progress made by some of the younger ringers. A short service with address was conducted by the Rector.

## Old Hill Bells Rehung

### RINGER'S WIDOW DEFRAYS COST.

The bells of Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffordshire, a fine, rich toned ring of eight originally cast in 1876 by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, with a tenor 23½ cwt., have now been retuned and rehung, complete with new fittings and ball bearing movements, in a new steel frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the Croydon bellfounders.

The cost of the work has been defrayed out of a legacy by the late Mrs. A. E. Parsons, widow of a member of the original local band. Many of the older members of the ringing fraternity will remember Albert Parsons, who, with Alfred and Charles Bessano and Harry Mason, were well-known ringers in towers up and down the country.

The bells were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Worcester on Sunday evening, Nov. 9th. Amongst eight or nine hundred worshippers were many ringers from local towers. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were represented by Mr. Donovan Bradford, who presented the local ringers with photographs of the bells as reassembled at the foundry. The ringing which followed the service was thoroughly enjoyed; the local band, particularly, are grateful that a somewhat hard-going ring has been transformed into a pleasurable one.

Details of the ring are as follows:—

Treble, note F, 6 cwt. 2 qr.; 2, 1.6 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.; 3, D, 7 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.; 4, C, 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.; 5, B flat, 10 cwt. 2 qr.; 6, A, 12 cwt. 12 lb.; 7, G, 16 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.; tenor, F, 23 cwt. 1 qr.

### THE LOUGHBOROUGH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—When your remarks on this subject appeared in Belfry Gossip it was obvious that someone was annoyed at the outcome of this attempt. It was, therefore, not surprising to me when Mr. Corby 'rose to the bait.' In his display of righteous indignation he has, however, missed the essentials, and by stooping to level criticism at individual members of the band he has left himself open to similar treatment.

Had he levelled his criticism where it was really due I should have respected his opinion by allowing the matter to drop. In the circumstances I feel that I must ask him why he did not include in his letter a criticism of the manner in which the third was rung. It would be a conservative estimate to state that 90 per cent. of the faults in the attempt were caused by the bad handling of that particular bell. If this were not the case, can he say why he found it necessary to speak to that particular ringer so many times? Can it be that love is really blind?

I wonder how Mr. Corby would feel if someone took over the conducting from him in the middle of a peal; his behaviour on that occasion was such as to give the impression that a peal was to be scored at all costs.

I would, therefore, advise him to take the words of his popular song to heart, 'The way you do it,' counts for very much, especially among strangers, and while hoping that I shall one day ring a peal in his company, I would assure him that 'peal at all cost' methods will not be tolerated by—Yours faithfully,

Stapleton, Bristol.

D. G. CLIFT.

### WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH.

A well-attended meeting was held at All Saints', Ryde, on November 1st, the day of the patronal festival. This fine Taylor's ring of eight was set going to a variety of methods, not forgetting rounds for beginners.

After an enjoyable tea, kindly provided by the branch ringing master (Mr. W. Unton), the bells were again rung. For the service 1.260 Grandsire Triples was rung by A. Lambkin (Scunthorpe) 1, B. C. Stirling (first quarter on eight) 2, C. Taylor 3, F. Taylor (cond.) 4, A. R. Ward 5, W. Upton 6, A. Jackson 7, A. White 8.

## OBITUARY

### THE REV. J. H. HASTINGS.

A valued correspondent writes apropos the death of the Rev. J. H. Hastings that he rang in the first peal of the Oxford University Society—Stedman Triples at Drayton on Feb. 2nd, 1882. The first clerical peal (Stedman Triples) was also rung at Drayton two years later, but Mr. Hastings did not participate.

### MR. WILLIAM HAYNES.

Many ringers knew Mr. William Haynes, who died on November 6th in his 90th year. He retired early in 1932 after 60 years' service with John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

In 1893 he undertook the installation of the new great clock at St. Paul's Cathedral, and during his long career travelled all over the British Isles on behalf of the firm. From 1913 until his retirement he was manager of the firm. His sound advice was in great demand by the clock making industry.

### MR. FRED RIGBY.

The sudden death of Mr. Fred Rigby, secretary of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association, is a distinct loss to the Exercise. A most lovable character, he was serving his second term as secretary, the first being from 1920-33, and then from 1939 until his death. He was a service ringer at St. Lawrence's, Chorley, for 45 years.

The scoring of peals for him was a most difficult matter in years gone by than now, and he had to travel far, sometimes on foot or cycle, to collect his 106 peals. One of his regrets was the absence of Cambridge inside from his list. He had conducted quite a number of Minor and Grandsire peals, one of the latter being his own variation of Taylor's Six-part.

The funeral at Chorley Parish Church was preceded by half-muffled touches and the whole pull and stand. It was held on All Saints' Day, and the Rector (Canon Wyatt), who officiated, fittingly included Fred in that numerous company. As the cortege moved off to Charnock Richard, where the interment took place, a finely struck touch of Stedman was rung. Some of his most intimate ringing friends acted as bearers, and on theasket with the family wreath was a floral bell from the Preston Branch.

On the following day, All Souls' Day, a half-muffled peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung to his memory, and on Monday a half-muffled peal of Cambridge was rung at Southport, which was incidentally the first Surprise peal by a Wigan Branch band. So 'That's all' and 'Stand' was called to the earthly changes of one who in his time and place called forth the love and esteem of his friends. F.G.B.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Very welcome visitors from the Rochester and Maidstone Districts and also from London were among the attendance of 65 ringers at the annual meeting at Erith on October 25th. The Vicar (the Rev. G. L. Bennett) conducted the service.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided and paid a tribute to Mr. F. J. Cullum and his band of ringers. The election of two members previous to peals was ratified. Penge was chosen for the meeting on January 31st.

After the adoption of the secretary's report, Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected secretary, and Messrs. J. E. Bailey and P. A. Corby district representatives. Following precedent, the post of Ringing Master changed hands, Mr. W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham) being appointed. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. A. S. Richards, the retiring Master.

Dartford was recommended for the annual general meeting of the Association which is to be held in the Lewisham district. A social evening is to be held at Erith on December 6th.



## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.

WITH the object of restoring Sunday ringing to its rightful place in the service of the Church, this Association was formed in 1887 at Clay Cross under the title of the East Derbyshire Association.

Its early existence was a struggle; at times the threat of extinction loomed large, but happily for change ringing in this area a stalwart invariably made his appearance in the hour of need and so kept burning steadily the flame of enthusiasm for our art. In the forefront of these is Mr. J. H. England, of South Normanton, who at the last annual meeting resigned the post of secretary owing to pressure of other duties after holding office for 16 years. In the less onerous post of vice-president he is still ever ready to help as opportunities arise, either in ringing or church work.

## THE OBJECTS.

At the inaugural meeting the following were the four main objects of the Association:—

(1) The observance of good and peaceful behaviour in the belfries of our churches, as being an integral part of the Church, and therefore consecrated to the service of God; while the bells and ringers are intended to be exercised equally with the organ and choir, for His glory and worship.

(2) The refrain as far as possible from using the bells on the Lord's Day except for the services of the Church.

(3) To obtain full recognition of the Ringer's Office, as essentially a branch of the Church's work; that they and their services (which demand much time, skill and mental labour) may be placed upon a true and acknowledged basis.

(4) To cultivate the art of change ringing, by meetings in various centres for friendly peal ringing; and to provide, at a reasonable cost, instructors for those who may require them.

The first patron that can be traced is the Bishop of Southwell. Other officers elected at the inauguration of the Association were Canon Massey, the then Rector of South Normanton, president; and the late Rev. J. B. Nodder, Rector of Ashover, as vice-president.

At its foundation the Association was confined to six towers, these being Clay Cross, North Wingfield, Ashover, Brampton (Chesterfield), Crich and South Normanton. From these, which were all six-bell towers, there were 46 ringing members.

Of these towers, Ashover, Crich and Brampton have ceased to be members, but the Association has increased its scope and has members at the following towers: Alfreton, Ault, Hucknall, Blackwell, Denby, Heath, Heanor, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Pleasley, Ripley, Silston, Swanick, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Shirland, Tibshelf and Warsop, with the original three. These towers are three eight-bell, five five-bell, one four-bell and the remainder six-bell.

Clay Cross was the centre of the Association until 1902, annual meetings always being held in this tower. South Normanton was selected for the 1903 meeting, and since then meetings have been held at different centres.

## TWO ASSOCIATIONS.

Rivalry caused by the presence of two Associations covering much the same area was a cause of early weakness. In 1903 a joint meeting of the East Derbyshire Association and the old East Derbyshire Association was held, when a resolution was moved by Mr. Butler that both East Derbyshire Associations be merged into one association. This was de-

feated by a large majority and the Associations continued as two separate bodies. The change in the title was introduced in October, 1927, when the Association became known as 'The East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association.'

The Association has always worked as one body and been centrally administered. A proposal was, however, made at the meeting at Wingerworth in 1918 that a northern and southern division be formed. This did not find favour with the majority of members.

## JUBILEE SHIELD.

To mark the jubilee of the Association in 1937 a shield was presented, to be awarded to



CLAY CROSS CHURCH

the tower showing the most progress during the year. This was judged on points, which were awarded as follows:—

Sunday service attendance	55
General progress	35
Association meetings attendance	10

Total 100

This shield is not rung for and cannot in any sense be classified as competition ringing.

The first tower to hold the shield was Kirkby-in-Ashfield, followed in 1938 by Sutton-in-Ashfield; 1939 Tibshelf, and this tower held it again in 1943, when ringing was resumed. Clay Cross held the shield during 1944 and 1945.

The E.D.N.A. have never been pealmindeed, but a few peals have been scored for the Association by different bands of ringers.

During the life of the Association six persons have held the office of secretary. These are Mr. J. J. Cook, 1887-1894; Mr. T. Allibone, 1894-1920; Mr. H. G. Fretwell, 1920-1926; Mr. W. Allin, 1926-1930; Mr. J. W. England, 1930-1945; Mr. J. W. Price, 1945-. Clay Cross provided the first secretary, and the present secretary also comes from that tower.

The oldest member is Mr. H. Dravcott, of Tibshelf, with 57 years to his credit, and he is still regular in his attendance at both Sunday service and ringing meetings. J.H.P.

## Beverley and District Society

## APPOINTMENT OF NEW MASTER.

The handy ring of eight at Cottingham (tenor 20 cwt.) were made good use of when the Society accepted the hearty invitation of the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hebron) on November 8th. The bells were raised in peal and rung to various methods. The Rector conducted the service, the organist being Mr. A. H. Fox, president of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association.

For the business meeting which followed tea, attended by a company of over 50, Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair, supported by Mr. F. Dales, Mr. L. Daggett, Mr. A. H. Fox, the Rev. G. S. Storer and the secretary (Mr. A. E. Sellers).

The main business was the appointment of a ringing master in succession to Mr. Clem Glenn, whose resignation was regretfully accepted. The choice was Mr. Len Rodmell, of Patrington, who was proposed by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. T. W. Kneeshaw. In thanking the Society for the honour, Mr. Rodmell assured the members that he would do his utmost to further the art of change ringing. Mr. F. Wilkinson, of Minburnholme, was elected to the vacancy on the committee.

Mr. F. Dale (vice-president) moved that the secretary write to Mr. Glenn expressing extreme regret that circumstances had made necessary his leaving the district and the indebtedness of the members to him for his untiring and devoted services as first Ringing Master. The resolution expressed the hope that he would return at an early date to the Beverley district and resume his ringing activities. This was carried with applause.

The next meeting was announced for Hedon on December 15th, and St. Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, was selected for the January meeting.

The Rev. G. S. Storer offered to compile a short service for the use of the Society at their meetings, and said he hoped that they would soon have the bellfounders at work at Hutton Crauswick putting in their bells.

The next item on the agenda—new members—proved to be a great compliment to the Society. It was a personal application for enrolment of the whole company of nine members from St. Mary's, Scarborough. Their election was hailed with enthusiasm.

The customary votes of thanks included tributes to the Rector and the local company.

## AN OLDHAM MEMORIAL

On October 29th, in the belfry of St. Mary's (Oldham) Parish Church, Mr. H. Barlow unveiled a memorial plaque to Mr. E. B. Sykes, a former ringer, who was killed in action in the Mediterranean on March 31st, 1941.

Canon Stephenson, M.C., Vicar and Rural Dean, gave an address in the presence of Mr. E. Sykes (mother) and other close relatives.

After the ceremony a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following band: H. Nutt 1, W. Howarth 2, H. Barlow 3, I. Kay 4, A. Taylor 5, V. Sykes, sen. (conductor) 6, V. W. Sykes, jun. 7, J. T. Walmsley 8. First quarter for 1st and 7th.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

## VISIT TO ILSINGTON.

A number of members of the Mid-Devon Branch visited Ilington, near Newton Abbot, on November 8th, where the bells have lately been returned and relung. Touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon, after which the visitors adjourned to the Carpenters Arms for tea.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.** — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, E. A. Jurd 2, J. Merritt (first quarter) 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, P. H. Speck 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICS.** — On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Beadmoore 1, G. Hutton 2, W. Rhodes 3, A. Beadmoore 4, H. Beadmoore 5, H. Overs 6, E. W. Beadmoore (cond.) 7, J. Bradford 8.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.** — On Oct. 26th, 1,280 Double Norwich: Margaret E. Pitstow 1, P. R. Layton (first in method) 2, Elizabeth Layton (first in method inside) 3, Jill Brittain 4, Winifred Adams 5, H. Cheesman 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, A. J. Adams 8.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.** — On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Welsh (first quarter) 1, Miss J. England 2, J. Pink 3, D. E. Parsons 4, F. Jennings 5, J. Galver 6, F. E. Darby (cond.) 7, L. E. Reece 8. In memoriam Thomas Talbot, one time member of the local band.

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.** — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles to celebrate the birth of a son to the conductor: Nancy Booth (first quarter) 1, Kathleen E. Fletcher 2, A. F. Wellington 3, Rev. P. J. Boulsover (cond.) 4, Colin Verdon 5, Olive Scarfe (first quarter) 6.

**BOURNEMOUTH.** — At St. John's on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Butler (first quarter-peak) 1, H. Mitchell (cond.) 2, Miss B. Adam 3, J. Daniels 4, G. Evenden 5, Miss F. Child 6, A. Butler 7, P. Hunt 8.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.** — On Oct. 12th, by the local band, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Murkitt 1, Miss M. R. Jaycock 2, Miss M. Pemberton 3, Miss J. M. Broomfield 4, Miss F. Murkitt 5, Miss J. Hearn 6, C. A. Burgess (first as cond.) 7, G. Gilbert 8.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.** — At St. Modwen's on Oct. 21st, a 'date touch' of 1,805 Grandsire Triples in honour of Trafalgar Day victory: Jill Cochrane (first lady to take part in the touch) 1, T. Pryce 2, G. Harrison 3, A. Sharp 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, F. Fretwell 6, K. Pratt 7, A. Skelton 8.

**CLAVERLEY, SATOP.** — On Oct. 16th, after the funeral of Rev. Ralph Guy, former Vicar for 39 years, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: F. Bennett 1, W. Francis, jun. 2, J. Marsh 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, T. Davies 8. First quarter-peak on eight bells by the regular Sunday service band.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.** — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. W. Impey 1, W. H. Coles 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, T. G. Banister 4, F. Corke 5, P. J. Woodgyer 6. Rung non-conducted. First of Stedman Doubles by all except the 5th.

**CUBITT TOWN, ISLE OF DOGS.** — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, S. Croft 4, C. Hughes 5, E. Furbanks 6, J. Bullock 7, C. Otley 8.

**DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.** — On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Wright (first quarter) 1, C. A. Coe 2, H. Baxter 3, L. W. Kilborn 4, F. Kilborn 5, R. F. Law 6, P. J. Chapman 7, R. H. Idle (first quarter as cond.) 8.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.** — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Bishop (first in method) 1, A. H. Webb 2, H. K. White 3, J. Gordon 4, R. B. Blond 5, H. Bishop 6, B. L. J. Brown (cond.) 7, W. White 8.

**FULMER, BUCKS.** — At the Church of St. James on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marie E. Elderfield (first quarter) 1, R. Posnet 2, C. J. Watkins (first quarter) 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, P. F. Black 6.

**HASTINGS.** — At All Saints' on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Court Triples: Miss B. Cowlin 1, A. Easton 2, J. Downing 3, S. Driver 4, J. Pennells 5, S. May 6, A. Levett (cond.) 7, S. Reed 8. First in method by all. — On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. Joiner 1, A. Easton 2, W. Kitchenside (first in method) 3, S. May 4, J. Pennells 5, G. Piper 6, A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8.

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.** — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Williams 1, J. H. Cox 2, L. Clissett 3, A. Greenhall 4, Moly Tromans 5, H. Shirock 6, E. Woodall (cond.) 7, A. H. Harris 8. For the 68th birthday of Mr. W. H. Webb, Ringing Master.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.** — On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. D. Beedie 1, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, H. G. Hart 4, J. R. Mayne 5, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mrs. W. Weuban.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.** — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Michael G. Collins (aged 13, first quarter) 1, J. Goldsmith 2, G. Beeny 3, B. Stepney 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, A. Elms 6. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Gavan D. Tonkin (aged 13, first quarter) 1, J. Goldsmith 2, G. Beeny 3, B. Stepney 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5.

**HIGH LITTLETON, GLOS.** — On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Doubles (480 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, 360 April Day): J. Brooks 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. E. Ford (first quarter) 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (first as cond. on six bells) 5, H. J. Chick 6. First quarter by the local band together and by all in three methods.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.** — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, D. Callard (first inside) 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, G. Richards 8.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.** — At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene on Oct. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Charge 1, N. G. Hollingworth 2, Miss M. Prockson (first inside in method) 3, R. Newman 4, E. Pratchett 5, P. Blake (first of Major) 6, G. Charge 7, A. Warren (cond.) 8.

**IPSWICH.** — At St. Margaret's on Oct. 26th, 1,280 Spiced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, J. Rose (cond.) 2, E. Ellenger 3, E. Bloomfield 4, J. Munnings 5, K. Whittell 6, E. Grimes 7, C. Woodward 8.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.** — On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, M. T. Symonds 2, S. Smith 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Pryke 6, F. Belts 7, J. Corder 8.

**LEAFIELD, OXFORD.** — On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Lena P. Wilshire 1, L. Smith 2, H. Townsend 3, A. Franklin 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, H. Wiggins 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

**LIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.** — On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Jeffs 1, W. Insley 2, H. C. Hillyard 3, W. B. Whitney 4, F. J. Plummer 5, V. W. Conquest 6, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 7, L. Head 8. To celebrate 50th birthday of W. Insley.

**LLANDUDNO.** — At Holy Trinity Church on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Gwenda Roberts 1, Miss K. N. Ruffell 2, Leslie Pitman 3, J. R. Wilson 4, T. Jones 5, V. Child 6, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. Flood 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 3.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.** — On Oct. 23rd, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Barrett 1, C. W. Powell 2, S. Green 3, Miss J. Burlinson 4, L. Glyde 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, H. G. Keeley 7, C. E. Tett 8. In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Ganner, grandparents of ringer of the 4th.

**MORTIMER, BERKS.** — On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Osler 1, Mrs. M. Knight 2, Miss O. Osler 3, C. Osler 4, A. Ham 5, W. Clift (cond.) 6, C. Herridge 7, C. Urwin 8. First quarter of Triples by 1, 2, 7 and 8.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.** — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Bishop 1, A. H. Bates 2, F. Tindall 3, C. Heskins 4, A. Cross 5, R. A. Welling (first quarter) 6, W. Welling (cond.) 7, W. J. Burt (first quarter) 8.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.** — On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Garrett 1, G. Sayers (first quarter inside) 2, A. Fisher 3, C. West 4, C. Wright 5, N. Oner 6, E. Smith (cond.) 7, N. Bassett 8. In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. C. E. Bassett.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.** — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Thurlow 1, Elsie Savory 2, Ruth Geraghty 3, W. N. Genna (cond.) 4, T. Collins 5, H. Punt 6, W. Pichall 7, H. Stratford 8. To celebrate the 34th anniversary of R. Colyer, of Pinner.

**RANDWICK, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.** — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Antelope and 360 Plain Bob: Ross Allass (11) 1, Miss R. Donnelly 2, N. G. Robinson 3, R. S. Rowe (cond.) 4, J. Duncan 5, W. Peverell 6. First quarter of Antelope for the band and in Australia.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES.** — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Woolston 1, G. P. Elphick 2, Mrs. G. P. Elphick 3, F. J. Crees 4, H. James 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. W. E. Dawe (cond.) 7, J. Wilmshurst 8.

**SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.** — On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Mead (first quarter) 1, J. Bartlett (first quarter inside) 2, Miss M. Critchell 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. Andrews 5, S. Wake (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.** — At St. Ann's on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Rowe 1, D. J. Gay 2, G. F. Carter 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, A. F. S. Jackson (first of Grandsire Doubles) 5, J. T. O'Dell 6.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.** — At the Parish Church on Oct. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. H. Francis 1, A. T. Boomsma 2, C. W. King 3, G. J. Boomsma 4, W. A. Hewett 5, E. W. Furbank 6, E. A. Reeves 7, L. J. Fox (cond.) 8, J. G. Boomsma 9, J. Phillips 10. First quarter on ten bells for 2 and 3.

**SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.** — On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Buckenham 1, J. Thomas (cond.) 2, W. W. Cousins 3, W. Buckenham 4, C. V. Ebberson 5, E. H. Mastin 6, E. Barker 7, C. Cousins 8.

**TAUNTON.** — At St. George's, Wilton, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Wyatt 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, W. T. Clarke 3, E. Causley 4, A. W. Hayward 5, F. Avery (first quarter in the method) 6, R. W. Hayward (first quarter as cond.) 7, S. G. Coles 8. For the induction of the Rev. J. N. Higgins.

**THURLBY, Lincs.** — On Oct. 19th, a quarter peal of Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse and Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire and 120 St. Dunstan's): N. Ward 1, R. Wade 2, N. Horton 3, A. Wade, R.A.F. 4, C. Wade 5.

**TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.** — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Packham 1, F. Godsmark 2, Miss S. Wickens 3, G. A. Packham 4, E. Packham 5. In memoriam Col. R. W. McKergow, O.B.E., churchwarden for 45 years.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.** — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Adams 1, H. T. Higgins 2, A. Botterell 3, A. T. Dutton 4, G. W. Hughes 5, E. T. Smith 6, J. S. Eastwood (cond.) 7, H. E. Green 8.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.** — On Oct. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. J. Green 1, J. A. Green 2, F. C. Case 3, G. Holland 4, E. Lines 5, G. Hinton 6, T. E. Roberts 7, W. Yates (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter on eight bells by 5 and 6.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.** — At St. Mary's on Oct. 12th, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Spiced Oxford and Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. E. Lankester 1, E. Lankester 2, Mrs. M. Hodgson 3, M. Hodgson (cond.) 4, L. H. Bowler 5, A. Cutler 6.

**WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.** — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. N. Vaughan 1, F. Hicks 2, R. Collins 3, D. E. Colgate (first in method) 4, A. Lewry 5, B. Collison 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, W. Kitchenside 8. 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. N. Vaughan 1, B. Collison 2, E. J. Ladd 3, D. E. Colgate 4, A. Lewry 5, W. Kitchenside 6, F. Hicks 7, R. Collins (cond.) 8.

**WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.** — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. B. Kynaston 1, C. J. Gardner 2, I. H. Trueman 3, H. W. Bishop 4, E. J. Berry 5, T. Townsend 6, W. H. Trueman (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. Shailes (first of Triples) 8.



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## MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Sat., Nov. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2214

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Sat., Nov. 22nd, Tadmarton, 3. Swalcliffe after tea. Please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 2234

DERBYSHIRE ASSN. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Belper, Nov. 22nd, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—W. A. Parsons, Dis. Hon. Sec. 2251

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting Eaton Socan, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 2240

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—East Malling (6), Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 2238

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Saviour's, Bolton, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 2257

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting Tredington (6), 3, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Tea provided, followed by short service at 5.30. Good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 2689

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—The two new trebles by Mears and Stainbank to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at 3.—R. H. Howson. 2250

ALDEBY, near Beccles.—Dedication of new treble, making ring of 5, Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Handbells 2.30. Ringing after service. Tea in School. Names for tea to Rev. W. H. Gunter, Aldeby Vicarage, Beccles. —A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 2125

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting Newport, Nov. 29th. Notifications for tea by Nov. 25th to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 2242

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Whitehorse Road, Stepney, on Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3 and 6.30 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 2236

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting St. Stephen's (8), Weir Road, Clapham Park, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 3. Tea and meeting 4.15 at Williamson's, 55, High Road, Balham. Ringing after to 8.30. Nominations for district officers for 1948. Numbers for tea by Nov. 26th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2244

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern Division.—A thirteenth bell will be dedicated on Sat., Nov. 29th, at 4.30, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Chelmsford. Bells available after tea until 9. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2245

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Buckden, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton. 2248

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD and LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint meeting St. George's, Borough, Sat., Nov. 29th. Ringing 3. Service. Tea provided for those notifying Mr. N. S. Bagworth, 5a, Clandon Terrace, Kingston Road, S.W.20, by Tues., Nov. 25th. —N. S. Bagworth and E. E. Davis, Hon. Secs. 2249

DEVON GUILD. — Practice at Highweek, Sat., Nov. 29th, at 3. Tea.—F. C. Smale. 2266

LADIES' GUILD (Midland Branch) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Shepshed, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Charnwood Cafe (price 2s. each). Names for tea to Mrs. B. A. Whitworth, Charnwood Cafe, Field Street, Shepshed, by Nov. 24th. 2267

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton and Syston Districts.—Joint, Asfordby, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby, by the 27th. 2671

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting Grappenhall, Sat., Nov. 29th. Please advise if requiring tea not later than 26th.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 2673

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Next meeting Fulmer (6), Sat., Nov. 29th, 6. Note date.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2675

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Pemberton Arms.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2676

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Ashton St. Peter's, Sat., Nov. 29th. Service 4.30. Make own arrangements for tea.—T. Wilde. 2679

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Western District.—Consett (8), Sat., Nov. 29th, 2.30. Names for tea by Nov. 27th, to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 2261

PETERBOROUGH DIO. GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting Geddington (5), Sat., Nov. 29th, 2.30; cups of tea.—G. Watson. 2263



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Next meeting at Wigtoft, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5, for those who notify me by Mon., Nov. 24th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 2681

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Hanley Castle, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea early, please.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 2268

**LEEDS AND SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Joint meeting Kippax, Nov. 29th. Bells from 3. Tea for drinking provided; visitors carry own food. Business meetings to follow tea. Buses from Leeds Corporation bus station 5 minutes and 29 minutes past each hour.—H. Loft-house and T. H. Foster, Secs. 2268

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Stapleton (6), Nov. 29th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 2269

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Meeting Nov. 29th, Beckenham. Names for tea by Nov. 24th to P. R. Blackman, Hon. Sec., Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7. 2262

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Conisborough, Nov. 29th, 3; no tea provided.—W. E. Critchley. 2264

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, Sat., Nov. 29th, 6.30-9.—B. C. Castle. 2260

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Joint meeting with Leeds and District Society at Kippax, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Good attendance, please.—T. H. Foster, Hon. Sec. 2687

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Nov. 29th. Norman tower (10), 2.30. Special: D.N. Caters. Tea and business 5. St. Mary's (8) until 8.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 2684

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Next meeting Nov. 29th, All Saints', Fulham, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 2690

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD.**—Bells (10), 6 to 8. Monthly practice will be held on Sat., Nov. 29th, January 31st, February 28th and March 27th. 2677

**RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**—The new ring of eight will be dedicated on Wed., Dec. 3rd, 7.30. **Sat., Dec. 6th**, will be an open date. Ringing from 2.30 until 8. Names for tea (price 2s. 3d.) to A. C. Lygo, Radcliffe-on-Trent, by Dec. 2nd latest. 2258

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting Lindfield (8), Dec. 6, 3. Service and tea. Names by Dec. 3rd to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2688

**YORKSHIRE ASSN** (Southern District) and **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting Rawmarsh, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 to all who notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by Dec. 3rd.—J. J. L. Gilbert and H. O. Chaddock. 2685

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Standish, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in School to those who write E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Nov. 27th. Business meeting to follow. Make it a success. 2672

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting Baglan, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, business follow. Numbers by 2nd.—E. Stitch, Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 2680

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 6th, St. Mary Redcliffe (12). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Under Croft 5.15. Tea bookings by Dec. 1st, to C. H. Wood, Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2. 2678

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Annual Bridport, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, only if notified by Nov. 29th. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6) and Symondsburys (6). 2239

**DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting Brierley Hill, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells 2.45. Guild Service 4.15. Tea and meeting. Numbers for tea before Dec. 2nd, please. Remember!—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 2259

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting St. Giles', Northampton, Sat., Dec. 6th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. A. Hammond, The Mounts, Northampton. 2255

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Lewis- ham District.—Sat., Dec. 6th, Christ Church, Erith. Bells 3. Tea 5.15. Social evening after. Come with your wife, friends, children. Tea 2s. 3d., snacks later 1s. If you are coming, write. Having written, come! Names by Sat., Nov. 29th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2674

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Weedon, Sat., Dec. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Webb, Queen's Park, Weedon, by Dec. 4th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 2265

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting Leckhampton (8), Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea for those notifying me by Dec. 1st.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham. 2683

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It was proposed if possible to hold the next meeting at Acle on March 6th next year. A vote of thanks by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard was passed to the Rector and to the ladies who assisted at tea. Handbells came into use at the Rectory, and ringing was resumed at the church, an enjoyable afternoon being provided.



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## OURSELVES

'STIR-UP' Sunday has just passed—a day when our forefathers first stirred the Christmas pudding. While your Editor has no desire to cause a general 'stir-up' among his readers, he feels that there are certain domestic matters concerning 'The Ringing World' which he should ventilate.

At Leicester and at the College Youths' dinner he was privileged to mention some of his difficulties. The first was in the matter of circulation. The new regulations governing the control of paper mean a reduction by 600 subscribers if our present size is maintained, but any reserves in hand can be used to counterbalance loss. Fortunately our reserves are adequate to retain a 12-page issue until the end of February. New subscribers will only be taken on as old ones leave.

In the realm of performance peal ringing has increased considerably. Although we have allocated another half-page to peals and curtailed footnotes, the number of peals in arrears continues to grow. To grapple with the influx of peals arising from the Royal Wedding, our next issue will be 16 pages, but in order to husband resources we regret that the Boxing Day issue will be only eight pages. The decision to give prominence to the Royal Wedding will result in abandoning the chronological order of publication of peals and quarters in our next issue.

Just a word concerning quarter-peals. For a time the Editor did succeed in publishing all that were submitted. To-day it is necessary to make a selection, and the guiding principle in making a choice is first-quarters and firsts in the method. An exception is also made of special occasions. May we again remind conductors that the sender's name and address must accompany all peals and quarters. The frailty of human nature is such that errors do occur even among our regular contributors. It is also important to write peals and quarter-peals legibly and in a manner in which they will appear. Many are rewritten because the copy is not suitable for the compositors. Typographical errors can thus be substantially reduced.

To the many excellent correspondents who supply reports and letters the Editor would say 'Thank you.' The brightness and interest of 'The Ringing World' depend to a large degree on the material supplied. There is still much ringing news that does not reach us. After all, the purpose of 'The Ringing World' is to be a journal about ringers and ringing, the link that binds all ringers, whether in a village church or a great cathedral, into one confraternity as servants of the same Master.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

KATHLEEN TILLEY ... ..	Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	7
JILL POOLE ... ..	2	FREDERICK J. MILNER ...	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... ..	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... ..	4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... ..	5	PETER J. STANFORTH ...	11
ALAN CATTELL ... ..	6	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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**TEN BELL PEALS**

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... ..	Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	6
*ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ...	2	*FRANK C. MAY ...	7
HENRY T. WILSON ... ..	3	FREDERICK SOUTER ...	8
SQUIRE CROFT ... ..	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	9
WILLIAM PERRY ... ..	5	JAMES BULLOCK ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*WILLIAM GAYES ... ..	Treble	*HARRY FARRER ...	6
*ARTHUR CHALLINOR ...	2	†SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	7
ALAN A. POTTS ... ..	3	JOHN WORTH ...	8
JAMES A. MILNER ... ..	4	*EDWARD SEED ...	9
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY ... ..	Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	6
JOHN COOKE ... ..	2	ERIC J. GILBERT ...	7
FRANK VARTY ... ..	3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ...	8
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ...	4	†THOMAS ROGERS ...	9
*WILLIAM DEAN ... ..	5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal for the Guild to be rung by a band all of whom are resident members of one branch. Rung in honour of the birth of a son of Mr. Martin, and of a granddaughter of Mr. Cooke.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*CHARLES MARSHALL ... ..	Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
†MISS M. E. L. BEAMISH	2	SHIRLEY BURTON ...	7
MISS J. A. SOUTHERST ...	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ...	8
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ...	4	COLIN HARRISON ...	9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	5	*FREDERICK A. SALTER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal on ten bells (aged 12).

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... ..	Treble	JOHN JACKSON ...	5
*WILLIAM TAYLOR ... ..	2	ARTHUR HATCH ...	6
THOMAS BARKER ... ..	3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	7
JOHN CHARNOCK ... ..	4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ...	Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

\* 100th peal. In memoriam Fred Rigby.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

ERNEST G. SHORTING ... ..	Treble	CLIFFORD BIRD ...	5
ARTHUR G. BASON ... ..	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	3	GEORGE BAILEY ...	7
GEORGE SAYER ... ..	4	ALAN R. PINK ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... ..	Treble	*RONALD KENRICK ...	5
ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ...	2	NORMAN HEAPS ...	6
JOHN LUNHAM ... ..	3	*TOM MARSHALL ...	7
JOHN BOOTH ... ..	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. In memoriam Fred Rigby and Thomas Gilmour, of Liverpool.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM BARTON ... ..	Treble	JOHN MCGLENN ...	5
WILLIAM DIXON ... ..	2	GORDON BENFIELD ...	6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	3	WILLIAM AMBLER ...	7
ARTHUR C. WALSH ... ..	4	JOHN AMBLER ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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MAURICE HODGSON ... ..	Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	5
*LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	ALICK CUTLER ...	6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MARGARET RIGBY ... ..	Treble	J. CARTLIDGE ...	5
F. W. WILSHAW ... ..	2	C. H. PAGE ...	6
R. ROWLEY ... ..	3	A. PEAKE ...	7
†N. RANDALL ... ..	4	N. R. HOLLAND ...	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

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**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours,*
*At the Church of St. Paul,*
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

T. WILFRED ADDISON ... Treble	†ERIC J. SINCLAIR ... 5
H. ARNOLD WARD ... 2	†THOMAS M. COX ... 6
F. RAYMOND ADDISON ... 3	EDWARD HUDSON ... 7
*MARGARET ADDISON ... 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A silver wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Addison.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.**
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
*At the Church of St. Andrew,*
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 22 cwt.
*GEORGE BISHOP ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
*JAMES GORDON ... 3	BERTRAM BROWN ... 7
PHILIP WALKER ... 4	ALFRED H. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM BROWN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal as conductor. In memoriam William E. Napper.

**RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.**
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,*
*At the Church of All Saints,*
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK ... 5
*ALEXANDER PAGE ... 2	ALBERT R. WARD ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
*STANLEY E. COOK ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
*At the Church of St. Margaret,*
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
*PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... Treble	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 5
†ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
†HAROLD A. MAY ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal on eight. † 100th peal together. In memoriam G. Woodman, an old member of the local band.

**STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.**
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*
*At the Church of All Saints,*
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
ERIC G. BENNETT ... 4	ERNEST W. PYE ... Tenor

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**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**
**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
*At the Church of St. Margaret,*
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MISS JEAN FREER ... Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... 5
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 3	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Gabriel Lindoff, born at Leiston, Nov. 19th, 1868.

**STAVLEY, DERBYSHIRE.**
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
*At the Church of St. John,*
**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 5
STANLEY SLANEY ... 2	*GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 7
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

**PAISLEY, LANARKSHIRE.**  
**THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
*At the Church of St. James,*
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

W. H. PICKETT ... Treble	*NEIL SHARP ... 5
*ALEX. C. SCOTT ... 2	*LESLIE BOUMPHREV ... 6
*MRS. W. A. CALDWELL ... 3	†THOMAS WINDERAM ... 7
R. J. G. THOM ... 4	CHARLES BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

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

**WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.**
**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
*At the Church of St. Paul,*
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

*MISS M. G. CAMPBELL ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
†MISS JOYCE GAYMER ... 2	†GORDON JOHNSON ... 6
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 3	RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 7
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Barber.

**HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
*At the Church of All Saints,*
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*BETTY BROWN ... Treble	*CHARLES E. BROWN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
†CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
JOHN WALDEN ... 4	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells.

**CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.**
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
*At the Church of St. Peter,*
**A PEAL OF EALING SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	HARRY MORGAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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

**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
*At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,*
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 18 cwt.
ARTHUR PRINCE ... Treble	†FREDERICK J. SAMPSON ... 5
*DORIS M. BENNETT ... 2	FREDERICK OAKHILL ... 6
CYRIL R. HARDING ... 3	†REGINALD G. HOOPER ... 7
*MARY P. HILLIAR ... 4	ALAN A. HILLIAR ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**
*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
*At the Church of St. Giles,*
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thomas J. Fowler ... Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 2	†MRS. A. D. BARKER ... 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 7
*JOHN B. FORD ... 4	KENNETH TUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal, aged 15 years. † 50th peal.

**DORCHFSTER, OXFORDSHIRE.**
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**
*On Sun., Nov. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
*At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,*
**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

BETTY SPICE ... Treble	*C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	*BRYAN F. SIMS ... 7
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.



## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN A. MOULE ... .. Treble	F. ALBERT REA ... .. 4
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... .. 2	CHARLES J. CAMM ... .. 5
HAROLD WILLETT ... .. 3	*FRED HYDE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

\* First peal.

COCKERHAM, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G

*THOMAS CORLESS ... .. Treble	FRANK POSTLEWATE ... .. 4
JOHN WOODS ... .. 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were cast by Rudhall in 1748.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*MISS JOAN WRIGHT (16) Treble	*HENRY COLLIN ... .. 4
*MISS MARY SMITH (15) 2	JAMES H. MUSSON ... .. 5
*DENIS FRITH ... .. 3	*JOHN H. SMITH (16) ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 2.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Ten callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*MISS E. M. CHENEY ... Treble	FREDERICK WATSON ... .. 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 2	GERALD F. BALL ... .. 5
REGINALD C. TIPLER ... .. 3	*W. HORACE CHENEY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. TIPLER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. For the coming-of-age of the Leicester Diocese and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different 720's, 80 bobs, 50 singles. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... Treble	*CYRIL T. YOUNG ... .. 4
*WILFRED D. MANN ... .. 2	*STANLEY GILBERT ... .. 5
JOHN E. PAPWORTH ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Consisting of 9 extents April Day, 11 extents Plain Bob, 1 Morris Arrangement, 240 Grandsire, 80 extents Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

EDWARD A. KNIGHT ... Treble	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3
GEORGE CARE ... .. 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 4

ERIC NOBLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4
*PERCY PAGE ... .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... .. 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

\* 100th peal.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court and two of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

HORACE BENNETT ... .. Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON ... 4
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... .. 2	ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 5
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3	CYRIL WANDER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob

CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... Treble	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 4
BETTY BROWN ... .. 2	JOHN W. MOORE ... .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON ... .. 3	FREDK. W. STOKES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

One extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RONALD TRAVIS ... .. Treble	FRED JEFFREY ... .. 4
JACK BRAY ... .. 2	PHILIP BARNES ... .. 5
GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 3	+GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal of Minor. † 200th peal. First peal on the bells since the addition of the treble.

UPLYME, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*SKINNER ... .. Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 4
*HENRY G. KEELEY ... .. 2	*C. W. H. POWELL ... 5
*BRIAN PIDGEON ... .. 3	GEO. STEPMAN MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MRS. KATHLEEN JONES Treble	GEORGE RODEN ... .. 4
MISS RHODA HEMMINGS 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... .. 5
WALTER SOAR ... .. 3	WILLIAM MINOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

\* First peal. To welcome a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

*ALAN KIRKMAN ... .. Treble	*MISS ENID WALKLATE ... 4
+BRIAN S. COPE ... .. 2	THOMAS CARLEY ... .. 5
*JOHN SHATFORD ... .. 3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

Seven different one-part 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 4
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal in the method on the bells.



**HOTHFIELD, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,***A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

\*†HARRY BAKER ... *Treble* | \*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 4

\*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL 2 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5

\*MARK W. MARSHALL... 3 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Minor in the method. † 300th peal.

**HILL FARRANCE, SOMERSET.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

\*RAYMOND WINTER ... *Treble* | FRANK BRANCHFLOWER... 4

†HARRY COMMINS ... 2 | †DOUGLAS BELLAMY ... 5

CLAUDE TARR ... 3 | TOM HANCOCK ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. † First peal on 'inside' bell.

**NECTON, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

\*ROBERT C. BUTTON ... *Treble* | FREDERICK C. JOHNSON... 4

CYRIL J. BURNS ... 2 | THOMAS A. A. POTTER ... 5

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM 3 | LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

\* First peal.

**MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.****THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Nov. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings and Morris' 240. Tenor 8½ cwt.

\*RICHARD H. DUKE ... *Treble* | HARRY J. FORD ... 4

FREDK. PRECEY ... 2 | JOSEPH H. HAYNE ... 5

\*MRS. M. M. GODLEY ... 3 | \*WILLIAM READ ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. PRECEY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

**HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... *Treble* | WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4

\*ROLAND BENISTON ... 2 | †C. WILLIAM HALL ... 5

†WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 3 | SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal. † First in seven methods. To celebrate the coming-of-age of the restored Diocese of Leicester.

**HANDBELL PEALS****SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Mon., Oct. 20, 1947, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,**At 78, NEW ROAD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;**

Being 11 six-scores each of Stedman, Spliced Stedman and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 14 different callings and each six-score a change of method.

VINCENT W. RIGG ... 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4

JOHN N. JUKES ... 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Nov. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,**At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2 | JILL POOLE ... 3-4

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Surprise Minor 'in hand' by all the band.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 24th, a quarter-peal of Belgrave Surprise: Eric T. Lee 1, E. J. Munday 2, E. R. Rapley 3, H. A. May 4, W. Beeson 5, F. H. Hicks 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, C. E. Smith 8.

ASH, SURREY.—On Oct 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Bob Minor): T. E. Denyer 1, Mrs. E. Pepler 2, E. Pepler 3, F. Ellis 4, E. Sherwood 5, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 6.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

There will be genuine sympathy from all ringers with the band at Westminster Abbey that the peal attempt on Nov. 20th failed after an hour's ringing. Mr. J. N. C. Pitstow informs us that the Dean has authorised another attempt on Nov. 26th.

There is some good reading from Scotland this week-end. Four first peals at Paisley.

Mr. F. A. Adams, of Staveley, Derbyshire, has rung Little Bob from Major to Maximus.

Mr. Stanley E. Darmon has been elected Master of the Cambridge University Guild, as Mr. R. Leigh is 'going down' this term.

Mrs. Kathleen Jones had an unusual experience in her first peal at Newhall, Derbyshire, on November 8th. The treble rope broke during the attempt, and after the conductor (her husband) had spliced her rope, the second attempt was successful. Mrs. Jones started ringing seven months ago.

Two Bournemouth boys, M. J. Best and G. E. Evenden, had an unexpected pleasure on November 2nd of being allowed to strap St. Paul's Cathedral tenor. Later in the day they were invited to ring their first quarter of Stedman at Lambeth.

The 'Surprise' mentality has Alan Cattell, the 16-year-old Leicester boy, whose first blow in Yorkshire was a peal of Maximus at the Cathedral. Well done!

At the meeting at Aldershot on November 1st, combining the Ladies' Guild and the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild, no fewer than 20 officials were present. They were the Master, secretary, treasurer and a vice-president of the Guildford Guild; the president, retiring and prospective secretaries of the Guildford Guild; the Guildford district secretary; the Ringing Master, secretary and eight tower captains of the Farnham District, together with the two Farnham District Executive Committee members. In all 70 ringers from 20 towers attended.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to 12-year-old Margaret Beamish on another fine achievement in ringing her first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Melton Mowbray. Eight towers were represented in the band, who desire to thank Mr. Joseph A. Fenton (local captain) for arranging the peal.

Mr. Percy Page, the Kent ringer, has completed his century of peals. Congratulations.

Note the quarter-peal at Hughenden, Bucks, by veterans whose ages ranged from 73 to 82. They are to attempt a peal early next year and intend to make it an annual event.

Re father and son peals, Mr. Arthur Knights and his son, B. A. Knights, rang 255 true peals and three false; with his son, A. P. Knights, he rang 157 true peals and one false.

A peal at Stradbroke, Suffolk, is an achievement owing to the swaying tower, and to ring the seventh and eighth is no mean achievement. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on November 8th was the first for 40 years.

Made a full member in the Diamond Jubilee year (1897). Mr. Fred Oakhill, captain and secretary of Wotton-under-Edge, Glos., tower, celebrated his 50 years' membership by a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 8th.

Silk Willoughby, Lincs, is likely to be in the ringing news. The three bells here were augmented to six in October, 1945, and now comes the first peal by a resident band, all of whom have been trained by Mr. James H. Musson and are choristers. In addition, there are six others under training at the rounds stage.

Mr. T. W. Addison, captain of the Thornaby, Yorkshire band, celebrated his silver wedding appropriately with a peal, and was afterwards with Mrs. Addison host and hostess at one of those Yorkshire teas! With the exception of the conductor, the band were Yorkshire born, and the occasion enabled four (including a district secretary) to score their first peals for the Association.

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## The Bells of Dover

The Castle and the White Cliffs  
Are known the world over,  
Now listen to the sound  
Of the church bells of Dover.

Once again the bells of Dover are ringing out their joyous message of 'Good will to all.' A special dedication of the work of the bells and clock took place on Sunday morning, Nov. 16th, by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Stanley Cooper. Among those present were Mr. Douglas Clark, who defrayed the cost in memory of his wife, who died during the war the Mayor and Corporation of Dover, members of the Dover Harbour Board, and masters and students of Dover College.

Considerable damage was done by the shells that fell all around St. Mary's Church from the cross-channel guns on the French coast, and the tower did not escape. For some time anxiety was felt about the tower. The Canterbury Cathedral architect examined it, and while he was satisfied it was all right, he was convinced that the contents had been shaken up.

The bells have now been repaired and placed in ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were cast in the year 1724 by Samuel Knight, and each bears an inscription. But St. Mary's had bells before that date, as old vestry books show reference in 1496 and 1603 and 1633. The clock was placed in the tower in 1866 and connected are the Bow chimes, which represent the sacred link of the town of Dover with the city of London.

Special touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung for the dedication of the bells on Nov. 16th by Mrs. H. George, Messrs. P. Dennis, P. Slaughter, B. Moore, E. J. Walker, E. T. Ellender, G. Godfrey, H. J. Saunders, C. George, C. Turner (conductor), R. J. Harding (Royal Artillery), W. Kitchen and A. Binfield (Folkestone).

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.

### TWENTY NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

A successful and enjoyable meeting was held at Penhow on November 15th. The 46 members who attended included ringers from over the border in Gloucestershire. The service was conducted by the Rector, Archdeacon S. M. Davies, who gave a short and homely address on ringers' service to the Church. After service the visitors were generously entertained to tea by local parishioners, who were thanked on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Jones.

The Archdeacon took the chair at the business meeting, and before asking for the minutes referred to the tragic death of one of the young members, Basil Smith, who was killed in a road accident during the week. He also mentioned the recent death of Mr. G. Forbes, of All Saints', Newport. The company stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

A notice of motion to raise the subscription from 1s. to 2s. was read; also one to divide the Association into districts. Restoration work at Abergavenny and Trevethin was discussed, and it was learned that Trevethin bells were nearly ready. Twenty new members, including the whole of the Penhow band and the newly-formed Penysfawr band, were elected, also two life members. A hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his kindness ended the proceedings. More ringing was indulged in after the meeting.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ASHFORD DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Smarden on November 15th, about 30 members and friends being present.

After the service, conducted by the Rector, an excellent tea was served at the Chequers, followed by a short business meeting. The fine ring of six was kept going to various methods, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

## 50 Years' Service

### TRIBUTES TO MR. WILSON'S WORK.

A joint meeting of the Calne and Swindon branches was held at Wootton Bassett on Nov. 8th to celebrate Mr. L. A. Wilson's 50 years' association with the church and bells. Twenty Wiltshire towers were represented, with visitors from Bath, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Faringdon, Lancaster, Leamington and Oxford.

Ringings ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Lummis).

Over 100 sat down to an excellent tea in the Institute, following which a presentation from the parishioners of a large framed photograph and a cheque for £40 was handed to Mr. Wilson by the Vicar.

Making the presentation, the Vicar said not only had they to thank Mr. Wilson for his work among the bells for 50 years, but for his interest in the church generally, including some steeplejack work.

Mr. Wilson briefly replied and touched on events which happened when he was a youngster at his native tower of Ottery St. Mary. Further ringing brought to a close another memorable day in local ringing circles.

W.B.K.



MR. L. A. WILSON

Mr. Wilson's work among the bells of North Wiltshire is being perpetuated in another manner. A new treble has been added to the ring of five at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Lyneham. This bell was presented to Mr. Wilson by Major and Mrs. Buxton, of Ickeham Manor, Wootton Bassett, in appreciation of his services to them during the last 50 years and also of his work among the ringers. The bell has been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and is inscribed, 'L. A. Wilson, Ringing Master.'

Mr. Wilson has been associated with the following restorations in North Wiltshire:—

Bremhill, six rehung; Calne, eight rehung twice; Yatesbury, five rehung, treble to be added; Heddington, five rehung; Purton, five rehung, treble added; Lydiard Millicent, five rehung, treble later; Broad Hinton, six rehung; Clyffe Pypard, six rehung in old frame; Wootton Bassett, eight rehung in old frame; Hilmarton, six rehung in old frame; Lyneham, five rehung and a treble just added; Dauntsey, five rehung. He also hopes to get a treble added to the five at Compton Bassett.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Annesley 1, S. J. Evans 2, W. Shaw 3, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 4, W. Jones (first quarter) 5, Capt. J. Kitch 6.

## Swansea and Brecon Guild

### NORTHERN BRANCH.

The branch held its quarterly meeting at St. David's, Brecon, on November 8th, when about 30 members and the general hon. secretary (Mr. D. G. Williams) were present. Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m. until service time at 4.30, when the Vicar conducted and addressed all present on the duties, services and self-sacrifice of ringers throughout the country. Members were afterwards entertained to an excellent tea in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the Master of the Guild (Mr. A. Matthews) presided. Three new members from Talgarth were elected, viz., Messrs. W. Smith, S. Edwards and R. Pulling. The next meeting is to take place at St. Mary's, Brecon, in February.

Under the item 'Any other business,' a resolution was put forward regarding the 25th birthday of the formation of the Guild. It was resolved to ask for the support of the Southern Branch in arranging a celebration dinner on the evening of the annual festival, which is to be held at Brecon about the last Saturday in June, 1948.

During the meeting tributes of respect were paid to the memory of the late Mr. Teddy Webb, who died as the result of a tragic accident. All present stood in silence.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for providing the tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for giving a very interesting address.

### 'GREAT FREDERICK'

The largest bell in the Southern Hemisphere is Great Frederick, the 40 cwt. 1 qr. tenor of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.

Mention has already been made in 'The Ringing World' of the dedication of this ring of eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and of how a team of ringers flew from Sydney to ring.

The tenor is named after the late Frederick Lakeman, a keen churchman, whose tall lean figure had been known to thousands during his long association with the firm of James Marshall, where he was a shop-walker. It was his bequest of several thousands that made the ring possible.

The Adelaide bellringers consist of Philip Vincent (secretary), Jim Lucas (conductor, who has ringing experience in Tasmania), Philip Cooper, Peter West, Harry and George Cox, John and Robert Westover, Bernard Porter, Roger Gray, Peter Henderson and Ron Brown.

### SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The recent meeting at Malins Lee was well attended, some 40 members being present. The Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tutt) conducted the service, at which an interesting address was given by the Rev. F. J. R. Mason, Rector of Little Wenlock.

The churchwardens were present to extend a warm welcome, and with the clergy accompanied the ringers to an enjoyable tea prepared and served by local ladies. Mr. Arthur Pritchard (Ringing Master), in proposing a vote of thanks for the tea, mentioned the pleasure it was to meet the churchwardens, as it was not often that non-ringing church officers display such interest in ringers' activities.

During the afternoon and evening the six bells were kept going to a good variety of Doubles and Minor methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford. Double Oxford, Double Court, Little Bob and Cambridge.

The pre-peal elections of the following life members were confirmed: H. O. Baker and J. W. Best (Chester), F. S. Almond, T. W. Hesketh and E. C. Birkett (Liverpool).

Arrangements for the 1948 annual meeting to be held at Shrewsbury in February were discussed at some length. Details will be published later.



## In Lighter Vein

### RULES: ORDER OUT OF CHAOS.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'K. Osse,' seems a little befogged, and I cannot allow his facetious indictment of our rules to remain unchallenged.

May I, therefore, be permitted to point out to him that they certainly do not, as he imagines, prevent any 'enterprising' young band from using for a five-bell or even-bell peal any of a ring of 13 bells or less; neither is he correct when he asserts that a ringer is debarr'd from 'covering' a peal with the treble.

I consider it extremely uncharitable of 'Mr. Osse' to belittle the 'old fogies' who drew up the rules. Surely the fact that these good rules also permit peals on 'imperfect' front oights of twelve-bell towers and on hopelessly out-of-tune rings (remember Christleton, Halewood, etc.?) should make him appreciate how far-seeing these ancient gentlemen actually were! Surely, too, he must realise how broad-minded are the many eminent dignitaries of the present Council who have taken part in such performances!

Our friend 'Osse,' therefore, can go right ahead and fix up the peal he requires for any 'dear little chap of tender age' whom he may have in mind. I would suggest that, for a start, any old five of 13 bells be selected for a peal of Doubles. If, as he says, the tenor goes up false, young 'Osse' (or is it old 'Osse'?) will perhaps want to conduct from the eleventh and the small fellow can be given the distinction of ringing the sharp second (or flat sixth)!

'Mr. Osse' need not have any qualms about being a bit unconventional or what the peal sounds like outside; it doesn't even matter if the bells are practically all the same note or how unmusical the method; providing a straightforward peal on the back 7, 9 or 11 is not rung and the jolly old rules (a bit hazy, perhaps, in this respect) are not transgressed, he will have the glorious satisfaction of knowing that the peal will be allowed by the Central Council.

One word of warning. If he wants his peal recognised, I would advise 'K. Osse' not to ring Minor with a 'cover,' neither should he attempt to emulate Harry Withers by calling a peal of that lovely method, Superlative, from outside a tower. It is true that at one time he could have done these things and rung Minor with a 'cover' or two, but since that 'bad man' Kippin put the Council's august back up and made the mere mention of the word 'Basingstoke' to that learned body as the proverbial 'red rag' is to a bull, the good old rules do not seem to have quite the same meaning as of yore.

Nevertheless, a little ambiguity is good for the soul, so how ridiculous it is for Parson Felstead and those other blokes to want to clarify and bring up-to-date our dear old antiquated rules, just like they do the laws in Parliament.

Strangely enough, my musical and lettered friends insist that the Elland performance and indeed any consecutive six bells in the diatonic scale are quite perfect musical combinations, and that 123680 of a ten-bell peal is exceptionally so. Now doesn't this nonsense just prove that we ringers know music much better than these listeners outside?

I must admit, however, that it does seem a shame that Mr. R. D. Blackman should be so upset and worried to death regarding seven-bell ringing in eight-bell towers when the golden rules actually permit five or six-bell peals, not only in eight, but in twelve-bell towers, and when indeed many fine peals of bells have no ringers to ring them at all. Incidentally, I wonder if Mr. Blackman is aware that some of his Council colleagues have taken part in a recognised six-bell performance in a twelve-bell tower, but forgive me, sir, I mustn't 'tell tales out of school.'—I am sir, yours faithfully,

Shropshire.

SAUL BILL HONEY.

## A School Guild

Dear Sir,—We at Kingsland Grange, Shrewsbury, are a Preparatory School of about 80 boys or more, and we run a Ringers' Guild. I am the fortunate possessor of a ring of Mears' handbells (12 in F sharp minor), and we practise on these. Most of us are arrant beginners. With small boys the motto is hasten slowly, and Bob Singles and Doubles are about the limit of their endurance. Recently however, we managed to achieve a fairly well-struck plain course of Grandsire Doubles with myself ringing 3-4, a small boy aged 8 on 1-2—Michael King—and another, John Jerman, on 5-6.

I don't believe I am flattering myself when I say that it is a fairly popular 'activity'—and if one drops out there seems to be a new recruit waiting. One must be content with very little at first—merely ringing well-struck rounds on handbells is quite a feat for a boy beginner, and the changes have to be learnt by custom and by rote. They must 'get the hang' of it by doing it again and again and by having it simply explained to them. This is, I know, not ideal belfry practice, but I don't think any other is possible with the very young.

A section of the modern youth lacks interest and background, and I can see nothing but good in filling the blank with an interest that is genuine and English. And another thing, sir, if I may trespass on your indulgence—being mentioned in the papers is a great thrill to little boys, and an occasional pat on the back from your excellent journal would, no doubt, encourage other recruits to the art and Exercise.—I remain, sir, yours sincerely,

T. S. WILLIAMS, Assistant Master.

P.S.—We hope for a six-score at Easter.

### \*CLOCKING\* BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am told there is a danger in what is known as 'clocking' bells—tying the rope to the clapper to chime the bell instead of from the wheel.

In the course of my travels I often visit churches with 1, 2, 3 or 4 bells in search of history. At Claycote, Northants, the other day I found the tenor (a 1619 bell) had the rope tied round the clapper; needless to say, I released it and warned the responsible authority of the danger. This is about the 20th similar case I have come across within the last year or so.

We ringers may think three and four bell towers of no importance, but there is always the possibility of augmentation, and what may be an incentive to add a treble (or trebles) can be retarded if extra expense is involved in recasting other cracked bells, besides perhaps losing a bell of some historical value. Guilds should not only print a note of warning in their reports, but also make it known by some means to churches where there are less than five bells.—Yours sincerely,

Northampton.

P. AMOS.

### NAME PEALS

Dear Sir,—It must have been a great day for Mr. Fred Goodfellow, when he rang in a name peal of Treble Bob Royal recently, to know that both his Christian names had been honoured in similar style, even if the 'Freds' had taken 45 years to catch up with the 'Williams.'

No doubt he must also have been proud to know that his second namesakes were attempting Cambridge Royal that day. Small wonder that he felt 'somewhat superior.'

I and nine other Williams were sorry not to have completed his gratification by ringing the peal of Cambridge, but we hope it won't be long before we too feel somewhat superior again, and not just the equals of the 'Freds.'—Yours truly,

WILLIAM H. COLES.

Hayes, Middlesex.

P.S.—We have no funds to cover transfer fees.

## 60 Years After

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your report of the College Youths' dinner with reference to the handbell peal we rang on November 19th, 1887, which I conducted. I called my first peal at the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, the meeting place of the C.Y. in those days (Ho't's Original), which was umpired by Mr. Murray Hayes and Mr. McLaughlin, who at the completion remarked that there was no need of umpires.

On September 19th, 1889, at the express wish of Mr. Challis Winney, I completed the circle, being the first to call Ho't's Original off each pair of bells. The respective ages of the band you mention are 79, 80, 81, 82, myself being the senior, 'goodness and mercy having followed us all the days of our life.' We thank Him; we are all workers together with Him.

I joined the College Youths on June 6th, 1885, my number being 3315. With all good wishes, Yours sincerely, G. W. CARTMEL.

Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

[Note.—The ringers of the peal in question, which was rung for the College Youths and the Essex Association by members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, were John C. Mitchell 1-2, G. W. Cartmell (conductor) 3-4, Walter H. L. Buckingham 5-6, Alfred Barnes 7-8. It was the first peal on handbells by A. Barnes.—Editor.]

### ELY ASSOCIATION PIONEER MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—Reading the report of meeting at Ickleton re above, may I beg to add the names of Mr. H. Sharp, of Wilburton, and Mr. A. J. Ginn, of Over. Of those who have passed on, most respectfully we may mention the Rev. H. B. Woolley, York Green, John Taylor and Alfred G. Rivers. With Mr. Rivers Surprise ringing found favour, and his knowledge of conducting was excellent. When I started to conduct, Mr. Rivers was the man I consulted; he never failed me. I heartily agree with Mr. Hibbins.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

### FALSE COMPOSITION OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—The Grandsire Caters composition published in your issue of November 21st is false. The sixth handstroke lead after 34265978 repeats with the fifth handstroke lead after 63254978.

If the composer is desirous of obtaining a composition with alternate titum and handstroke home courses, may I urge him not to mar the grand music of the handstroke home position by fixing any other bell but the 6th in fifths place.—Yours faithfully, C. GLENN.

Oasby, Grantham.

### SUFFOLK GUILD

A successful meeting of the Ipswich District was held at Henley on November 15th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds for beginners to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Twenty ringers sat down to a delightful tea at the Vicarage, kindly arranged by the Rev. and Mrs. Knapp, who were warmly thanked for their hospitality.

At a short business meeting, Mr. C. Sedgley, Master of the Guild, made reference to the passing of the Rev. Herbert Drake and the work he had done for the Suffolk Guild. The meeting stood in silence to his memory.

The district secretary, in saying how much he appreciated the satisfactory attendance at the meeting, called for support for a campaign of meetings to be held in the outlying towers of the district, with a view of strengthening the hands of those striving to keep the bells going in those towers.

The Vicar of Henley was thanked for the use of the bells and for the amount of interest he took in the ringing, and was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Guild.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stone (first quarter) 1. J. H. W. White (cond.) 2. C. H. Webb 3. J. W. T. Taylor 4. J. W. Taylor 5. C. S. Aylett 6. F. W. Perrens 7. G. Gardner 8.

**BOLTON, LANC'S.**—At St. George's on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Maddocks 1; C. Horrocks 2. F. Rushton 3. E. Ford (cond.) 4. H. Owen 5. J. E. Owen 6. H. Rushton 7. D. L. Inch 8. A 50th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BURBAGE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 2nd, at 128, Sketchley Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. P. Whitehead 1-2, E. R. Whitehead 3-4, A. Ballard (cond.) 5-6, Miss Mavis Whitehead (first quarter in hand, age 14) 7-8.

**BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.**—At Higher Eastbrook Farm, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Walford 1-2, W. Stevens (cond.) 3-4, Miss G. Stevens 5-6.

**CAMERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Milverton 1, F. Harding 2, F. Sellars 3, S. Milverton 4, E. F. Cunnock (cond.) 5, L. Veal 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7.5.8 covering: Miss M. R. Summers 1, W. A. Darlington 2, Miss M. Hosking 3, Miss T. Richards 4, Miss G. M. Bray 5, E. V. Williams (cond.) 6, P. Jago 7, S. A. Reed 8.

**CHELSEA, LONDON.**—At St. Luke's on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Owen 1, T. G. Miller 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, E. J. Taylor 4, J. H. Lott 5, P. A. Carter 6, E. V. Blake (cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Oct. 25th, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Sansom 1, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 2, Barbara Thrush 3, D. Hayward 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, P. J. Woodgver 6. In memoriam John H. Fretwell, a friend of the ringers.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. F. Howell (first quarter Grandsire Triples) 1, J. E. Lilley (first Grandsire Triples inside) 2, G. Apps 3, T. Mitchell 4, J. Jeffery 5, G. W. Cecil (cond.) 6, R. Overy 7, E. J. Britt 8.

**DARLINGTON CO. DURHAM.**—At St. Cuthbert's Church on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. James (first quarter) 1, J. Colling 2, K. Burnett 3, E. Burnett 4, T. Senior 5, F. Newton (cond.) 6, T. Cooke 7, L. Venus 8.

**DEAL, KENT.**—At St. Leonard's Church on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Rye 1, J. Baxter 2, F. A. Rye 3, T. Wickens 4, H. Furminger 5, W. Bottrill (cond.) 6. First by 1, 2 and 4, and first of Minor by an entirely local band.

**FULMER, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Cripps (first quarter) 1, W. W. Wolstencroft (cond.) 2, P. F. Black 3, E. Harding 4, E. J. Briden 5, C. J. Watkins 6.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. 1, W. Gorringe (cond.) 2, M. S. Cloke 3, L. W. Jarvis 4, A. Kemp 5, R. Tappenden 6, S. G. Waters 7, L. T. Pope 8. First quarter in the method by all except 2nd and 4th.

**HANDSWORTH, YORKS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. H. Brothwell 1, F. Cardwell 2, W. H. Taylor 3, Mrs. J. E. Turley 4, J. G. Brothwell 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6, H. Taylor 7, J. E. Turley 8. First quarter in the method for 3 and 4.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Lawrence 1, D. C. Mears 2, W. J. Arnold 3, L. Fidler 4, J. T. Kentish 5, Alan White 6, A. R. Burgess 7, C. F. Sayer 8, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 9, D. C. Price 10.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Double Court Triples: W. Joiner 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, J. Downing 3, S. Driver 4, S. May 5, S. Smith 6, A. Levett (cond.) 7, T. Reed 8. First in method by all.

**HARLOW COMMON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: L. Whitby (first in method) 1, F. Whitby 2, W. Aley 3, V. Tinton 4, S. Clark 5, E. Rochester 6, W. Wedlock 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8.

**HAMPRESTON, DORSET.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles in five methods (240 each of Grandsire, Antelope, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and 300 Plain Bob): Miss A. Rose 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, Mrs. R. King 3, R. King 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, H. Coward 6. First quarter in five methods by all except conductor. Also 1,260 Bob Doubles, first quarter by Miss S. Howard.

**HANDSWORTH, YORKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise: T. Brothwell 1, J. G. Brothwell 2, Mrs. J. E. Turley 3, F. Cardwell 4, G. C. Briggs 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6, J. H. Brothwell 7, J. E. Turley 8.

**HINCKLEY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Thompson 1, J. Ison 2, A. Jordan 3, E. Vallance 4, H. Knights 5, B. Ridgway 6, A. Ballard (cond.) 7, F. Mellor (first quarter) 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—At St. Michael and All Angels' on Nov. 1st, 1,712 Bob Major: F. V. Sinkins 1, W. Parker 2, F. Hayes 3, R. Coles 4, T. Goodchild 5, W. Walker 6, W. E. Judd 7, W. W. Wolstencroft (cond.) 8.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Russell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, A. F. Lancaster (first quarter as cond.) 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Booth 1, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 2, F. Booth 3, R. Hughes 4, B. Stepney 5, B. Booth 6.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Best 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, R. Hart 3, G. E. Evenden 4, S. Hart 5, E. Furbanks 6, J. Bullock 7, S. Croft 8. First quarter Stedman for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hunwicke 1, H. S. Arbin 2, T. Pink 3, Miss P. Jackson 4, W. Vince 5, C. W. Ward (cond.) 6, W. Langley 7, J. Pearl 8.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**—At Christ Church on Nov. 2nd, quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Henshaw (longest length) 1, A. Challinor 2, G. Farrer 3, J. Worth (cond.) 4, S. Hough, jun. 5, A. A. Potts 6, W. Gayes 7, H. Farrer 8, E. Seed 9, G. Henshaw 10.

**MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Nicholls (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Barrow 2, W. Wallington 3, F. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, J. Rawson 6, G. Hollick (cond.) 7, A. Millward 8.

**NETTLEHAM, Lincs.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Single Court: A. Clark 1, C. V. Cade 2, W. S. Hill 3, C. H. Jeffery 4, W. R. Parker 5, A. Dixon (cond.) 6.

**NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,248 Bob Major: R. Heath 1-2, P. M. Freeman 3-4, J. A. Acres (first quarter as conductor) 5-6, E. J. Lindley 7-8.

**NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Church 1, T. Bennett (cond.) 2, R. Challen 3, D. Boreham 4, M. Thomas 5, F. Howe 6, T. Page 7, H. Sta'ham 8.

**OXFORD.**—On Nov. 2nd, at St. Giles', 1,260 Erin Triples: A. Higgins 1, P. Walker 2, A. H. Gearing 3, V. J. F. Bennett 4, J. R. Chaundy 5, W. Collett 6, J. Higgins (cond.) 7, W. Allen 8.

**PENTRE RHONDDA.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Crabb 1, K. Hartnell (first quarter) 2, W. Page 3, J. Evans 4, T. Page (cond.) 5, J. Lovett 6, F. Lasbury 7, W. Roberts 8. All Sundar service ringers.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Nov. 2nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Harris 1, H. A. Nobes 2, A. Lawrey (first quarter away from tenor) 3, S. E. Cook 4, A. D. Mil's 5, W. Tate 6, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Brookman 1, Miss P. A. Martin 2, Miss O. Martin 3, F. Elliot 4, S. F. Dolley 5, J. Seaman 6, F. H. Crook (cond.) 7, P. Avey 8. First quarter on eight by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Haffenden 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, A. W. Vaughan (first quarter) 3, C. Brasier 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, W. Rogers (cond.) 6, F. Hammond 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8.

**RANDWICK, SYDNEY.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Robinson 1, Ian Napper (first as conductor, age 14) 2, W. M. Rowe 3, R. S. Rowe 4, J. Duncan 5, W. Peverell 6.

**SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 30th, quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: D. Stanley 1, F. Lyne 2, G. Ingram 3, J. R. Faint 4, R. Chapman 5, C. R. Steed 6, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 7, L. Kinchin 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 5 and 8.

**SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—At St. Mary's on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Barker (first away from tenor) 1, T. Elliott 2, Miss G. M. Plimmer (first inside) 3, Miss P. A. Cartwright 4, H. W. Haslam 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman (conductor) 7, F. H. Walters (first quarter) 8.

**SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss B. Englefield 1, Miss B. Perry 2, Miss B. Miles 3, D. Fraser 4, A. E. Smith 5, J. Chesterman (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by all except conductor.

**SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Gregory's on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Haynes 1, A. A. Fitch 2, W. Scott 3, T. Bird 4, C. W. Clarke 5, L. Johnson 6, D. H. Elliott (cond.) 7, F. Bower (first quarter) 8.

**SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Oakley (first quarter) 1, G. Rathbone 2, Miss M. M. Lyon 3, R. J. Edden 4, H. C. Burt 5, L. J. Hall (first quarter) 6, J. R. Ball (first as cond.) 7, F. I. Eaton 8.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Wenban 1, Betty Payne (first quarter) 2, D. Cattell 3, T. Carke 4, W. Nudds 5, R. Wenban 6, G. Hughes 7, E. J. Leversuch (first as cond.) 8.

**SEAL, KENT.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. Harris 1, D. E. Colgate (first quarter) 2, R. Collins 3, J. Harris (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, F. Acott 6. First quarter of Bob Doubles for 3, 4 and 5. In memoriam Rev. H. Jones Davies, 25 years Vicar of Seal.

**SHALFORD, SURREY.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Crowcombe 1, Miss M. Davy 2, Miss N. Butler 3, H. Schupke 4, K. Girdler 5, A. Hunter 6, L. Hunter (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. Horsman 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Meynell 1, R. Edwards 2, Miss V. Reif 3, J. Smith 4, P. Relf 5, C. Ballard 6, T. Want (cond.) 7, B. Stanger 8. First quarter by 1, 3, 5 and 8. Birthday compliment to R. Edwards (82).

**TOTTENHAM, LONDON.**—At St. Ann's on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. R. Martin (first quarter) 1, Miss J. I. Yearsley (first inside) 2, P. R. Blackman 3, G. F. Carter 4, V. J. Benning (first as cond.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Royal: P. H. Avey 1, R. G. Bell 2, W. G. Paul 3, A. R. Dawes 4, Dr. F. S. Poole 5, P. H. Watts 6, A. W. Dix 7, S. H. Hoare (cond.) 8, H. G. Timms 9, F. H. Crook 10. First quarter of Bob Royal by all except tenor ringer.

**WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,248 London Surprise Major: W. H. Barber 1, Miss M. Fiddell 2, Richard A. Gofton 3, R. Alder Gofton 4, S. W. Stratford 5, G. Johnson (first quarter in method) 6, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 7, W. L. Gofton 8.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan F. Winterbourne 1, Nora Honey 2, T. W. Bond 3, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 4, E. Moore 5, A. R. Pink 6, A. Cornish 7, C. Bennett 8. First quarter of Triples by 1 and 8.

**YATTON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Westlake 1, L. W. Pullin 2, E. E. Fisher 3, R. Brice 4, E. A. Price 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8. The customary ringing for Guy Fawkes' night.



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## MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Whitehorse Road, Stepney, on Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3 and 6.30 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 2236

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD AND LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint meeting. St. George's, Borough, Sat., Nov. 29th. Ringing 3. Service.—N. S. Bagworth and E. E. Davis, Hon. Secs. 2249

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern Division.—A thirteenth bell will be dedicated on Sat., Nov. 29th, at 4.30, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Chelmsford. Bells available after tea until 9. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2245

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Next meeting Fulmer (6), Sat., Nov. 29th, 6. Note date.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2675

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Pemberton Arms.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2676

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Ashton St. Peter's, Sat., Nov. 29th. Service 4.30. Make own arrangements for tea.—T. Wilde. 2679

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Joint meeting with Leeds and District Society at Kippax, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Good attendance, please.—T. H. Foster, Hon. Sec. 2687

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Nov. 29th. Norman tower (10), 2.30. Special: D.N. Caters. Tea and business 5. St. Mary's (8) until 8.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 2684

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Nov. 29th, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 2690

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—The ring of six, retuned and rehung by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated on Sat., Nov. 29th, at 3. Ringing afterwards. Please bring food; cups of tea provided. 2691

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Mon., Dec. 1st, 7.15, a practice meeting. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec. 2716

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—The new ring of eight will be dedicated on Wed., Dec. 3rd, 7.30. Sat., Dec. 6th, will be an open date. Ringing from 2.30 until 8. Names for tea (price 2s. 3d.) to A. C. Lygo, Radcliffe-on-Trent, by Dec. 2nd latest. 2258

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting Baglan, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, business follow. Numbers by 2nd.—E. Stitch, Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 2680

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting Lindfield (8), Dec. 6th, 3. Service and tea. Names by Dec. 3rd to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2688

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Hoddlesden, Dec. 6th. Ringing at 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2698

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Standish, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in School to those who write E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Nov. 27th. Business meeting to follow. Make it a success. 2672

YORKSHIRE ASSN (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting Rawmarsh, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 to all who notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by Dec. 3rd.—J. J. I. Gilbert and H. O. Chaddock. 2685

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual Bridport, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, only if notified by Nov. 29th. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6) and Symondsburys (6). 2239

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Brierley Hill, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells 2.45. Guild Service 4.15. Tea and meeting. Numbers for tea before Dec. 2nd, please. Remember!—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 2259

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting St. Giles', Northampton, Sat., Dec. 6th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. A. Hammond, The Mounts, Northampton. 2255

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewis-ham District.—Sat., Dec. 6th, Christ Church, Erith. Bells 3. Tea 5.15. Social evening after. Come with your wife, friends, children. Tea 2s. 3d., snacks later 1s. If you are coming, write. Having written, come! Names by Sat., Nov. 29th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2674

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., Dec. 6th. Usual arrangements. Business: to nominate district officers for 1948. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Massey, 173, Coverts Road, Claygate.—A. H. Smith. 2706



**CHESTER GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Middlewich (8), Dec. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Hatton, 3, King Edward Street, Middlewich, before Dec. 2nd. 2714

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Taunton Branch.—Taunton, St. Mary's, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Wilton (8) after meeting. Numbers for tea early.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 2701

**BATH & WELLS.**—Chew Deanery.—Annual Long Ashton, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Church House 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2708

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Annual meeting Stoke-on-Trent, Sat., Dec. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Payne, 57, Oxford Street, Penk-hull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2692

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—St. Benedict's, Glastonbury. Rededication of bells (rehung) by the Bishop of Taunton, Sat., Dec. 6th, 4 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying V. Voisey, 65, Station Road, Glastonbury, by Tues., Dec. 2nd, only. Ringers welcomed.—W. H. Marsh, Hon. Sec. 2694

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech District.—Tilney, All Saints' (6), Sat., Dec. 6th, 2.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2710

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Shoreham, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service and tea. Names by Dec. 3rd to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. 2771

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting Leckhampton (8), Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea for those notifying me by Dec. 1st.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham. 2683

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.**—Western Branch.—Practice meeting Working-ton, St. Michael's (8), Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea before Dec. 8th to Miss M. Johnston, 24, Bedford Street, Hensingham, Whitehaven. 2713

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Faversham, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 6d. per head to those who notify Mr. F. Pack, 59, Abbey Street, Faversham, not later than Wed., Dec. 10th. Ospringe available after tea only.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2699

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting (district annual) at Staveley (8), Dec. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec. 2686

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting, Little House. Names for tea by Mon., Dec. 8th.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol. 2709

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting Fornham, St. Martin's (6), Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Please bring own food; cups of tea available.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 2702

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting Radstock, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 9th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 2704

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Idle, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, 1s. 9d. per head. Apply Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, before Dec. 10th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 2707

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting Balderstone, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at Greenwood's Cafe 5.15. Business meeting 6.30 in the tower. A good attendance specially requested. Names for tea by Dec. 10th to Mr. F. Appleton, 23, Well-ith-Lane, Rochdale.—Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec. 2717

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly Stony Stratford, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names by Dec. 6th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 2712

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting Llanelly (6), Dec. 13th, 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 2695

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Kings Langley (8), Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5, tea following. Names to A. Cook, 10, High Street, Kings Langley, by Wed., Dec. 10th, or phone Kings Langley 7222 without fail. All outstanding subscriptions for 1947 would be gratefully received by the

Hon. Sec., W. C. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 2718

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN, LONDON.**—Monday practices cancelled during December, owing to rehearsals for Nativity play performances in church on Dec. 30th, 31st, Jan. 1st, 2nd. Ringers invited to ring for each performance. 2700

**METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting cancelled. Joint meeting at the Borough will not take place owing to tower defects.—N. Bagworth, Hon. Sec. 2705

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Kempston, or Bromham if Kempston bells not available. Bells 3. Tea 5. Notice next week.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2703

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—Practice meeting now held weekly on Monday evenings at St. John's, 7.30 to 8.55. All ringers welcome.—R. I. Shepherd. 2696

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## ROYAL GREETINGS

No finer salutation could have been given to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of their wedding than that accorded by the ringers of the British Empire. To date, the number of peals rung was 162, which was far in excess of the total that marked the end of the war, when there were public holidays. It is not possible for us to gauge the number of quarter-peals and miscellaneous ringing, but naturally this was very much in excess of peals.

This large number of peals is an indication of the strength, ability and keenness of the Exercise. Summarised, they were:—12-bell towers, 4; 10-bell, 22; 8-bell, 92; 5 and 6-bell, 43; and handbells, 1. The pride of place of the associations is held by Lancashire, with 10 peals, followed by Winchester and Portsmouth and Chester with nine, and Lincoln, Kent and Oxford each with eight peals. In all, peals were scored by 41 Guilds and Associations, the peal at Westminster Abbey at the second attempt on the following Wednesday being for the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Standard methods were much in evidence. Grand-sire Triples, which this year has not been so popular (probably on account of the desire for progress), came into its own with 29 peals, followed by Bob Major with 22 and Stedman with a modest 12. In most towers it was the regular Sunday service band ringing, and probably many conductors, in view of the occasion, were playing for safety. Surprise peals were hardly as many as a normal week. In Major ringing there were only 11, including one of Spliced by that intrepid Banstead band which had to draw lots to select the ringers! Leicester Cathedral's choice was New Cambridge Maximus and Cambridge Royal was rung at Lincoln and Nottingham. In Minor ringing there was one of nine methods and four of seven methods.

Most gratifying about this wonderful royal salutation was the many who were taking their first step in the art of peal ringing. At the time of writing no fewer than 101 rang their first peal, the youngest of whom was a schoolboy aged 13. To all these new peal ringers 'The Ringing World' sends a special word of congratulation on behalf of the Central Council. We trust that, encouraged by what has been accomplished, they will extend their knowledge of the art of change ringing and add to the prestige and distinction of a study and pastime which is essentially British in origin and practice.



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†DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 10
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5	†PHILIP A. CORBY ... 11
*REGINALD A. REED ... 6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Treble Twelve. First peal of Treble Twelve by the Guild and in the county of Hampshire.

## IPSWICH.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

### A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*LESLIE G. BRETT ... Treble	HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 7
†SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	FRANK FISHER ... 9
WM. J. G. BROWN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 10
WM. P. GARRETT ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
†DAPHNE GOOD ... 6	ERNEST PYE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* 300th peal. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus.

## WATFORD, HERTS.

### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*PHILIP H. AVEY ... Treble	*PERCY H. WATTS ... 6
*RICHARD G. BELL ... 2	*ARTHUR W. DIX ... 7
*HARRY G. TIMMS ... 3	*STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 8
*ALFRED R. DAWES ... 4	*FREDERICK H. CROOK ... 9
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 5	GEO. W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal of Bob Royal.

## BRISTOL.

### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 6
*DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 3	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 8
ALBERT M. TYLER ... 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 9
*JOHN M. STALLARD ... 5	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method.

## SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

### THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

### A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*FREDERICK G. BEDDOW Treble	JAMES EVANS ... 6
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 2	*GEORGE JONES ... 7
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 8
THOMAS PRICE ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
*WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

\* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 2	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 8
EDGAR T. SMITH ... 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... Treble	JAMES F. HARVEY ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
H. JAMES TURNER ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5	HENRY H. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

## CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

ERNEST WILSON ... Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 6
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 2	RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 8
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... 9
ALLEN MORGAN ... 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

## BATH, SOMERSET.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 35½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	FRANK S. MERRETT ... 6
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... 2	*JESSE HAILLET ... 7
*MRS. DORA EVANS ... 3	HORACE D. TAYLOR ... 8
GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 4	*SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 9
THOMAS F. KING ... 5	*KENNETH F. MEDWAY ... Tenor
	*HERBERT J. MERRETT

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal of Caters.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM GAYES ... Treble	*ALBERT V. REES ... 6
*ARTHUR CHALLINOR ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 8
GERALD FARRER ... 4	*EDWARD SEED ... 9
ALAN A. POTTS ... 5	*HEDLEY WOOD ... Tenor

Composed by HY. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman on the bells.



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## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

*DOREEN RODEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 6
*NOREEN BRAIN ... .. 2	†BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 3	SYDNEY H. JONES ... 8
*ALAN FOSTER ... .. 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
GORDON HARRISON ... 5	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal for the Guild.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... Treble	†WALTER TOMLINSON ... 6
†ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 2	*GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 3	*KENNETH W. MAYER ... 8
†RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 4	H. LESLIE PASK ... .. 9
†RALPH W. M. CLOUSTON 5	JOHN WALDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. The first peal of Royal on the bells.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ARTHUR G. BASON ... Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	CLIFFORD BIRD ... .. 8
*CYRIL J. BURNS ... .. 4	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 9
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 5	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
\* First peal of Royal.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

REGINALD A. ALEY ... Treble	†KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 6
ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 7
*MISS JEAN A. SOUTHERST 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
†J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF... 4	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 5	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.  
\* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal of Kent Royal 'inside.'  
‡ First peal in the method on tower bells.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION &amp; SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*SAM SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	†GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 6
*CYRIL WRIGHT ... .. 2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 7
†HERBERT ROOKE ... .. 3	*STANLEY SLANEY ... .. 8
*ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 4	*HAROLD KENT ... .. 9
FREDK. A. ADAMS ... .. 5	E. FRED GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells.

## LICHFIELD, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 5	WALTER J. COPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.  
First peal on the bells since being recast.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD &amp; KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

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Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. FROST.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.  
First peal of Royal in these two methods by all the band, on the bells and by the Association.

## RAMSGATE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE, THANET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*JOHN L. HILTON ... Treble	*JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 6
†STANLEY J. GEE ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7
*PETER SMALL ... .. 3	*WILLIAM J. FAIRBEARD... 8
†NELLIE BRIDGES ... .. 4	ALBERT E. JARMAN ... 9
†LESLIE A. PORRITT ... 5	†ALFRED CURLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER (C.C. Collection No. 53).  
Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.  
\* First peal of Caters. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*JEAN M. WARD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 2	LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 7
*JOHN B. BENNETT ... .. 3	JOHN BRAMLEY ... .. 8
*PAUL LEA TAYLOR ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 9
GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... 5	*JOHN WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GORDON A. OLLIFFE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\* First peal on ten bells.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

*WALTER NICHOLS ... Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 7
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 8
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9
FREDERICK W. STOKES... 5	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal for the Guild.

## LONDON.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... Treble	RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. T. DALTRY. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... Treble	†JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 6
TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 8
JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.  
\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.



## HEADCORN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER &amp; PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.		Tenor 24 cwt.
*ROBERT W. BELSEY ... Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY ... 5	
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6	
HARRY BAKER ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7	
†MARK W. MARSHALL ... 4	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

## OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part.		Tenor 11½ cwt.
RICHARD RAINFORD ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEBY ... 5	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	*HERBERT RAINFORD ... 6	
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 3	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 7	
EVEREST FORD ... 4	PETER CROOK ... Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ERIC T. LEE ... Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 5
*PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Major.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Pitlow's Variation.		Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5	
HAROLD A. MAY ... 2	T. MARK WHITE ... 6	
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7	
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

## GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 11 cwt.
*JOHN O. DANIELS ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5	
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6	
†ELIZABETH FAULKNAIR ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7	
†PAUL LEA TAYLOR ... 4	*FREDK. DRAYCOTT ... Tenor	

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Brooks' Variation.		Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.
JACK BRAY ... Treble	MRS. J. BRAY ... 5	
GEORGE W. MOODY ... 2	*PHILIP BARNES ... 6	
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 7	
*FRED JEFFERY ... 4	W. BRIAN BRAY ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in the method. First in method on the bells. First in method as conductor.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt.

MISS DAPHNE LLOYD ... Treble	HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.

## LYME REGIS, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitlow's Variation.		Tenor 10½ cwt.
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 5	
MRS. C. W. POWELL ... 2	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 6	
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 7	
BRIAN PIDGEON ... 4	G. LEONARD GLYDE ... Tenor	

Conducted by the Rev. C. CAREW COX.

## BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Carter's Twelve-part.		Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.
*JOHN G. COLLETT ... Treble	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5	
FRANK SODEN ... 2	THOS. W. TIMMS ... 6	
†MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT ... 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... 7	
FREDK. W. SODEN ... 4	GEORGE R. MILES ... Tenor	

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

\* First peal, aged 15. † First peal on an 'inside' bell, aged 14.

## PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 16 cwt.
CECIL C. ROBERTS ... Treble	CECIL C. WRIGHT ... 5	
*GILBERT W. SAYERS ... 2	†NORMAN ONER ... 6	
ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 3	EDWIN S. SMITH ... 7	
ARCHIBALD J. GARRETT ... 4	ROBERT A. BUDD ... Tenor	

Conducted by EDWIN S. SMITH.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method. First peal as conductor.

## RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... Treble	ARTHUR BELLAMY ... 5
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2	*ARTHUR GIBBS ... 6
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 3	HARRY RICHARDSON ... 7
B. JACK STUBBS ... 4	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.		Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.
*ALEC HAFENDEN ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5	
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 6	
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7	
CHARLES BRASIER ... 4	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## GLOUCESTER.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 24 cwt. (approx.).
EDWARD EVANS ... Treble	HARRY DANIELS ... 5	
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	WILLIAM COX ... 6	
WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... 7	
HARRY BARNETT ... 4	HARRY NEWMAN ... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

## MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13).		Tenor 16½ cwt.
*HORACE J. BENTLEY ... Treble	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 5	
†ALLEN MORGAN ... 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6	
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	†THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7	
*CHARLES J. CLARKE ... 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.



BURNHAM, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Hubbard's Ten-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*Miss Gwen Murkitt ... Treble	*Miss Freda D. Murkitt ... 5
*Miss Joyce Hearn ... 2	*Cyril A. Burgess ... 6
*Miss Mary R. Jaycock ... 3	*George Gilbert ... 7
*Miss Mary Pemberton ... 4	*Miss J. M. Broomfield Tenor

Conducted by George Gilbert.

\* First peal in the method.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

Thomas Hastings ... Treble	Douglas Ellender ... 5
Adolphus Roberts ... 2	Frank Brassington ... 6
*Ray W. Hayne ... 3	Frank E. Pervin ... 7
*Harold Folwell ... 4	Thomas W. Sheppard ... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by T. W. Sheppard.

\* First peal of Major.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ENGLISH MARTYRS,

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

Tenor 32 cwt. in C.

Harry L. Martin ... Treble	Mansfield Ginn ... 5
Ernest H. Mastin ... 2	Ronald H. Bullen ... 6
Geoffrey Dodds ... 3	Ernest G. Hibbins ... 7
T. Reginald Dennis ... 4	John W. Ward ... Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Ernest G. Hibbins.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 19 cwt.
*Miss Edith Lomas ... Treble	*William D. Ashdown ... 5
John Salway ... 2	Ernest E. Retter ... 6
Miss Queenie Pring ... 3	George E. Retter ... 7
Arthur Holway ... 4	Albert Colley ... Tenor

Conducted by George E. Retter.

\* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.' First peal of Triples by the local band.

LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*Eric Dodds ... Treble	Peter R. Blackman ... 5
*Helen Y. Gardner ... 2	Philip M. J. Gray ... 6
*Peter R. Layton ... 3	Denis N. Layton ... 7
*Geoffrey F. Carter ... 4	Vernon J. Benning ... Tenor

Conducted by Denis N. Layton.

\* First peal in the method.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

*Sonia Klofacz ... Treble	William Walker ... 5
Thomas Goodchild ... 2	Jesse Eldridge ... 6
George Martin ... 3	*Thomas Holmes ... 7
John Fowler ... 4	Harry Ashton ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by George Martin.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. Edward Lankester Treble	*Leonard H. Bowler ... 5
George M. Kilby ... 2	Maurice Hodgson ... 6
Alick Cutler ... 3	Alfred J. House ... 7
*Russell G. Spears ... 4	Charles W. Roberts ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.

\* First peal in the method.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 9 cwt. in F sharp.
*Mrs. E. F. Salmons ... Treble	Reginald A. Reed ... 5
Jessie M. Kippin ... 2	Ernest F. Salmons ... 6
*Harry Higson ... 3	Charles H. Kippin ... 7
*Rev. K. W. H. Felstead ... 4	Edward C. Wheeler ... Tenor

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's One-part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.
*Victor K. Bishop ... Treble	Arthur Cross ... 5
*Anthony H. Bates ... 2	Ronald Franklin ... 6
Frederick Tindall ... 3	William Welling ... 7
Cyril Heskins ... 4	*Ralph A. Welling ... Tenor

Conducted by William Welling.

\* First peal.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

Charles C. Rawding ... Treble	Arthur J. Farr ... 5
George R. Dawson ... 2	Cyril Wander ... 6
George W. Mills ... 3	Stanley E. Bennett ... 7
*Bernard H. Dalton ... 4	John G. Ames ... Tenor

Composed by W. Hudson.

Conducted by John G. Ames.

\* First peal in the method.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

Sydney Flint ... Treble	George Skelland ... 5
Thos. S. Horridge ... 2	*John McKee ... 6
Robt. Guy ... 3	*Dennis Booth ... 7
*Mrs. D. Booth ... 4	Wm. H. Deacon ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. H. Deacon.

\* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First 'inside.'

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*D. Crowther-Green Treble	*Geoffrey Westwood ... 5
Clifford Skidmore ... 2	Bernard Lawton ... 6
John Lloyd ... 3	Thomas Hemming ... 7
Joseph Warr ... 4	Reginald Allport ... Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Hemming.

\* First peal.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 20 cwt.
Arthur H. Reed ... Treble	*Francis J. Morris ... 5
*Fredk. Chedzey ... 2	Henry Mockridge ... 6
Ronald W. Hayward ... 3	William G. Gigg ... 7
*Clifford Williams ... 4	William T. Jeanes ... Tenor

Conducted by William G. Gigg.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal in the method.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MELORUS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 22½ cwt.
Jack Mussell ... Treble	Peter Anger ... 5
Frances A. Edgar ... 2	Frank L. Harris ... 6
Leslie A. Page ... 3	Leonard Harris ... 7
Ronald Marlow ... 4	William Abrahams ... Tenor

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.



## BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

C. D. P. Davies' Five-part.

*EDWARD MILLSTEAD ... Treble	*HERBERT LUCK ... 5
*JACK RUSSELL ... 2	FREDK. GADSDEN ... 6
*MISS BETTY SOLBY ... 3	*ARCHIE HINKLEY ... 7
ALBERT DADDS ... 4	*JOHN TUMBLER ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK RUSSELL.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*WILLIAM CLIFTON ... Treble	FRANK BASTIN ... 5
WILLIAM HAYMAN ... 2	JOHN GLANVILL ... 6
FRED DIMOND ... 3	JOHN DEEM ... 7
*CYRIL DEEM ... 4	PERCY GATTER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAYMAN.

\* First peal.

## LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ... Treble	*FRANK V. CANT ... 5
FREDK. W. HOUDSEN ... 2	*JOHN F. GROVE ... 6
*ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	†GEORGE DAWSON ... 7
ALFRED PRIOR ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. † First in method away from the treble.  
First in method as conductor.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GORDON F. HAIRN ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
ROBERT G. FISHER ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

## SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*MALCOLM C. RIDYARD Treble	JAMES J. JACKSON ... 5
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2	†RONALD KENRICK ... 6
†MISS M. E. RIDYARD ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
CHARLES GREGORY ... 4	*EDWARD TRICKET ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal. † First peal in method.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

KATHLEEN BRAYSHAW ... Treble	REGINALD F. R. ROUTH ... 5
EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ... 2	FREDERICK PRECEY ... 6
*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	HERBERT MITCHELL ... 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* 200th peal.

## MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 13½ cwt.
ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	HAROLD WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM PYE ... 2	ALBERT FORD ... 6
WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 7
RONALD BROWN ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	AUBREY D. MILLS ... 5
STANLEY E. COOK ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 6
*A. LESLIE PEARSON ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
*ALEXANDER PAGE ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

ELSIE K. FULTON ... Treble	*HENRY D. BUTLER ... 5
*PETER D. BEEDIE ... 2	JOHN R. MAYNE ... 6
†FRED A. CLAYTON ... 3	†RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 7
†H. GEORGE HART ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 3	*DENNIS A. BAYLES ... 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method.

## RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... Treble	DENIS MADDOCK ... 5
*WALTER ALLMAN ... 2	ROBERT B. P. HULSE ... 6
CHARLES WARD ... 3	THOMAS H. MATHER ... 7
ERNEST H. HUGHES ... 4	JOHN ORME ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* 50th peal during 1947.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 36 cwt. in C.
*RALPH HARDY ... Treble	RICHARD E. ELSON ... 5
MISS IDA B. THOMPSON ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble	BETTY SPICE ... 5
*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	*H. PETER RAYNOR ... 6
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	*J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method.

## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*TOM GRIFFITHS ... Treble	†PATRICK HARRIS ... 5
†MISS M. ROWLAND ... 2	JOHN THOMAS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
RALPH HARRIS ... 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.



**DARTFORD, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

WALTER J. LEMON ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... 5
FRANK E. WALKER ... 2	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 6
JOHN WHEADON ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JAMES E. BAILEY ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RAYMOND WINTER ... Treble	*FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 5
HARRY PURCHASE ... 2	*DOUGLAS BELLAMY ... 6
STANLEY BRISTOW ... 3	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 7
GEORGE SPARKES ... 4	HARRY COMMINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

\* First peal on eight bells.

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

CHARLES W. BEECROFT Treble	GEORGE HENNETT ... 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
*FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 4	ALBERT E. WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

\* First Surprise peal.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*JACK HUNT ... .. Treble	RONALD HARDING ... 4
†P. W. J. HARDING ... 2	†FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 5
STANLEY R. COCKELL ... 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

\* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal together.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours,*

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

JAMES L. LAKER ... .. Treble	*CHARLES STONOR ... 5
FLORRIE WYMAN ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
WALTER CLAYDON ... 3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 4	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

**HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BENEDICTA WHISTLER ... Treble	PETER BORDER ... 4
CHARLES W. COOK ... 2	ROGER LEIGH ... 5
RONALD H. LAWRANCE 3	GEOFFREY DODDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

**SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*B. M. STRANGE (14) ... Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 4
JOHN E. MANNERS (14) 2	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY 5
CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 3	*KEITH P. WEST (14) ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal.

**HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. CRITCHLEY ... .. Treble	J. POUNDS ... 4
*MISS MARY ACKERS ... 2	C. ACKERS ... 5...
W. CORE ... 3	A. MAWDSLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

\* First peal.

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The magnitude of the performance of peal ringing for the Royal Wedding and the limitation of space has necessitated this issue being almost exclusively a catalogue of achievement. We hope to complete the publication of Royal Wedding peals in our next issue, after which we shall revert to dealing with the 'pre-wedding' peals.

Christmas greetings to your ringing friends may be sent through 'The Ringing World.' We are reserving a page in our issue of Dec. 19th for this purpose. Price 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

The peal at St. Jude's, Randwick, New South Wales, was conducted by Mr. Ronald S. Rowe and not by his brother as stated in the issue of November 21st.

Mr. J. George has received so many letters (including telegrams) of congratulation upon his 94th birthday that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

Yet another clapper!—For the third time in as many months Ernest Morris has had bad luck with clappers. As already announced, twice after ringing 2½ hours at Syston and Bottesford, clappers broke. The latest was at Overseal, where his clapper came out whole-sale—pin and all!—after ringing half an hour with the local band in an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples.

When the Liverpool Branch met at Woolton on November 8th special reference was made to the loss the Association had sustained by the deaths of Mr. T. W. Gilmour and Mr. F. Rigby. The members stood in silence, and the branch secretary (Mr. G. R. Newton) was requested to write letters of condolence to the relatives. Mr. E. Boumphrey, of Glasgow, presided.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Harold G. Cashmore called on Nov. 15th his 50th Surprise Major peal in a different method. The latest in his collection are Barnet and Jersey, which we hope to publish in due course.

Middleton Cheney tenor was recently published as 24 cwt. The correct weight is 2 qr. 15 lb. more, writes a correspondent.

Mr. F. Reed, of Barnby Don, Doncaster, one of our enthusiastic peal ringers, is due shortly to go overseas. Good luck and a speedy return! Blackburn Cathedral bells are to be recast. For story see next week's issue.

Mr. G. W. Cecil has been re-elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. A happy year of office to you, sir.

Mr. H. J. Eldred is leaving Gorleston for London this week-end. Mrs. Fletcher is attending to postal subscribers and business matters relating to 'The Ringing World.' The editorial staff will miss Mr. Eldred; his work and efficiency was highly appreciated.

K. Osse has written chiding Saul Bill Honey for taking two months to reply to his letter, suggesting that he hails from Slough-on-the-Uptake. The Editor is to blame for tardy publication and pleads pressure in other directions. As to the age of K. Osse, he adds: 'My years exceed the number of true courses of Cambridge Major, but fall short of the number in Cambridge Royal!'

The Cumberland Society's attempt for a peal of Triples at Carlisle Cathedral on Nov. 20th came to grief; another attempt is to be made shortly.

Crayford, Kent, prepared something special for the Royal Wedding—Crayford College Bob, which was new to all except two of the company.

Six of the Sunday service band who participated at Macclesfield were ringing their first peal of Stedman Caters. It was the first of Stedman on the bells.

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# RINGERS SHARE IN THE ROYAL WEDDING

ST. MARGARET'S (WESTMINSTER) BAND OF VETERANS ..... BANSTEAD'S SPLICED SURPRISE .....  
 LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL PEAL ..... A BLIND CONDUCTOR .....  
 BATH ABBEY—1906 LAST OCCASION

It was the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, that were ringing as the Royal bride made her journey to the Abbey. These bells started ringing at 11.3 (the time of the Queen's departure from Buckingham Palace), and continued until the arrival of the King and Princess Elizabeth at 11.28 a.m. At the conclusion of the service the bells of the Abbey rang out their salutations and good wishes.

The failure of the peal at the Abbey was due to an omission in the calling, but we are happy to announce that full amends were made on November 26th, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 3 hours and 15 minutes. The peal was under the auspices of the Ancient Society of College Youths and was conducted by Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Mr. W. H. Hewett, who had the pleasure of calling a peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for the wedding of the King and Queen, conducted the peal there on Saturday. His band consisted of five College Youths and five Cumberlands. Three veterans were in the party, W. J. Nudds (79) ringing his 498th peal, R. W. Stannard (78) his 100th peal, and R. Sanders (74).

Mr. Walter Allman rang his 50th peal during 1947 at Runcorn, Cheshire, for the Royal Wedding. This peal was by the Sunday service band.

Mr. Leslie G. Brett, the Suffolk ringer, scored his 300th peal on November 22nd.

## STARTING AT 70.

We lift our hat to Mr. Walter H. Goldsmith, who at the age of 70 has started peal ringing at Watton, Norfolk.

Probably the oldest was Alfred Barnes, who at the age of 79 rang at Manchester Town Hall. He rang his first peal over 60 years ago. His ambition is to set up a record for the ringing of Royal Wedding peals. He should consult the Birmingham worthy, Mr. M. J. Morris, who rang for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

Veteran Darlington ringer, Mr. G. W. Park, was celebrating his 75th birthday by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Standing next to him was an old friend in Mr. George F. Newton.

His colleagues in Holy Trinity, Guildford, note with pleasure that Mr. Peter Davy is continuing his peal ringing proclivities with the Lancashire Association.

Ramsgate tower's captain, Mr. A. E. Jarman, will have to remember the Royal Wedding peal by proximity to his natal day. There were birthday greetings.

Mr. Ernest Morris for one of his wedding peals (Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Leicester) was surrounded by a young company—he was the only one not under 20. 'It was a great credit to them all,' was his comment.

The peal at Wymondham, Norfolk, by the local company was the 100th on the bells.

One of the more advanced efforts was the Treble Bob peal in nine methods at Disley, Cheshire, called by James A. Milner.

There were more local candidates than ropes for the peal of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Spliced at Banstead, so the conductor (Mr. H. N. Pitstow) selected his company by the spin of the coin. One who had to stand down was the conductor's daughter, Margaret. All the ringers are members of the local band, and with the exception of 7 and 8 learnt their ringing in Banstead. Is there another tower in the country whose local band could ring this peal?

Nottingham's contribution was peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal, Cambridge Surprise Royal and of Grandsire Triples.

## LINCOLN CATHEDRAL'S FIRST OF ROYAL

The fact that the company met short for Stedman Cinques enabled Lincoln's tribute from the Cathedral bells to be one of Cambridge Surprise Royal. This was the first peal of Royal on the bells.

To select the Stedman method for a first peal is unusual. At Irthlingborough in the peal of Stedman Triples there were three first peals and one first in the method. To cap it all Mr. B. Jack Stubbs was calling his first of Stedman.

At Leatherhead Parish Church a peal of Treble Ten was lost after two hours' ringing by the tenor rope slipping the wheel.

Two lady ringers stood in the peal of Grandsire Caters at Burton-on-Trent. They were Miss Doreen Roden and Miss Noreen Brain, and they are the first ladies to ring a peal on ten bells for the Midland Counties Guild.

Bournemouth is maintaining its reputation as a happy training ground for young ringers. First peals were scored by three members of St. John's company—Michael Best (13), James Daniels (14) and George Evenden (15).

Great interest was displayed in the peal of Treble Twelve at Winchester. There were seven firsts. Peals on the Cathedral bells are rarely permitted, and the occasion will certainly go down in the history of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

The two brothers Collett, aged 14 and 15 respectively, scored their firsts at Burford, Oxon. Here again it was the regular Sunday service band which rang, all being members of the Burford Guild.

At Rodbourne Cheney, near Swindon, there were three 14-year-olds participating in the peal of Doubles called by Mr. W. B. Kynaston. Two, Bernice Strange and Keith West, were ringing their first peal.

Welcome into the company of peal ringers, Miss Benedicta Whistler, whose first was at Harston, Cambs. We believe she is the first 'Benedicta' to grace our peal columns.

## TWO PEALS AT ONE CHURCH.

Two peals were rung at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, on November 20th, in the morning and evening. Four ringers participated on both occasions, viz., A. H. Pulling, W. J. Robinson, Harold A. May and Herbert G. Andrews.

Bath Abbey peals are rare occasions. The last was in 1906. The peal on November 20th was by a local band.

There were two weddings commemorated by the peal at Biggleswade, Beds—Miss Phyllis C. Smith, the organist, was married amid the local rejoicings.

Probably the youngest company to ring for the wedding was at Morton, Derbyshire, where the combined ages totalled 97 years, or an average of 16 years 2 months. We have commented previously on this company. Good work, Brynd, and good luck to all of you.

Gloucester Cathedral's peal, one of Grandsire Triples, was by Sunday service ringers.

St. Martin's, Birmingham, did not ring their Royal peal—Stedman Cinques—till the following Tuesday. Owing to the proximity of the market, peals are only allowed on that day.

The peal of Doubles at Powick, Worcester, was the first peal ever attempted by a local band on the bells, which has been formed since the war. The bells are the heaviest six in Worcestershire (tenor 23½ cwt.). On the treble was 13-year-old Ivor Cook ringing his first peal. Mr. Geoffrey J. Lewis, the conductor, has rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

Another local company to distinguish itself was at Birchington, Kent, with six first peals.

Mr. Roger Leigh, the retiring Master of Cambridge University Guild, called two peals on the Royal Wedding day—at Harston and Trumpington, Cambridgeshire. Mr. Peter Border rang with him on both occasions.

The quarter-peal of Doubles at Templecombe, Somerset, was conducted by Mr. F. J. Hazzard, who is completely blind. Participating was Mr. F. Hopkins, whose grandson, J. Brown (13), was ringing his first quarter.

Mervyn R. Shearn (15) will remember his first peal at Nailsea, Somerset, which gave him a crop of 12 blisters. He was ringing for Sunday service the following day. His brother and father also participated.

Bebington, Cheshire, have the first Sunday service band in the Wirral Branch to ring a peal of Surprise Major.

## FIRSTS AS CONDUCTORS.

Conductors who were calling their first peals were Edwin S. Smith (Petersfield), James Cole (Trull, Somerset), William Rogers (Rotherfield, Sussex), Jack Russell (Birchington, Kent), Leonard Derrick (Nailsea, Somerset), R. Webster (West Hartlepool), Charles H. Moore (Hethersett, Norfolk).

Familiar with St. Denys' Church, Rotherfield, Sussex, is Mr. William A. Kitchenside, who has twice 'circled' the tower.

A similar feat was accomplished by Mr. Thomas E. Sone at Headcorn, Kent. This, by the way, is the eighth eight-bell tower that Mr. Sone has 'circled.' Any challengers?

Mr. Andrew J. Corrigan called a new six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, his own composition, at Bitton, Gloucestershire.

It was very much a Royal occasion at Watford with eight firsts of Bob Royal. Mr. G. W. Debenham called the bobs.

Messrs. Walter Copperwheat and Ernest E. Whitmore have 'circled' Raunds tower together. The former ended on the treble and the latter on the tenor.

The local band at Burnham, Bucks, which included six girls in their 'teens (one of whom rang the tenor), allowed Henry Hubbard to pay his compliment to the Royal couple by ringing his ten-part peal (tripless) of Bob Triples. The striking throughout was as near perfection as humanly possible. This was followed by exceptionally good firing. Would that Hubbard could have heard it.

It was the Sunday service band, as it should be, which rang the peal of Minor (three methods) at Halsall, Lancs.

Mr. John J. L. Gilbert has now called a peal from every bell at Handsworth, Yorks. The tower was given something new with the first of Superlative.

The young company which rang the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Ashton-under-Lyne had also a special thought for Mrs. H. Wolstencroft's birthday.

## QUEEN VICTORIA'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. M. J. Morris, who participated in a quarter of Stedman Caters at Aston, Birmingham, has rung on each Royal occasion, joyful and sorrowful since Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1877.

Royal salutations came from Chesterfield with five 'firsts' on ten bells.

Lichfield Cathedral's peal was on the Saturday, and was the first on the bells since being recast. It was largely a visiting band, but Mr. G. E. Oliver had a special reason for remembering the event, which coincided with his wife's birthday.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Sutton Coldfield was the first of Major on the bells since rehanging in 1929.



**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Ford 1, W. H. Toms 2, J. H. Hayne 3, W. C. Trevett 4, R. C. Trevett (cond.) 5, A. W. Ellery 6.

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—At St. Michael the Archangel's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Williamson 1, W. H. Viggers (cond.) 2, Edna C. Denyer 3, Betty E. Stewart 4, G. K. Williamson 5, R. A. Clist 6, J. E. Cook 7, H. Williamson 8.

**ANDOVER, HANTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tolman 1, A. J. Cottle 2, Miss N. Smith (first quarter Grandsire) 3, J. Hil 4, A. L. Mitchell (cond.) 5, J. Smart 6, J. Holloway 7, A. Andrews (first quarter Triples) 8.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—Quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters: F. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, A. G. Holfield 3, H. C. White 4, R. Bond 5, F. A. White 6, F. G. White 7, G. Holfield (cond.) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

**ASFOEDBY, LEICS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Littlewood 1, C. Clarke 2, R. Looker 3, E. Lomas 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, S. Read 6.

**ASH, CANTERBURY, KENT.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edith J. Holman 1, A. C. G. Gambrell 2, J. D. Ogilvie 3, Doreen M. Jenner 4, W. J. Payne 5, W. C. E. Godup 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, Austen Kemp 8.

**ASHBRITTE, NEAR TAUNTON.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bristow 1, R. Alderman 2, W. Stevens 3, H. Bristow 4, G. Walford (first as cond.) 5, D. M. Bellamy 6.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICS.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Beadsmoore 1, G. Hatton 2, W. Rhodes 3, G. Bailey 4, A. Beadsmoore 5, H. Beadsmoore 6, E. W. Beadsmoore (cond.) 7, J. Bradford 8.

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—1,287 Stedman Caters: F. Price 1, A. Short (cond.) 2, G. F. Swann 3, A. L. Pettigrew 4, M. J. Morris 5, W. Pettigrew 6, A. J. Allen 7, E. J. Franklin 8, A. H. Rainey 9, A. Inett 10.

**AUGHTON, LANCS.**—Quarter-peat of Plain Bob: R. Park 1, Miss H. Winter 2, Miss A. Abraham 3, P. Wilkinson 4, A. Abraham 5, R. Larkey (cond.) 6. First quarter-peat by 1, 2, 4 and 5. All are service ringers.

**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—1,344 Canterbury Pleasure Major: S. H. Wood 1, J. Gardner 2, A. R. Ropley 3, R. Squire 4, E. H. Knapp 5, E. T. Exeter 6, R. V. Johnson 7, A. E. Laker (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by all except 7.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Holloway 1, J. Driver 2, J. E. Ballard 3, R. Flew 4, S. Webb 5, J. Weaver 6, C. W. Munday (conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

**BEDWORTH, WARWICKS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 behind: E. Morris 1, J. H. W. White (cond.) 2, J. Castle 3, J. Taylor 4, R. Lydster 5, W. Froggett 6, W. Lowndes 7, C. Smart 8. First quarter by 1, 6 and 8.

**BEESTON, NOTTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. S. Price (cond.) 1, H. Dale 2, H. Price 3, A. Cooke 4, N. Kirk 5, F. N. Maskell 6, H. Rogers 7, A. B. Moss 8.

**BIGBY, Lincs.**—A quarter-peat of Minor (720 of Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. Banes 1, A. Brooks 2, A. Peart 3, H. Rushing 4, T. Betts 5, G. Blanchard (cond.) 6. First quarter by 1, 4 and 5.

**BLACKWELL, DERBYS.**—1,440 Minor (720 Bob Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob): W. Bramley 1, L. Fisher (first on inside bell) 2, A. Smithson 3, A. Sollis 4, F. Bradley (conductor) 5, A. Wheeler 6.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—A quarter-peat of Plain Bob Doubles: I. Trueman 1, W. Trueman (cond.) 2, Brian Bladon (13) 3, Tony Peake (14) 4, G. Dodd 5, J. Vincent 6. First quarter 3 and 4.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—1,280 Bob Major: J. Freeston 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, R. Brown 3, A. Freeston 4, D. White 5, F. Leggott 6, D. Flatters 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Nicholas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Ralph 1, F. Bennett 2, J. Reynolds (first quarter) 3, G. Wiggins 4, W. Webb 5, G. Adis 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, W. Richardson 8.

## Royal Quarter=peals

*With Loyal Greetings from Near and Far*

THURSDAY, NOV. 20th, 1947.

**BOLTON, LANCS.**—At Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Kay 1, T. Bratby 2, L. Peters 3, A. E. Sandiford (cond.) 4, A. Critchley 5, E. Ford 6, P. Crook, sen. 7, E. Iddon 8. Also firing, rounds, Queens and Tittums.

**BRADWELL, BUCKS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. C. Walters 1, Enid J. Whitlock (first quarter inside) 2, W. J. French 3, A. J. Lathall 4, J. E. Whitlock (cond.) 5, F. W. Watson (first quarter) 6.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—1,433 Superlative Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, H. J. Collins 2, R. Martin 3, G. Whiffin 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. G. Felton 6, L. W. Whiffin (cond.) 7, A. Whiffin 8.

**BRECON.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. H. Clark (first quarter) 1, A. J. Matthews 2, M. S. Howcroft 3, D. H. Bennett (conductor) 4, G. P. Davies 5, W. T. Morgan (first quarter) 6.

**BRIGHTON.**—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering: R. Trangmar 1, W. C. Hart 2, W. Hargreaves 3, A. Gravett 4, A. W. Bond 5, A. Hobden 6, R. G. Cross (cond.) 7, H. Woolvern 8. First long touch by 1, 3 and 8, and of Minor by 6.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—At SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Townsend 1, H. Jones 2, D. Wesley 3, F. Townsend 4, W. A. Yates 5, E. Nichols 6, F. Vickers (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. First quarter of Triples for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—At St. Modwen's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 6-4-8 behind: Gloria Inwood 1, T. Pryce 2, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 3, Margaret Munro (first quarter) 4, H. Cornwell 5, Jill Cochrane 6, K. Pratt 7, A. Skelton 8.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**—At the Norman Tower, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: F. Cooper 1, C. Lomax 2, W. Stannard 3, C. Stannard 4, R. Simmonds 5, H. Fougier 6, A. E. Moore (cond.) 7, F. Buckle 8, W. Goodship 9, T. W. Banks 10.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kerry 1, W. Stannard (cond.) 2, C. Lomax 3, A. E. Moore 4, C. Stannard 5, J. W. Banks 6, W. Goodship 7, F. Buckle 8.

**CALNE, WILTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hacker 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, W. Hacker 3, R. Saye 4, E. Dixon 5, H. Burry (cond.) 6, F. Walker 7, A. Saye 8.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Watts 1, R. Young 2, S. Wyburn (cond.) 3, E. Parker 4, A. Chubb 5, A. Bellamy 6. First quarter in the method for all the band.

**CARLISLE.**—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Brown 1, R. Ling 2, J. Ling 3, A. Forsyth 4, S. Richardson 5, A. Boustead 6, B. D. Price (cond.) 7, T. Park 8.

**CHELtenham, GLOS.**—At St. Mary's, 1,332 Grandsire Caters: W. Yeend 1, C. Rouse 2, E. T. Newbury 3, G. W. Walters 4, W. G. Oakey (first of Caters) 5, W. Dyer (cond.) 6, T. Boreham 7, I. Goulter 8, J. Ballinger 9, C. Collier 10.

**CHESTER.**—At the Cathedral, 1,392 Bob Major: G. E. W. Griffiths 1, G. F. Sperring 2, A. B. Close 3, J. W. Best (cond.) 4, H. O. Baker 5, J. W. Griffiths 6, E. F. Bennett 7, P. Swindler 8.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Mrs. Wills 1, Miss Sparshatt 2, G. Preston (cond.) 3, L. Lockyer 4, Mrs. Williams 5, E. Hinton 6, K. Derham 7, H. Harrison 8, L. Stone 9, G. Scragg 10, R. Ridgwell 11, H. Gillard 12. Also 1,295 Grandsire Caters.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Law 1, Rev. T. P. Hearn 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, A. H. Painter 4, H. L. Cooke 5, S. R. Hicks 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, S. R. Eastbury 8.

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Sprod 1, A. H. T. Parker (first quarter as cond.) 2, M. Feltham 3, F. G. James 4, W. Tinkling 5, L. J. Atkins 6, S. E. James 7, E. Plumley 8. First quarter 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8. First quarter on 'inside' bell 3 and 7. First quarter by a band of local ringers.

**CORSTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. H. Young 1, Miss E. M. Hannam 2, E. J. Fry 3, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 4, S. G. King 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 5 and 6.

**COTTON, SUFFOLK.**—1,440 Bob Minor: J. Lewis 1, B. Chilvers (cond.) 2, A. Lockwood 3, L. Foster 4, T. Lockwood 5, R. Ward 6.

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Tancock 1, Miss F. M. Poole 2, Mrs. G. Pike 3, W. H. Poole 4, W. E. Turner (cond.) 5, G. Pike 6, B. Ash 7, H. Pike 8. Rung 7.6.8 cover. First quarter for 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

**COUND, SALOP.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Palmer 1, Miss R. J. Lloyd 2, Miss E. M. Duppa 3, W. Morris 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, T. Roberts 6.

**DEREHAM, NORFOLK.**—A quarter-peat of Kent Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering): O. Knights 1, B. Last 2, G. Adams 3, F. Harold 4, D. Miles 5, B. Gogle (cond.) 6, J. Smith 7. First quarter-peat by ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, A. T. Weeks 2, Miss O. Hunt 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, E. J. Potter 5, P. Yates 6.

**DOVER, KENT.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, C. Turner 2, E. T. Ellender 3, C. George (cond.) 4, W. Kitchen 5, E. J. Walker 6, H. J. Saunders 7, R. J. Harling 8.

**DONCASTER.**—At St. George's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Stacey (cond.) 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, J. Holmes 3, E. Dalingwater 4, R. Thompson 5, F. Reed 6, E. Critchley 7, P. Dawe 8.

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church of St. John, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. P. Ewins 1, L. Knowles (first quarter inside) 2, E. Butler 3, Mrs. D. L. Hiscock 4, E. Armstrong 5, R. I. Shepherd 6, W. A. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8.

**EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.**—1,260 Bob Minor: A. Eilbeck 1, G. Tembey 2, W. Norman 3, J. H. Rothery 4, W. Douglas 5, G. W. Tembey (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—1,260 Doubles (240 New Doubles, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Stedman, 240 Bob Doubles, 300 Grandsire): A. Beale 1, A. Benstead 2, W. Webb 3, E. Jaggard 4, S. Brown (cond.) 5.

**FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brooks 1, W. Butler 2, A. R. Gale 3, Miss R. Tabraham 4, A. Birch 5, W. Henley (cond.) 6, W. Eastwell 7, D. Pearce 8. First of Triples for 1 and 2.

**FITCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.**—1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. W. White 1, C. Fennell (first inside) 2, M. Mason 3, J. Mason 4, R. Elliott (cond.) 5, D. Mason 6.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—1,440 Kent Treble Bob: F. Tubb 1, F. Cherrett 2, L. Tubb 3, B. Tubb 4, P. Blake 5, F. Barker (cond.) 6.

**GLADWICK, OLDHAM.**—At St. Mark's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wells 1, Miss Marjorie Falding 2, J. W. Eyre 3, A. J. Baker 4, R. Edwards (cond.) 5. First quarter 2 and 3. First of Doubles 4 and 5.

**GOOLE, YORKS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, G. Waud 2, J. Waud 3, C. Humphreys 4, J. J. Taylor 5, H. Waud 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, T. J. T. Wild 8. First of Grandsire by 1 and 2.

**GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.**—At St. Andrew's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. J. Newstead 1, J. G. W. Hawwood 2, A. W. Bird 3, J. Denton (first quarter in method) 4, A. King 5, W. J. Lee 6, R. Garwood (first quarter) 7, A. Wigmore (first as cond.) 8.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—At St. Nicolas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Hazelden 1, W. R. Morey 2, S. Breeze 3, T. Theobald 4, F. Oldroyd 5, F. Radford 6, C. Hazelden (cond.) 7, C. Slyfield 8.



**HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.**—1,260 Bob Triples: Mrs. J. Willis Betts 1, Miss M. Jarvis 2, W. Clarke 3, S. H. Symonds 4, F. Thorpe 5, J. Corder 6, F. Willis Betts (cond.) 7, N. Goody 8.

**HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth C. Russell (first quarter) 1, Evelyn M. Fletcher (first quarter inside) 2, Ernest G. Fletcher 3, W. E. Mumford 4, P. W. Jarvis 5, S. Grove (cond.) 6, T. Russell 7, W. E. Box 8.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—1,272 Bob Minor: R. J. Fuller 1, Miss D. J. Hare 2, I. H. Jenkins 3, K. Wilton 4, J. Church 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Bob Minor: R. J. Fuller 1, G. Dear 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, K. Wilton 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, J. Church 6.

**HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.**—1,260 Bob Doubles: T. Holmes 1, R. Percival 2, R. Johnstone 3, Miss M. Johnstone 4, J. E. Brown 5, T. Southwood 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 6.

**HINCKLEY, LEICS.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Thompson 1, J. Ison 2, A. Jordan 3, E. Sowman (first quarter in method) 4, A. Ballard 5, B. Ridgeway 6, E. Vallance (first quarter as conductor) 7, F. Mellor 8.

**HINDLEY, WIGAN, LANCs.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: George Gibson (15, first quarter) 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, H. S. Cooper 3, C. Monks 4, J. L. Wright 5, J. Halsall 6, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 7, Wm. Smalley 8.

**HUNTINGDON.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. B. Bull 1, H. S. Peacock 2, C. J. Young 3, C. Gravette 4, S. Gilbert (first as cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

**HURST, BERKS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): Miss E. Green 1, B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle (first quarter as cond.) 3, C. Eeles 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, F. Hicks 6, E. Allum 7, E. Bailey 8.

**IBSTOCK, LEICS.**—1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: Miss Mary Bott (first quarter) 1, R. Biniston 2, Miss Ivy Jordan (first quarter inside) 3, A. E. Rowley (cond.) 4, A. R. Tonks 5, W. T. Goadby 6.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—1,260 Bob Minor: F. Whitered 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Newman 3, C. Franklin 4, C. Burton 5, J. Elliott (cond.) 6.

**KEMPSEY, WORCS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Shorland 1, F. Salter 2, A. I. Blizard 3, F. A. Rea 4, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 5, G. H. Derrington 6.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—1,260 Bob Minor: H. Duffell 1, W. Woodward 2, J. Meakes 3, K. Seymour 4, R. Wright 5, W. Avery (cond.) 6.

**LEIGH, GLOS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Poulton (first quarter) 1, H. E. Poulton 2, I. Goulter (cond.) 3, S. J. Hughes 4, W. H. Poulton 5, F. Palfrey 6.

**LIVERPOOL.**—At Woolton Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Lee 1, G. R. Newton 2, T. R. Butler 3, G. H. Hesketh 4, E. C. Birkett 5, F. S. Almond 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, T. W. Hammond 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. H. Kilby 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, G. M. Kilby 3, C. D. Nicholls 4, M. Hodgson 5, H. Kilby 6, A. G. Williams 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Mrs. E. E. Davis 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, Miss P. Holmes 5, T. G. Fox 6, W. H. Hewett 7, W. R. Winterton 8, P. Bond 9, T. H. Francis (cond.) 10, C. J. Matthews 11, A. Kirkby 12. First quarter on twelve by 8 and 12.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Kine 1, A. F. Rushton 2, J. Herbert 3, A. Davis 4, H. Burton 5, A. J. Smith 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, R. Kendall 8.

**MANFIELD, NOTTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Allsopp 1, C. Randa 1, jun. 2, Miss E. Peet 3, C. Carr, jun. 4, J. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, C. Carr (cond.) 7, C. Randall, sen. 8.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, L. Duke 2, C. E. Taylor 3, R. J. Hicks 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, D. Martin (first quarter) 6.

**MARK, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Creher 1, B. Comer 2, J. Colman 3, H. W. Criddle 4, I. J. Burrough (cond.) 5, R. H. Creher 6. First quarter by all the band.

## More Quarters of Happiness FROM 41 COUNTIES

**MANACCAN, CORNWALL.**—1,260 Doubles, being 40 of Bob Doubles and 1,220 of Grandsire: O. Lovesey 1, E. Cossentine 2, H. Niunes 3, J. Niunes 4, C. F. Jerram (cond.) 5, J. Vague 6.

**MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Gardner 1, H. S. Arbin (conductor) 2, Miss P. Jackson 3, Miss V. Hunwicke 4, C. Ward 5, T. Pink 6, W. Langley 7, J. Pearl 8.

**MORTIMER, BERKS.**—1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. C. Osler 1, Mrs. M. Knight 2, Miss O. Osler 3, C. Osler 4, A. Ham 5, C. Urwin 6, C. Herridge 7, W. Cliff (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for all except the 4th.

**NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Mary's Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Howlett 1, J. R. Heath 2, J. A. Acres (first quarter on tower bells) 3, S. Forwood 4, R. C. Sharpe 5, A. E. Austin (cond.) 6.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. M. Foreman 1, Mrs. Shelton 2, J. B. Jeal 3, R. A. Tuffin 4, F. T. Hoad 5, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 6, A. T. Shelton 7.

**ROYSTON, HERTS.**—At St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 of Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): F. Linwood 1, W. Houghton 2, G. Allgood 5, S. E. Roberts 4, A. Parish 5, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 6, H. Sermons 7, G. Langridge 8. First quarter by 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8.

**RUGBY, WARWICKS.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Underwood 1, A. E. Barlow 2, E. Hunt 3, D. J. Pitstow 4, A. G. Grant 5, W. Betley 6, H. E. Sibley (cond.) 7, W. Vann 8.

**SANDHURST, BERKS.**—1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Searle 1, W. J. Parker (cond.) 2, L. Paice 3, J. A. Parker 4, F. Cooper 5, F. Purvey 6.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Corke 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley (cond.) 4, R. Guy 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, H. Baker 7, G. Davey 8.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.**—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Bareham 1, E. Brown 2, O. E. Broyd 3, F. Wiseman 4, S. Dace 4, C. J. Barker 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, E. W. Pye 8.

**SKETTY, SWANSEA.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1 and 2 leading: W. Meredith 1, F. Thorne 2, L. Knight 3, J. Edney 4, A. Edwards 5, D. J. Williams 6, J. F. Williams (cond.) 7, G. Rees 8.

**SOLIHULL.**—1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, E. C. Shepherd (composer and cond.) 3, T. Warner 4, C. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Bragg 7, S. Bragg 8, J. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10.

**SOWTON, DEVON.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Retter 1, A. Dunster 2, G. Betts 3, J. Dunster 4, W. Selden 5, A. Tapley 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett (first quarter) 8.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cattel 1, F. Hazel 2, D. Cattel 3, T. Clark 4, G. Cheshire 5, E. Leversuch (cond.) 6, R. Wilkinson 7, G. Hughes 8.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—1,264 Bob Major: A. J. Print 1, W. R. Flint 2, G. Ingram 3, J. Lyne 4, R. Chapman 5, H. Brookes 6, C. R. Steed 7, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 8. 1,376 Bob Major: C. R. Steed 1, W. R. Flint 2, R. Chapman 3, J. Lyne 4, H. Brookes 5, F. Lyne 6, W. Cockins 7, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 8.

**STRETTFORD, LANCs.**—1,264 Bob Major: F. Steele 1, Miss Joyce White (first quarter) 2, H. Birchall 3, W. E. Clarke 4, H. W. Woolton 5, W. Birchall 6, H. Chapman 7, W. Moss (cond.) 8.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Turner 1, F. W. Gibbs 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, R. Lees 4, A. L. Dunn 5, G. C. Cookson 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, D. H. Watson 8.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—At St. Andrew's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissat (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks 2, R. Hill 3, C. Sangwin 4, R. Pearce 5, J. Sangwin 6, F. Sangwin (first as cond.) 7, W. Shears 8. First quarter of Triples by 2 and 5.

**STONE, STAFFS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Chaplain (first quarter away tenor) 1, A. Rowley (cond.) 2, E. Young 3, J. Head 4, C. Templeton 5, R. Bowden 6, H. Hodson 7, J. Kain 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kain 1, A. Rowley 2, H. Buckley 3, E. Young 4, C. Templeton 5, R. Bowden 6, H. Hodson (cond.) 7, W. Wood (first quarter) 8.

**TAMWORTH, STAFFS.**—1,260 Bob Major: Miss W. E. Chaplin (first in method) 1, C. Pratt 2, E. Elton 3, N. Pratt 4, H. J. Dakin 5, G. Peers, jun. 6, A. A. Rackham 7, G. Peers, sen. (first as conductor in method) 8.

**TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Doubles, being 780 of Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob: J. Brown (first quarter, age 13) 1, F. Hopkins 2, F. J. Hazzard (cond.) 3, Miss D. J. Webb 4, J. F. Hatchley 5, H. Godfrey 6.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**—At SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7.4.8 covering: S. White 1, J. Harden 2, B. Fagg 3, J. Collier 4, A. H. James 5, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 6, A. Bridger 7, L. Duke 8.

**TACKLEY, OXFORD.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Gammage 1, M. Kirby 2, Mrs. E. Cadd 3, G. Bullock 4, J. Cadd (cond.) 5, W. Cross 6.

**TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.**—M. F. Ruff (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, S. M. Wickens 3, E. F. Packham 4, B. W. White (first quarter as cond.) 5.

**UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Maund 1, H. Willett 2, F. Lawrence 3, Miss M. Willett 4, C. J. Camm (cond.) 5, H. Price 6, A. Griffin 7, H. Bishop 8.

**WAKEFIELD, YORKS.**—At the Church of St. Helen, Sandal Magna, 2,520 Minor (consisting of 120 each of Ockley, Capel and Duke of Norfolk, and 720 each of College Exercise, Kingston, and Sandal and London Scholars (spliced): H. J. Spencer 1, A. Lamb 2, J. W. Moxon 3, E. Ball (longest length on inside bell) 4, G. Cutt (cond.) 5, W. Womack 6.

**WALKDEN, LANCs.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornley 1, John Denner 2, Miss A. Potter 3, James Denner 4, B. Welsby 5, J. Potter (cond.) 6, J. Boyer 7, H. Prescott 8.

**WALMER, KENT.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mantle 1, F. A. Rye (cond.) 2, A. C. Rye 3, J. Baxter 4, T. Wickens 5, F. Hawkins 6, H. Furninger 7, H. Axon 8. First quarter of Triples by 1, 3 and 6. First quarter of Triples by a local band.

**WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Acred 1, J. Barratt 2, F. Newman 3, J. Oldfield 4, J. Maunfield 5, L. Hadman 6, W. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Medlock 8.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ridgeway 1, W. Whitehead 2, G. Holland 3, W. Yates 4, T. E. Roberts 5, G. Cooper 6, J. A. Green (cond.) 7, F. C. Case 8.

**WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.**—2,160 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cuthbert 1, G. Berry 2, G. Finch 3, A. Pipe 4, B. Cooper 5, J. Preastner (cond.) 6.

**WIDCOMBE, BATH, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Coles, sen. 1, E. White 2, L. Coles 3, H. Newman 4, R. Perry (cond.) 5, M. Helps 6.

**WINDSOR.**—At the Curfew Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, J. A. Glass 2, N. V. Harding 3, A. Smith 4, W. Birmingham 5, E. S. T. Farr 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8.

**WINDSOR.**—At the Parish Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Stilwell 1, A. Smith 2, E. Gosling 3, W. W. Woistencroft 4, J. A. Glass 5, H. Wingrove 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, K. Buckingham 8.

**WONERSH, SURREY.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gay D. Enticknap (age 13) 1, L. S. Hammond 2, A. Rooke 3, D. Skinner 4, W. B. Enticknap (cond.) 5, W. Wells 6.

**WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.**—1,440 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: C. Allen 1, A. Jacques, sen. 2, A. Jacques 3, R. Stockwell 4, E. Jacques 5, G. H. Haynes (cond.) 6.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**—1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. E. Croucher 1, H. H. Yeates 2, T. E. Ferris 3, C. H. Vowles 4, T. Brice 5, A. E. Ferris 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, W. Hobbs 8, H. W. Knight (cond.) 9, B. Chard 10.



## BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*KENNETH ABERNETHY ... Treble	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 5
JOHN COOKE ... 2	*DONALD W. SINGLETON ... 6
*CHARLES C. HULSE ... 3	†JAMES H. COOKE ... 7
†JOSEPH LESLIE ... 4	WILLIAM DEAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM DEAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

On the 'Margaret' eight.	
*JEAN WARD ... Treble	*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 5
†DOROTHY UDALE ... 2	GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... 6
†ELIZABETH FAULKNER ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN BRAMLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First of Major. † First peal. ‡ First of Bob Major.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

*MISS JEAN METHAM ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5
HAROLD MARCON ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
†NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 7
RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

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

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	BETTY SPICE ... 5
H. PETER RAYNER ... 2	*PHILIP WALKER ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	*CHARLES COLES ... 7
WM. H. B. WILKINS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method.

## CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES**

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

*G. PICKERING ... Treble	†MISS F. M. PRICE ... 5
*H. G. DWELLY ... 2	J. W. PRICE ... 6
F. W. KNOWLES ... 3	W. SWAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SWAIN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

## MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE EAST DERRYSHERE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

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

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford, three of Kent and two of Kent and Oxford Spliced.

*HAROLD FRANKLIN (17) Treble	R. M. E. RICHARDS (14) 5
E. GLYN HOLDGATE (16) 2	ERIC J. STERLAND (17) ... 4
PETER H. WRIGHT (16) 3	B. A. RICHARDS (17) ... Tenor

Conducted by BRYNDLEY A. RICHARDS.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all.

## TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES**

Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... Treble	PETER BORDER ... 4
JOHN B. ROWSELL ... 2	ROGER LEIGH ... 5
MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD ... 3	STANLEY E. DARMON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30½ Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	*REGINALD TIPLER ... 4
GERALD BALL ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 3	CECIL E. CARR ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor.

## TRULL SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY CHURCHILL ... Treble	LEONARD VICKERY ... 4
*JOHN HOTCHIN ... 2	JAMES COLE ... 5
†REGINALD HARRIS ... 3	REGINALD PERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES COLE.

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

## SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of Emmanuel,

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

Being 20 extents of Bob Doubles and 22 Grandsire.

PETER DAVY ... Treble	ERIC SUMNER ... 4
JACK SUMNER ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... 5
BETTY SUMNER ... 3	*BERT WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN HEAPS.

\* First peal.

## MORTON, NEAR BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

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

Comprising (1) Primrose; (2) Ipswich; (3) Norfolk; (4) Beverley; (5) York; (6) Durham; (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*CYRIL HOLLINSHEAD ... Treble	GEORGE BOOTH ... 4
*ROY NEEDHAM ... 2	ALBERT SCOTT ... 5
*LEONARD BLANCHARD ... 3	JOHN MACHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MACHIN.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

## SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS PREMA FERNANDO Treble	†NISSANKA FERNANDO ... 4
*EDWARD W. PALMER ... 2	HENRY T. WILSON ... 5
†PATRICK CROSS ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

## MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*ALBERT DENNETT ... Treble	†ARTHUR J. BROWN ... 4
*MRS. J. ROBINSON ... 2	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 5
*SIDNEY W. FOSSEY ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## BUXTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT G. SMITHSON Treble	DOUGLAS E. R. ANDREWS ... 4
WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal in two methods.



DISLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood and Neasden (Spliced); (2) St. Albans and Wragby (Spliced); (3) Capel; (4) Sandal; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Kingston; (7) Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
ARTHUR HIBBERT ... .. Treble \*ERIC SIMPSON ... .. 4  
STANLEY ARDERN ... .. 2 ALFRED JOHN LEE ... .. 5  
MISS YVONNE BOTHAM ... .. 3 JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

\* First peal in nine methods.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. MOORE ... .. Treble CHARLES BROWN ... .. 4  
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2 JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5  
BETTY BROWN ... .. 3 FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Being ten six-scores (four callings) each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and two Morris' Arrangement, and 18 six-scores (10 callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

\*JAMES P. PESKETT (13) Treble HAROLD J. PESKETT ... .. 4  
MISS PATRICIA SMEE ... .. 2 ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 5  
†MISS ENID LONNEN ... .. 3 \*WILLIAM J. BRISTOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Treble HORACE A. WRIGHT ... 4  
\*WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... 2 \*WALTER F. DOWNS ... 5  
\*LEONARD E. SHARPE ... 3 RONALD G. BUGG ... Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

\*WALTER H. GOLDSMITH Treble EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE ... 4  
FREDERICK G. WILLIAMS ... 2 THOMAS A. A. POTTER ... 5  
GEOFFREY W. SMITH ... 3 FREDK. C. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK C. JOHNSON.

\* First peal, age 70 years.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF JAMES, SUTTON,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

L. CAMPEY ... .. Treble MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4  
G. BARNARD ... .. 2 J. W. L. SLACK ... .. 5  
C. W. LAWTON ... .. 3 J. W. WHITTAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one extent each of Norfolk, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON ... .. Treble AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4  
\*TERRENCE MORTON ... .. 2 HERBERT GATES ... .. 5  
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3 WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven 720's with varied calling. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH ... .. Treble HERBERT GOAKES ... 4  
GEORGE BUSH ... .. 2 WILLIAM WALDRON ... 5  
\*JAMES MOUNFIELD ... .. 3 WILLIAM ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

\* First peal.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 23½ cwt.

\*IVOR COOK ... .. Treble STANLEY YAPP ... .. 4  
\*GEOFFREY COOK ... .. 2 \*HARRY COLE ... .. 5  
†GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 3 FRED HYDE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LEWIS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

\*FRANK BECKLEY ... .. Treble RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD ... 4  
EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. 2 ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5  
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3 WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 combined Thelwall and Double Oxford, 1,440 Spliced Waver-tree, Childwall, College Bob and St. Clement's, 720 Spliced Oxford Bob and Single Court, 2,160 Plain Bob.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER ... Treble PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 4  
JOHN R. NICHOLLS ... .. 2 ROBERT H. KNIGHT ... 5  
JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. 3 JAMES BLUFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal in nine methods by all.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 720 each of Kingston Treble Bob, London and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... Treble FRANK TRINER ... 4  
SAMUEL B. BAILEY ... .. 2 ALBAN JACK ... .. 5  
CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 3 JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

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## MEETINGS

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting Lindfield (8), Dec. 6th, 3. Service and tea. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2688

YORKSHIRE ASSN (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting Rawmarsh, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5.—J. L. Gilbert and H. O. Chaddock. 2685

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Sat., Dec. 6th, Christ Church, Erith. Bells 3. Tea 5.15. Social evening after. Come with your wife, friends, children. Tea 2s. 3d., snacks later 1s. If you are coming, write. Having written, come!

2674

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., Dec. 6th. Usual arrangements. Business: to nominate district officers for 1948. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Massey, 173, Coverts Road, Claygate. — A. H. Smith. 2706

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Taunton, St. Mary's, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Wilton (8) after meeting. Numbers for tea early.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 2701

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Tilney, All Saints' (6), Sat., Dec. 6th, 2.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2710

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Shoreham, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service and tea. 2771

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Bromham, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. L. Gilbert. 2737

SALISBURY DIOCESEAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wimborne Minster, Sat., Dec. 6th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Gush's Restaurant, 5, followed by usual business. Bells at Corfe Mullen and Sturminster Marshall also available. — C. A. Phillips. 2713

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting Leckhampton (8), Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham. 2683

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting Workington, St. Michael's (8), Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea before Dec. 8th to Miss M. Johnston, 24, Bedford Street, Hensingham, Whitehaven. 2713

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Faversham, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 6d. per head to those who notify Mr. F. Pack, 59, Abbey Street, Faversham, not later than Wed., Dec. 10th. Ospringe available after tea only.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2699

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting, Little House. Names for tea by Mon., Dec. 8th.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol. 2709

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting (district annual) at Staveley (8), Dec. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec. 2686

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting Fornham, St. Martin's (6), Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Please bring own food; cups of tea available.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 2702

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting Radstock, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 9th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 2704

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Idle, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, 1s. 9d. per head. Apply Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, before Dec. 10th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 2707

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting Balderstone, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at Greenwood's Cafe 5.15. Business meeting 6.30 in the tower. A good attendance specially requested. Names for tea by Dec. 10th to Mr. F. Appleton, 23, Well-ith-Lane, Rochdale.—Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec. 2717

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly Stony Stratford, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names by Dec. 6th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 2712

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Llanelly (6), Dec. 13th, 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 2695

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Kings Langley (8), Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5, tea following. Names to A. Cook, 10, High Street, Kings Langley, by Wed., Dec. 10th, or phone Kings Langley 7222 without fail. All outstanding subscriptions for 1947 would be gratefully received by the Hon. Sec., W. C. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 2718

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, West Tarring (6), Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Hon. Div. Sec. by 11th. 2715



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting, Berkeley (10), Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Dec. 10th to W. A. Lewis, Ham, Berkeley. 2721

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Hedon, St. Augustine, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 3s., Mission Hall. Notify C. Hunter, 3, King's Place, Hedon, Wednesday morning, Dec. 10th.—Albert E. Sellers. 2720

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Oxford, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Dec. 10th.—Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon. 2739

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster District Branches.—A combined practice meeting will be held at Beetham and Milnthorpe on Sat., Dec. 13th. Beetham bells available 2.30 p.m. Milnthorpe after tea. Names for tea to Miss J. Procter, Bank House, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby and J. Skeats, Branch Secs. 2741

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—District meeting, Woodbridge, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring food.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 2736

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Preston Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 13th, Preston Parish Church, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in tower 5.30 p.m. Tea shops nearby. 2743

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, South Kirkby, Sat., Dec. 13th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2742

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Long Eaton, Dec. 13th, 2.30. Names for tea to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by Dec. 10th. 2740

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Baldock, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 2738

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Annual, Andover, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 4.30 Star and Garter Hotel. Names to Rev. S. A. Gidlow, Goodworth, Clatford. 2733

**NORTH NOTTS meeting,** arranged for Anston on Sat., Dec. 13th cancelled, owing to Warsop Dedication.—H. Denman. 2731

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Markfield (5), Sat., Dec. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tues., Dec. 9th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 2729

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Northern District.—Christ Church, North Shields (10), Dec. 13th, 2.30. Service 6. Names for tea to S. Hewitt, 7, Military Road, North Shields.—W. E. Robinson, Dis. Sec. 2733

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Sat., Dec. 13th, St. Mary's, Leyton, 2.30. Tea and business 4.45. Further ringing 6.15. Handbells 7.30. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2735

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Godstone (8), Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Tea at Curd's Tea Rooms 5. Names to me.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 2727

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Francis Xavier's, Salisbury Street, Liverpool, 6, on Sat., Dec. 13th. Ringing from 3 to 4 and from 4.15 to 6. The meeting during interval. No ringing after 6.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 2723

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 13th, Tewin (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea, please. Bus service 388 from Welwyn Church at 42 minutes past each hour, from Hertford bus station hourly on the hour.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2726

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), Dec. 13th. For tea advise Mr. W. T. Daniell, 14, Union Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 2724

**WARSOP. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**—New ring of six by Taylors, tenor 15 cwt., dedication and opening Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Ringing until 9 p.m. Note.—No North Notts meeting at Anston. Names for tea (price 2s.) to H. T. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, by Dec. 9th. 2746

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Coventry District.—Meeting, Dec. 13th, at Meriden (5), 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify L. M. Callow, 4, Whichcote Avenue, Leys Lane, Meriden, by previous Thursday. 2722

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Goole (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.). Notify Mr. J. Waud, 37, Oxford Road, Goole, by Wed., Dec. 10th. 2748

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring food. Last meeting this year.—W. A. Wood. 2728

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting Hardwick (6), Dec. 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—F. Gibbard. 2732

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Selby Abbey, Dec. 20th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 2s. 6d., for all who notify Mr. J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, by Dec. 17th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 2747

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, New Romney, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Humphery, 1, High Street, New Romney.—T. Cullingworth, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2730

**STANDON, HERTS.**—The bells (6) will be reopened on Sat., Dec. 20th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Names for tea must be sent to me by Sat., Dec. 13th. There is no cafe in the village, so only those who notify me will get tea.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green, Standon, Ware, Herts. 2719

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual general meeting will be held on Feb. 14th, 1948. Further details later.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 2744

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Cuckfield.—Sunday service ringing 10 to 11 a.m., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Practice Fridays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Visiting ringers always welcome. Nearest station Haywards Heath. Frequent bus service. 1467

## OBITUARY

MR. C. R. WRIGHT.

A ringer at the 'Stump,' Boston, for 47 years, Mr. C. R. Wright died on Nov. 10th. The funeral service took place on Nov. 14th at Boston Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, and interment at Boston Cemetery followed. Messrs. W. E. Clarke, F. Dewey, F. Leggott and S. Jessop were bearers. Two courses of Grandsire Doubles on handbells were rung over the open grave.

Mr. Wright set a fine example for Sunday service ringing and was seldom late or absent. A half-muffled quarter-neal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the 'Stump' bells on Nov. 15th by Miss L. Briggs 1, R. Brown 2, S. Jessop 3, D. White 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggott 6, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 7, J. Petch 8.



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## A FORERUNNER

WITH December mists clinging with clammy fingers over the countryside, a little group of ringers climbed the eminence of Stag Hill, Guildford, to participate in a ceremony very near to the heart of most readers of this journal. Beneath the shell of the great Cathedral, whose building has been halted through the exigencies of the economic situation, is a crypt chapel with seating accommodation for 150 worshippers. This chapel was dedicated last Saturday, together with the bell to summon the faithful and to be a sacring bell at the celebration of the Holy Communion.

The treble seemed to utter three words, as after the dedicatory prayers by the Bishop of Guildford the Master of the Guild, Mr. A. E. Harman, rang it in the presence of the secretary and treasurer and other officers of the Guild: 'John Sparkes Goldsmith,' by the Exercise for ever remembered as the founder and first editor of 'The Ringing World'; by those in the Guildford Diocese as the first secretary of the Guildford Guild, a post he held for 10 years, afterwards becoming the guiding influence in its inner councils while holding the office of vice-president. Practically all in the little group assembled knew Jack Goldsmith intimately, and they expressed the wish that near the bell rope there should be a small plaque bearing his name. The bell is a memorial to his work in the Guildford Diocese, and has been subscribed to by his friends.

Everything about the service seemed singularly appropriate. The Bishop's text, 'Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope that it waver not,' came with heartening encouragement. Eleven years ago the start was made on the building of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The dedication of the crypt chapel was a practical expression of a great enterprise. That people will assemble there Sunday by Sunday for worship is outward evidence of the working of the Spirit. To-day the voice is the plaintive one of Jack Goldsmith, but there will be a tomorrow when a Cathedral incorporating the vision, inspiration and imagination of the 20th century will grace this hill, and the mellowness of its bells will be wafted over the countryside in all its glory. To churchpeople of the Guildford Diocese and to others interested in this great building it is necessary, however, to be constant to the text given by Dr. J. V. Macmillan, 'to hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not.'



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GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 7
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Composed by JOHN CARTER.

\* 100th peal.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

### MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GRICE ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 6
ERNEST SPILLER ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 3	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... 8
LEONARD MANNERING ... 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 9
GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 5	HERBERT J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

### OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

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On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

*MALCOLM BENNETT ... Treble	*WILLIAM WALKER ... 6
*MISS JUNE MITCHELL ... 2	*LESLIE FISHER ... 7
FRED BENNETT ... 3	TOM DUFFIN ... 8
EDWARD SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM TATTERSHALL ... 9
JOE WARD ... 5	MARK L. LOCKWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the ringers.

Conducted by TOM DUFFIN.

### CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

*PETER CHILDS ... Treble	*ALBERT BARTHOLOMEW ... 6
*ARTHUR HUME ... 2	*HARRY SHADRACK ... 7
*PETER EVES ... 3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 8
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4	*REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 9
*ARTHUR EDWARDS ... 5	*CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT (C.C.C.).

\* First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters by conductor.

Conducted by A. H. EVERETT.

### BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JILL BRITAIN ... Treble	*NORMAN HODDEN ... 5
*HARRY CHEESMAN ... 2	*ALBERT J. ADAMS ... 6
*DENIS N. LAYTON ... 3	*ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 7
*WINFRED ADAMS ... 4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by J. TOPP.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal.

First peal of Spliced as conductor. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

### HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	CHARLES BROWN ... Tenor 15½ cwt.
MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 3
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 4
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	BERNARD H. DALTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

### HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part.

HENRY TOOKE ... Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 5
CEDRIC CURSON ... 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 6
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7
ALBERT E. BRACEY ... 4	CHARLES H. MOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. MOORE.

First peal as conductor.

### DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	*TOM MARSHALL ... 5
JOHN LUNHAM ... 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 6
JOHN BOOTH ... 3	*RONALD KENRICK ... 7
*ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

### BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-AND-MARTYR,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

TERENCE A. GOODEY ... Treble	HENRY T. WILSON ... 5
*HERBERT G. GODDARD ... 2	HARRY TURNER ... 6
ALBERT PRYKE ... 3	BERTRAM C. HINES ... 7
DESMOND G. MAYELL ... 4	JOHN SITCH ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Major.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

### LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.

*DONALD G. CLARKE ... Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 5
CHARLES GREEDY ... 2	LESLIE BAINHAM ... 6
*PHILIP MASON ... 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	GEORGE LARGE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

\* First peal.

### HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

*FREDERICK LEECH ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 5
*FREDERICK PRICE ... 2	EDW. V. RODENHURST ... 6
WALTER LYCETT ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
THOMAS PRICE ... 4	*JOSEPH CAPPER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal on eight. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.



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On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

EILEEN BASTOW ... .. Treble	FRED MELLOR ... .. 5
MARY DARE ... .. 2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... .. 6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
IVAN KAY ... .. 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY (No. 2287).

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F

WILLIAM SALT ... .. Treble	CECIL E. CARR ... .. 5
LESLIE E. RIVERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 6
JOHN H. BAILES ... .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... .. 7
*GERALD L. BALL ... .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. Cox.

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

\* First peal of Major.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR EVANS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 5
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 2	ARTHUR NEWTON ... .. 6
*ANTHONY COX ... .. 3	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 7
ARTHUR G. JAMES ... .. 4	*NORMAN CORNWALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

\* First peal.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF CRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. Treble	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 2	*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 6
*JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	*JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	*HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

## BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

JAMES DRIVER ... .. Treble	ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... .. 5
RONALD A. HICKMAN ... .. 2	STANLEY WEBB ... .. 6
HARRY E. BALAM ... .. 3	*ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... .. 7
JOHN E. BALLARD ... .. 4	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

\* First peal in the method away from treble.

## EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL ... .. Treble	COLIN W. REED ... .. 5
LESLIE A. PAGE ... .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... .. 6
RONALD MARLOW ... .. 3	PETER D. WENHAM ... .. 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... .. 4	EDWARD J. DOEL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

## SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES**

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SCOTT ... .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR D. COOK ... .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... .. 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

## HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. Treble	†EDW. COWPERTHWAIT ... .. 5
THOMAS BARKER ... .. 2	†W. KENNETH MARTIN ... .. 6
*E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 3	JOHN JACKSON ... .. 7
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 4	ARTHUR HATCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

\* 150th peal. † First peal in the method.

## LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... Treble	FREDERICK S. ALMOND ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 4	THOMAS LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal on the bells by an entirely Liverpool band.

## CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES ... .. Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK ... .. 5
ALEXANDER PAGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... .. 6
AUBREY D. MILLS ... .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 7
STANLEY E. COOK ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

## OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 34 cwt.

STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. Treble	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2	FRED HODGSON ... .. 6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
IVAN KAY ... .. 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

\* 250th peal.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 or 15 lb.

*ROBERT ELLIS ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM A. PARTRIDGE ... 5
ALBERT MILLS ... .. 2	WALTER REYNOLDS ... .. 6
HERBERT HOWL ... .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER ... .. 7
ERNEST PARISH ... .. 4	JOHN R. COTTERILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

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

## TRING, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*DONALD CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	HARRY C. JONES ... .. 5
MISS BETTY SPICE ... .. 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 3	C. JOHN DICKINSON ... .. 7
†ROBERT W. METCALFE ... 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

## KIRBY-LF-SOKEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

VICTOR M. RUSSELL ... Treble	RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 5
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. 6
WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 7
ERNEST H. SCARFE ... .. 4	*THOMAS JACKSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all and on the bells.



STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... Treble	RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 5
*EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH ... 2	*JOHN R. MAYNE ... 6
†THOMAS J. CLARK ... 3	*JOHN E. ROOTES ... 7
*ROY WILKINSON ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH L. BROWN ... Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... 5
*THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 3	†RAYMOND J. CARLTON ... 7
JACK KING ... 4	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

BERNARD V. COLLISON Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 5
*BERNARD PANKHURST ... 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
ALBERT RELFE ... 3	ROBERT COLLINS ... 7
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 4	ERNEST J. LADD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal of Major.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOHN B. STENNETT ... Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
†TOM J. MARRIOTT ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 6
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 7
GORDON HARRISON ... 4	WILLIAM MINOR ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First eight-bell peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEOFFREY DIXON ... Treble	ROBERT L. BUTTERFIELD ... 5
HENRY R. PARKINSON ... 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3	WILLIAM DIXON ... 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 5
FRANK BLONDELL ... 2	THOMAS COLLINS ... 6
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
*WILLIAM BUNCE ... 4	WILLIAM PITCHALL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

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

LONDON.  
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 or 14 lb.

MISS A. M. CASTLE ... Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
SQUIRE CROFT ... 4	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.)

DAVID MACKAY ... Treble	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 5
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 2	*VICTOR SAVAGE ... 6
*FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
ROGER O. FRY ... 4	*GEORGE CLARE ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples and on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	†GLADWIN LE MARQUAND ... 5
HARRY RICHARDSON ... 2	†BRYAN LEWIS ... 6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3	B. JACK STUBBS ... 7
†JOHN E. SKERRETT ... 4	BRYAN SIMS ... Tenor

Conducted by B. JACK STUBBS.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

F. CECIL MOGFORD ... Treble	*C. J. FORD ... 5
*LEONARD F. ELLIS ... 2	JOHN W. OWEN ... 6
†THOMAS HARRIS ... 3	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 7
MARY P. HILLIAR ... 4	A. A. (JACK) HILLIAR ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ANDREW J. CORRIGAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MISS M. NIELSEN ... Treble	FREDERICK ROBSON ... 5
ROBERT WEBSTER ... 2	*WILLIAM MAUGHAN ... 6
*MISS M. FLETCHER ... 3	*ARTHUR A. WATSON ... 7
MISS E. LONGSTAFFE ... 4	*HAROLD L. NIELSEN ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT WEBSTER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*MICHAEL J. BEST ... Treble	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5
MISS FAITH M. CHILD ... 2	ALAN J. BUTLER ... 6
*JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3	HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 7
*GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 4	PERCY A. HUNT ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT A. MITCHELL.

\* First peal, ages respectively 13, 14, 15 years.

RAINHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
BERT W. MAY ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. CANNON. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MISS M. THOMPSON ... Treble	JOHN G. HOBSON ... 5
LEONARD RODMELL ... 2	FRED OSGERBY ... 6
GEORGE DOWLING ... 3	CHARLES BARKER ... 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4	*CHARLES H. HUNTER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal.



## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation.

ALBERT C. BAKER ... ..	Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER... ..	Tenor 11 cwt. 5
ARTHUR PRINCE ... ..	2	*VICTOR E. LUCAS ... ..	6
MRS. D. BENNETT ... ..	3	EDWIN J. RIDLER ... ..	7
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON ... ..	4	ALBERT BENNETT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. RIDLER.

\* First peal.

## BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CLIFFORD F. PAGE ... ..	Treble	*CYRIL J. SMITH ... ..	5
*WALTER D. POOLE ... ..	2	†CYRIL H. KINCH ... ..	6
*ALFRED J. OLDFIELD ... ..	3	STANLEY H. WALLIS ... ..	7
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... ..	4	PERCY W. TOMPKINS... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PERCY W. TOMPKINS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

## CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Middleton's.

Tenor 14 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR PATRICK	5
ALAN CATTELL ... .. 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 6	
*FRANK TROTMAN ... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 7	
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 4	JOHN THOMPSON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First Surprise peal.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' on Oct. 19th, 1,380 Doubles (240 each of Canterbury and Plain Bob, 540 of Stedman, 360 of Grandsire): E. Wilson 1, T. W. Lewis (cond.) 2, A. Morgan 3, G. E. Large 4, R. Woodyatt 5, F. G. Yeates 6.

## YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in E flat.

CECIL RADDON ... ..	Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... ..	5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... ..	2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... ..	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... ..	3	JOHN WORTH ... ..	7
WALTER ALLMAN ... ..	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of London on the bells.

## GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

CECIL HOLDEN ... ..	Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL... ..	5
*MRS. CECIL HOLDEN ... ..	2	ALBERT H. BOOTH... ..	6
†MISS BETTY MORTON ... ..	3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... ..	7
HARRY PARKER ... ..	4	A. GORDON LAWRENCE... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon, Nov. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... ..	Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK ... ..	5
*LESLIE D. W. ATFIELD ... ..	2	†A. VICTOR CORDEN ... ..	6
ERNEST TREAGUS ... ..	3	CECIL H. WOOD ... ..	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... ..	4	HARRY J. DOICK ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.

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LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Russell 1, R. Charge 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, A. F. Lancaster 4, R. Newman (conductor) 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, G. A. Parsons 7, J. Clifford 8.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

An air mail from Australia tells of an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Royal Wedding failing after 1½ hours' ringing. A quarter was afterwards brought round and the bells fired 21 times (Royal Salute). All towers in Australia synchronised their ringing to between the hours of 8 and 9 p.m.

'Ringing Towers,' the monthly typescript of our Australian friends, has now a circulation of 120 copies.

Our overseas post contains a letter of greetings from our friends at All Saints' Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand. Any visitors or permanent residents would be welcomed by Mr. Colin Ward, 48, Kelmore Street, Christchurch.

Looking ahead?—All notices and reports for the issue of December 26th much reach this office by Friday, December 19th.

Christmas greetings will be featured in our next issue. For the erudite there will be a ringers' quiz to aid the digestion of the pudding!

A newly-formed Leicester Diocesan Guild of Vergers has been formed, with the Lord Bishop as president. Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, has been appointed secretary and would like to get into touch with other verger ringers with a view to a vergers' peal. There are already five Leicestershire vergers ready to join—any others available?

Barwell, Leicestershire, observe an annual choir and bellringers Sunday. Last year the president of the Guild preached at evensong: this year Mr. G. Gray, the Cathedral organist, spoke on church music. At matins, the Rev. H. V. Ensor, whose father is an honorary member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, preached. A quarter of Grandsire Triples preceded the morning service, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at night.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

News from distant Kashmir is that Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Baybut, who for the past 12 years have been living in Srinagar, Kashmir, are safe and well after the trying times recently experienced in that part of India. They propose to stay where they are for the winter. Mr. Baybut had many ringing friends in the London area who have been anxious as to his safety.

Harlington ringers have revived their 'leg of pork' supper, stated to have been founded in 1605.

Good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville, of Kingsworthy. Their golden wedding day was yesterday.

Bathwick, Bath, bells have been dismantled for a complete overhaul. They will not be available for ringing for some months.

A quarterly fixture of the St. Augustine's, Kilburn, band, is to ring a quarter, have tea together and attend a short service.

Albanian Surprise Royal has made its appearance. First to ring 1,440 changes of same at St. Albans Cathedral were B. A. Cornell 1, D. C. Price 2, L. T. Hansell 3, T. J. Lock 4, T. J. Southam 5, A. Day 6, W. J. Arnold 7, C. F. Sayer 8, H. E. C. Goodenough 9, D. A. Bayles (composer and conductor) 10.

Just as we were going to press news was received that Mr. James George had celebrated his 94th birthday by ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' Mr. George had the tenors and retained a steady beat throughout, although a bit slow (2 hours and 33 minutes). He finished just as calm as he started.

The peal was rung at the residence of Mr. Matkin, who reports that it was very cold that night, with sleet and rain. 'I don't think anything short of illness would have stopped Mr. George coming to my house. He had a taxi and also brought his own handbells, this being the first peal upon them.'

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## Blackburn Cathedral Bells to be Recast

The bells at Blackburn Cathedral, which have served the church and town for more than 200 years, are to be recast and rehung in a steel frame. The work has been entrusted to John Taylor and Co., the well-known Loughborough firm of bell founders.

The present bells are a light ring of 10, in bad condition, it being nearly 50 years since they were turned and rehung in the old frame.

A heavier ring is to be installed, which will be more in keeping with the dignity of a Cathedral, and follows close on similar work which has just been completed at the Cathedral of Wakefield and Lichfield.

The back six were cast in 1737 by Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, from the previous bells, but there is no information as to the founder or date of them. The tenor bell developed a fracture and was recast 10 years later.

They hung in the old Parish Church tower, which stood behind the Old Bull until 1832, when they were transferred to the new church, which was consecrated in 1826.

The old church was pulled down in 1820, but the tower was allowed to stand in the churchyard until 1870.

The front four were added to make a ring of 10 in 1851, and for many years there was no ring of 10 nearer than Manchester, but in comparatively recent years rings of 10 have been installed at Leyland, Worsley, Preston and Wigan.

The old bells have been rung for all important national and local events, and the election of the Mayor of Blackburn has been heralded by their being rung—with the exception of the years of the last war, when ringing was banned—since the incorporation of the borough. They have been broadcast on two occasions, and were heard by local men serving in the Forces in many parts of the world.

### THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The bells all bear inscriptions which will be reproduced on the new bells.

One, two, three and four have the name of the founders, C. and G. Mears, London, 1851, with the addition, on the fourth, of 'John Turner Hopwood, Esq., barrister-at-law, Rockliffe House, Blackburn, born March 2nd, 1829,' together with the arms of the Hopwood family:—

5. When us you ring we'll sweetly sing.
6. Peace and good neighbourhood.
7. May the Church of England for ever flourish.
8. We were all cast at Gloucester by Abel Rudhall.
9. The Rev. John Holme, Vicar, 1737.
- Tenor. Thos. Martin, Jno. Cross, Henry Drewitt, Robert Whitacre, Church Wardens. 1747.

The weight of the heaviest bell of the present ring is 15 cwt., but in the new ring it will be about 26 cwt. The recasting and rehanging of a modern ring is a costly matter, and no doubt subscriptions will be greatly appreciated by the Cathedral authorities.

### THE PRINCESS' THANKS

In connection with the peal at Crawley on the occasion of the Royal Wedding, Miss F. E. Wyman has received the following letter from Buckingham Palace:—

Dear Madam,—I am desired by the Princess Elizabeth to thank you for your letter, and to say that Her Royal Highness was most touched and interested to hear of the bells of Crawley, Sussex, Parish Church being rung on the occasion of the Princess' wedding. Her Royal Highness thought it most kind of you to write and tell her of it.—Yours truly, Margaret Reynolds, Lady-in-Waiting.

## His 90th Birthday

The 90th birthday of Mr. William Linter, sen., a veteran member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, was celebrated by a representative and family gathering at Bishop's Waltham on November 28th. Swanmore bells, which badly need overhauling, were not suitable for the occasion, and permission to meet at Bishop's Waltham was readily granted by the Rector.

Proceedings started with touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, which were rung until tea time. Relatives and friends joined the company at tea, and these included Mr. Linter's three ringing sons with their wives and children to the extent of four generations.



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL (from an old print)

After an excellent tea the health of Mr. Linter was proposed by the Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams), who recalled incidents in their long acquaintance of nearly 70 years.

Those who had made the arrangements for the gathering were not forgotten and were accorded a special vote of thanks. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where two courses of Bob Major were rung before lowering the eight in peal. This ended a delightful 90th birthday gathering. Ringers present were Messrs. Linter, sen. and jun., Walter and Roy Linter (sons), G. E. Chappell, H. W. Merritt, A. Millard, E. Wightman, W. Knight and G. Williams.

### 5,184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

M	In	B	5ths	W	H	234567
				1	2	326547
2	—	—	1	2	2	325746
2			1	2	1	362457
1				2	2	42635
				2		23645

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Rung at St. Michael-at-Coslany, Oct. 17, 1947.

## Oxford Diocesan Guild

### NEWBURY BRANCH.

The branch held its annual meeting at Newbury on November 22nd, when over 80 members and visiting ringers were present, including the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the Deputy Master (Capt. A. Poyntz) and the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert).

Ringings commenced at 3 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Royal. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Bertram Russell). Tea was afterwards served in the Church Room.

The chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided at the business meeting. Seven new members were elected from East Ilsley, Thatcham, Bucklebury and Chieveley.

The Master remarked that the branch appeared to be progressing, and hoped all towers were doing their best to train youngsters to carry on.

The Deputy Master regretted that until the basic petrol was restored he could only attend meetings within reasonable cycling distance. He asked members to back up the branches abutting their own and so help to boost meetings in the diocese.

The Chairman reported with regret the resignation of the branch ringing master, Mr. H. Curtis. Mr. Curtis had held the office for the last ten years and previously had been secretary and treasurer for 13 years. On behalf of all members he thanked Mr. Curtis for the services he had rendered to the branch. Mr. R. Rex was elected to fill the post.

The branch secretary reported good attendances at meetings and combined practices. Some members had rung their first peal during the year and others their first in the method. A peal of Minor was rung at Peasmore for the Royal Wedding.

Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies responsible for tea arrangements and to the Rector for the use of the bells and the interesting history of church bells given in his address.

It is hoped to combine two places at the next meeting in February—Speen with Shaw.

### MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

About 30 members and friends attended the meeting of the South and West District on November 15th at Norwood Green (the first in this tower since the war). This pretty and light ring of six was kept going to a variety of methods from Grandsire to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor with plenty of rounds for beginners.

An excellent tea was provided at the Plough Inn nearby, and a short business meeting followed, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles. Mr. A. A. Tamblin, of Isleworth, was elected a ringing member, and the election of Mr. C. W. Ottley, of Fulham, as a ringing member, and of Mr. W. Lee, of Wendover, as a non-resident life member, was confirmed.

The secretary reminded the meeting of his forthcoming resignation, and urged them to consider carefully the choice of a successor. He also referred to the recent 'leg of pork' supper at Harlington, to which he and the vice-president had been invited, and congratulated the Harlington band on the revival of this historic function, dating from 1605.

A warm vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. Emmett for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting.

WESTON SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Walter Star 1, George Vicory 2, J. Button 3, G. Prescott 4, Miss M. Legg (first quarter of Triples) 5, W. H. Bloor, R.A.F.6, H. W. Knight (cond.) 7, W. Kingcott 8



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### SHOULD PEALS BE ABBREVIATED?

Dear Sir,—The subject matter of your leading article on the control of paper, and its effect upon the size and circulation of 'The Ringing World,' must be as acute a disappointment to you as to your readers. This is an age of gaps, the import-versus-export gap, the purchasing power-versus-available goods gap, and hard decisions have to be made and accepted as a result of them. I therefore put forward the following suggestions, which are bound to be unpopular in some quarters, but which I think deserve consideration as emergency measures to close the circulation-versus-paper gap.

The present issue of 'The Ringing World' is made up roughly of 2½ pages of advertisements, which are no doubt necessary to the financial side of this paper as of any other, two pages of essential notices of forthcoming meetings, 2½ pages of general news, correspondence, etc., half-page of heading, ownership details, etc., and no less than 4½ pages of peals and quarter-peals. Surely this last is, under the circumstances, a disproportionately large amount?

I suggest that as soon as the paper restrictions are felt acutely, peal reports should be abbreviated almost to the form now used for quarter-peals. Further, that ringers of quarter-peals should impose a voluntary censorship upon themselves and refrain from sending in reports unless there is something of special interest in the performance—and not always then. Also, that no space be given to reports of meetings at which the Rev. Blank preached. Mr. Dash presided at the business meeting which followed tea, after which more ringing was indulged in, an enjoyable day being had by all. In place of these dreary recitals let us have more news and correspondence. We should, of course, still welcome reports of interesting discussions or happenings at meetings.

L. J. MALINGS.

Formerly of Oxfordshire, now of Rhooose, Glamorgan.

### 'CLOCKING' BELLS

Dear Sir,—From time to time I read in 'The Ringing World' about the danger of clocking bells.

Where I ring at St. Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey, Cheshire, our bells were clocked for about 50 years—until 1944, when another ringer and myself decided to try to get them rung again. We got the bellfounders to examine them and they passed them as safe for ringing. We started with the front six and later the ten. The bells were cast in 1854 by Taylors, the tenor being 27½ cwt. None of the bells are cracked, but they are hard going.

Originally ringing was stopped because the spire was declared to be unsafe, but that was taken down in 1927. On March 25th, 1944, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung on the front six.

We hope some day to get the bells rehung or recast, but many ringers say it would be a shame to have them recast as they are of such a good tone.—Yours sincerely,

HERBERT TURNER.

Salcey, Cheshire.

### PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I greatly regret that I should have called a peal which subsequently proved to be false, and would thank Mr. Glenn for pointing out the error, which is most elementary. I had looked for such sources of repetition, and can only offer the excuse of my notoriously bad handwriting which caused me to miss the handstroke lead at a single.

I, therefore, wish to withdraw the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, on Whit Monday, and would take this opportunity of expressing my sincere apologies to the Exercise in general and to my friends whose time was wasted in the ringing.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. ARNOLD.

Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A Ringer Talks

Dear Sir,—One advantage of knowing little about a subject is that you find it much easier to say what you do know. The undersigned found himself talking to two interesting audiences on bells and ringing recently. On November 7th he was invited to address the Ordinands at a Cambridge theological college on 'How the Vicar should treat his bells.' Here are one or two extracts from the lecture: 'I will divide my talk into three sections. (1) The Vicar and his bells'—guffaw from the 'funny member' of the audience—Lecturer, 'It's interesting to trace the mental process in some minds, isn't it?'—loud laughter. Lecturer, 'This is going to be a practical talk, for you will have to deal, in all probability, with bells, with ringers, and with the outsider. I will speak from these three points of view, therefore. I will not use up time speaking of the archaeology of bells nor about the science of change ringing. You can learn what you want to know about these from my new book, price 5s. (immediate loud laughter and cheers). It was, of course, impossible to desist from talking about change ringing, and four members of the Cambridge University Guild gave valued help in demonstrating its intricacies. The lecturer hopes that his opening gambit, 'I am out to catch you in my net, as the missionary said,' may bear fruit (to mix all available metaphors).

The other lecture was a much more serious affair, for the speaker had the honour to address the Royal Archaeological Institute, at Burlington House, on 'Norwich Bells and Ringers.' This was illustrated with a strip film, and made as lively as possible, with cine film shots of change ringers at work, also the amazing effort he witnessed this summer of the choristers at a church at Valladolid turning their bells round and round in the same direction by hand standing in a tiny gallery close to the bell-cote, also the more famous and equally spectacular work of turning the bells over and over in the Giralda at Seville.

A. G. G. THURLOW.

Norwich.

### SEDBERGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—To-day (Nov. 30th) was the 50th 'birthday' of the bells. As I rang in the opening (owing to one of the visiting band breaking a stay), I have now completed 50 years' ringing at Sedburgh. It was a curious coincidence that I, coming down from Cambridge to take the post of senior science master at Sedburgh School, and the bells arrived the same term. I at once collected a band and we've done very well. One of my original band, Mr. T. Sisson, is still ringing here.—Yours sincerely,

G. F. WOODHOUSE.

Sedburgh, Yorks.

### BIG BEN

Dear Sir,—I know there is a great deal of sentiment attached to the sound of Big Ben, but at the same time I do think that it is time something was done about its cracked note.

It seems to me rather unfair on our great bellfounders in Britain that this unsound note should come crashing through our wireless sets daily. Speaking for myself, I usually dash to the wireless and turn it at its lowest.

I stand to be corrected if my radio and ears are too sensitive, but I will take some convincing that the bell is sound.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) E. DORICE KELLY.

Sheffield.

## The Kindergarten MASTERING ROPE-SIGHT.

Dear Sir,—'Adsum' of Devon raised an interesting point on teaching beginners in your issue of November 7th. Whether the Exercise as a whole is using the most scientific teaching methods is a question I would like to see aired in your columns.

My own experience is that beginners are pushed on far too quickly; there are no intermediate steps between rounds and the plain course. Ropesight is allowed to come by 'magic' as it were, after perhaps months of struggling with the plain course.

It has been stated in 'The Ringing World' that about one in twenty beginners eventually 'sticks' to ringing. Now, while a dimcult apprenticeship may ensure that only the really enthusiastic remain as ringers, recruits are not coming forward in such large numbers as to justify the low figure of 5 per cent., and if ringing is to flourish, something must be done to increase this percentage.

Admitted that astonishing results have been obtained in recent years with youngsters of 10 and upwards, but it is one thing when a single beginner learns with a band of experts and quite another when a whole 'stone' band essays to learn method ringing.

At school, the pupil proceeds step by step. Can ropesight be taught in like manner?

It is my contention that the system laid down in Snowdon's 'Ropesight' should be applied practically on the tower bells and not confined, as it so often is, to the teaching of the theory of change ringing.

By means of the three and four-bell extents, with suitable leading, covering and dodging bells, musical half-pull changes can be produced at once by any 'stone' band. Good striking, too, can be obtained an earlier stage, because of the frequent repetitions and few ropes for the beginner to pick out.

May it not be that in our haste to produce Major or Minor ringers for Sunday service ringing, and in our dislike of ringing 'kindergarten stuff,' we put stumbling-blocks in the way of our beginners and extend by months the period of apprenticeship?—Yours faithfully,

'MENTOR.'

Cambridge.

### CAMBRIDGE MAJOR AT STRADBROKE

Dear Sir,—The remarks in last week's 'Belfry Gossip' re the Cambridge Major at Stradbroke being the first peal for 40 years is not quite correct.

On February 16th, 1911, a peal of 5,088 Oxford Treble Bob was rung in 3 hours 32 minutes. E. F. Poppy and R. Ruth, jun., ringing the seventh and tenor respectively.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. G. BROWN.

Ipswich.

### THE LOUGHBOROUGH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—Surely this peal ringing business is becoming something of a threat to our ringing fraternity.

All of us who like peal attempts never wish for anything but the best result, but 'to err is human,' and there would be very little in it if every peal was 'in the bag.'

The conducting of an 'inquest' in our journal should, in my opinion, be discouraged at all times. A hasty word is often spoken at the moment of disappointment, but, amongst ordinary folk, an apology will soon be forthcoming and in most cases accepted. The written word, however, is not so easily withdrawn. It can be turned up again and again and friendships destroyed for all time.

Let us keep a sense of proportion. Peal ringing is a 'sport,' and unless it can contribute something to the fraternal spirit of our Exercise or further the progress of our art, it is in no way justified. I speak as one who loves a peal attempt and am ready at all times to take my share of the blame when failure comes.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.



## OBITUARY

### MR. JAMES HERBERT BLAKE.

Mr. James Herbert Blake, born 86 years ago in Beckenham, Kent, there first served his church as a choirboy and afterwards as an ardent bellringer.

Moving later to Cowfold in Sussex, he became well known for his energetic keenness for service ringing around that locality, cycling almost every Sunday, often after many long hours in his bakery, to Warnham, and then to Horsham or some other tower in order to complete the band for the service touches.

Subsequently he opened a small business at Fishbourne, near Chichester, and on April 9th, 1893, became a member of the Chichester Cathedral Guild of Bellringers, serving faithfully for over 50 years until ill-health caused his retirement.

During this same period Mr. Blake became leader of the six-bell tower of his own Parish Church at Bosham, and it was here on the evening of Tuesday, November 24th, that the sound of half-muffled bells marked his having been laid to rest on that day.

Mr. Blake had a number of peals to his credit, but as with regularity each 120 of Grandsire Doubles pealed out across Bosham Harbour that evening one felt how typical it was of his devoted service and his love of simple well-structured ringing. R.G.B.

### MR. JAMES PAGETT.

It is with deep regret we report the passing of James Pagett, Ringing Master of Derby Cathedral, which took place on November 29th at the age of 75. He was a well-known Midlands ringer, his cheery disposition making him a welcome figure at all meetings, few of which he ever missed.

He was one of the very few who could ring two tower bells, and although he never rang a full peal double handed, had rung many quarters and long touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire. He was also a keen handbell ringer and a composer and conductor of no mean ability. For the M.C.A. he had rung 117 peals, but had rung several others in Worcestershire before coming to the Midlands.

The funeral took place on December 3rd from Derby Cathedral, where the muffled bells pealed a tribute. He was laid to rest at Mickleover Cemetery and handbells were rung over his grave by M. A. Ward, H. Lettis, P. Dudley and H. Taylor. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in memoriam' at Overseal, called by the late hon. secretary, M.C.A. By his passing the Midlands have lost another great stalwart whose place will be hard to fill. E.M.

### MR. T. J. PALMER.

Ringers of North-East Wiltshire and those of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild who knew him will regret to learn of the death of Mr. T. J. Palmer, of Aldbourne, on November 27th.

He was a loyal churchman and a punctual and consistent ringer. He will be sadly missed especially at this time when everyone counts so much.

His last effort was to ring in a quarter-peal, which his son conducted on November 20th in celebration of Princess Elizabeth's and the Duke of Edinburgh's wedding. May his soul rest in peace.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS

At a well-attended meeting of the Society, held at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on Nov. 29th, Mr. G. W. Cecil was re-elected Master for the ensuing 12 months. The other officers were also re-elected, viz.: A. B. Peck, hon. secretary; A. A. Hughes hon. treasurer; J. A. Waugh, senior steward; T. Fox, junior steward; and H. R. Newton and H. G. Miles, trustees.

Mention was made of Mr. G. Cartmel's membership of 62 years and his certificate No. 2215. The secretary stated that 2,333 members had been made since Mr. Cartmel joined the Society.

## Midland Counties Guild

### LADIES RING AT ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

The fine old Church of St. Helen, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, built in the year 1475, was the venue for the November meeting, and a cordial welcome was extended to the Guild by the Vicar (Canon H. D. Hanford), who conducted the Guild form of service.

Immediately after service tea was provided at Radford's Cafe through the generosity of the Vicar and Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, captain of the local band, thanks being expressed by the chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson. Very little business was transacted at the meeting held in the belfry, but it was decided to visit Measham for the next meeting on December 20th.

The bells were put to good use in the evening, and one performance is worthy of note—that of eight members of the fair sex ringing rounds on this rather difficult ring to handle. This is probably the first time that the bells have been rung by ladies.

Upwards of 50 ringers and friends assembled from Burton (St. Paul's, St. Modwen's and All Saints'), Measham, Repton, Newball, Netherseale, Overseal, Ticknall Hugglescote, Chel-leaston, Derby Cathedral, Birstal and the local band.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

### ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

The Elloe Deaneries Branch held their quarterly meeting at Holbeach on November 22nd. Ringing started at 2.45 p.m. and the bells were kept going to a variety of methods until 4 p.m., when the Vicar of Holbeach, the Rev. P. E. Boswell, conducted a shortened form of evensong.

The Rev. Boswell presided over the business meeting which followed tea at the Bell Hotel. The members present stood in silence, paying tribute to the late Rev. E. C. Gee, who was the popular president of this branch for many years.

Mr. I. P. Bennett (Bicker) was elected a ringing member and the collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 11s.

It was decided that the following resolution be forwarded to the secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild: 'This meeting is of the opinion that the annual report should be issued before the annual meeting at Lincoln, and that the report be brought up to pre-war standard.'

Mr. A. J. Farr proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. P. E. Boswell for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service. In his reply, the Vicar spoke of the difficulties experienced at Holbeach in trying to get a good band together.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### MEETING AT BISHOPSTEIGNTON.

Some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung at the Mid-Devon Branch meeting at Bishopsteignton on November 1st.

Mr. T. G. Myers, of Plymouth, presided, and analogies were received from the president (Preb. E. V. Cox), the branch chairman and Mr. A. Newman (Dartmouth). The branch decided to record its appreciation to Mr. J. F. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, in connection with the weekly practices which the branch was at present holding.

The following programme of meetings was approved for 1948: February 7th, Kineston; April 24th, Ashburton; June 26th, joint meeting with the South-West Branch at a place to be chosen; July 24th, Kinnerswell; August 28th, special meeting at Highweek; and October 30th, in the Toroway area. The secretary undertook to notify all other branches.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of Bishopsteignton and St. James', Teignmouth, for the use of their bells, and to Mr. Myers for occupying the chair. A.L.B.

## Royal Quarter-peals

ALDBOURNE, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on the back six with 1.2 leading: F. D. Jerram 1, J. Cuss (first quarter) 2, A. V. Jerram 3, G. Newman (first quarter) 4, T. J. Palmer 5, T. A. Palmer (conductor) 6, P. Newman 7, W. J. Liddiard 8.

BRIGG, LANCs. — 1,260 changes (180 St. Clement's, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Bob Minor): W. H. Bains 1, C. Peck 2, W. Middleton 3, Miss Mary Atkinson 4, F. Bell 5, T. Bell (cond.) 6. First quarter-peal in the tower by the local ringers.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, C. Jefferies 2, C. Harding 3, J. Jefferies, jun. 4, D. Gardner 5, E. Palmer 6, R. Harding 7, J. Jefferies, sen. (cond.) 8. First quarter on these bells for 20 years.

CARRIS BAY, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Nichols 1, Miss M. L. Lidgley 2, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 3, Miss J. E. Withey 4, H. Miles 5, W. J. Sanders 6.

CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Young 1, G. Eagle 2, A. Hart 3, H. Tulke 4, F. Winter (cond.) 5, A. Dunn 6.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Tribe 1, C. West 2, J. Etherington (cond.) 3, F. Ashby 5, J. Booker 7, G. Orchard 4, W. Glue (first quarter) 6, A. Dummer 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—3,570 Bob Major: Miss G. Jarrett (longest length) 1, F. Richardson 2, V. Jarrett 3, T. Beaumont 4, T. E. Taylor 5, F. A. Clenett 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 8.

GREAT TEW, OXON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Clifton 1, B. Morley 2, L. Larnar 3, B. Cross 4, R. Taplin 5, L. Clifton 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, J. Morley 8.

HULL. — At Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. M. Lidgley 1, G. F. Williams 2, F. Penrose 3, E. Wood 4, P. B. Henri 5, D. Meadley 6.

KINGSLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT. — At St. Werburgh's, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Thompson (first quarter) 1, H. Carnwell 2, J. Mosley (first quarter inside) 3, E. Twigg 4, F. Edwards 5, W. Edwards (first quarter as conductor) 6.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.—1,260 Bob Minor: R. Bush 1, S. J. Haw 2, R. Spencer 3, M. R. Reed 4, G. F. Mason (cond.) 5, T. Bush 6. First quarter by 1 and 3.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques: Miss J. Henshaw 1, W. Mathews 2, J. V. Norbury 3, Mrs. C. W. Lawton 4, A. Potts 5, T. Potts 6, J. Worth 7, S. Hough 8, C. W. Lawton 9, W. Gayes 10, F. Yates (cond.) 11, G. Henshaw 12.

NEWMARKET.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Howlett 1, S. Forwood 2, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 3, J. R. Heath 4, R. C. Sharpe 5, G. Dodds 6, J. A. Acres (first quarter on tower bells) 7, A. E. Austin 8. Also 1,248 Plain Bob Major, on handbells: S. Brown 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, John A. Acres (cond.) 5-6, R. Heath 7-8.

PETERBOROUGH. — At St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Warner 1, W. Cross 2, S. Wright 3, J. Mounfield (first quarter) 4, W. Waldron 5, W. Rose (cond.) 6, G. Bush 7, A. Joyce 8.

REIGATE, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. M. Foreman 1, Mrs. Shelton 2, J. B. Jeal 3, R. A. Tuffin 4, G. Oliver 5, F. T. Hoad 6, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pester 1, W. Warr 2, H. Warr 3, H. Pester 4, J. Drew (cond.) 5.

SWINDON, WILTS.—1,257 Stedman Caters: W. W. Daniell 1, Miss M. F. Richards 2, Miss N. Davis 3, J. Berry 4, H. Bishop 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, J. Worrall 7, G. Wells 8, T. Townsend (first quarter as cond.) 9, W. Bullock 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters 2, 3 and 7.

TILEHURST, BERKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Goodger 1, J. Marsh (cond.) 2, W. Marsh 3, Mrs. P. Lewington 4, H. Hunt 5, A. Haines 6, E. Langley 7, A. Fevre 8.



HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's Five-part.

FRANK BLONDELL ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... 5
EDGAR HANCOX ... 2	*HERBERT W. IMPEY ... 6
*THOMAS COLLINS ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	*STANLEY HUMPHREY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

\* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN WESTMINSTER,  
(commonly called Westminster Abbey),

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 28½ cwt.
HENRY R. NEWTON ... Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 5
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 2	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	JAMES H. RUMLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
CECIL NICE ... Treble	RAYMOND OVERY ... 5
*ERIC T. LEE ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

LOCKING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

Being 10 six-scores each of Grandsire and April Day and 22 of Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.
*FRANK MILLIER ... Treble	*MARJORIE LEGG ... 4
*ROSEMARY HUTCHINGS ... 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
*MURIEL LEGG ... 3	*MARTIN HUTCHINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. UNY,

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

With 4-6-8 covering. Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.	Tenor 13 cwt.
JAMES VINCENT ... Treble	STANLEY SEYMOUR ... 5
JACK REED ... 2	SIDNEY LANGDON ... 6
ALAN CARVETH ... 3	VIVIAN WILLIAMS ... 7
*SIDNEY REED ... 4	*GEORGE CLEMENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by VIVIAN WILLIAMS.

\* First peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*FRED PICKUP (13) ... Treble	†ROBT. H. WIMPENNY ... 4
*JAMES B. ROBINSON (12) ... 2	†RONALD EDWARDS ... 5
*DEREK OGDEN (14) ... 3	*BRIAN F. TRUEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD EDWARDS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
JAMES T. TITT ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
WILLIAM OLIVER ... 2	GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 5
*THOMAS COOKE ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. N. PARK.

\* First peal in the method.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 18 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, 18 six-scores of Plain Bob and 6 six-scores of Grandsire.

JAMES H. GWILLIAM ... Treble	THOMAS COOPER ... 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT ... 2	FREDERICK MERRICK ... 5
ROLAND E. LEWIS ... 3	*FREDERICK LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

\* First peal. Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being three extents of Single Court and two each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

SYDNEY JESSOP ... Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD ... 2	HAROLD HARPER ... 5
FRANK DEWEY ... 3	ANGUS DIXON ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD HARPER.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

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

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.	
*THOMAS SCOTT ... Treble	*HARRY BOYCE ... 4
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	*TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 5
*ARTHUR HOARE ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* First peal in four methods.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven different 720's.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*KENNETH C. CURTIS ... Treble	†JAMES BROOKS ... 4
†RUTH TABRAHAM ... 2	HENRY A. R. POSNETT ... 5
*WILLIAM BUTLER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Seven 720's.	Tenor 9 cwt.
GEORGE PILGRAM ... Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON ... 4
WILLIAM BRETT ... 2	JOHN NEWBERT ... 5
MISS JOSEPHINE SALT ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

BURES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

GEORGE W. MOSS ... Treble	LESLIE MILLS ... 4
GEORGE WATERMAN ... 2	HARRY J. MILLATT ... 5
ARCHIE A. FITCH ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Consisting of four six-scores of St. Simon's, four of Union, six of Stedman, three of April Day, 13 of Bob Doubles, 12 of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.	
*MERVYN R. SHEARN ... Treble	*BRYAN F. SHEARN ... 4
†LEONARD DERRICK ... 2	†CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT ... 5
†ERNEST F. SHEARN ... 3	†REGINALD E. DURBIN ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

\* First peal. † First peal in six methods. First peal as conductor, First peal in six methods on the bells.



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## ENGAGEMENT

**MILLHOUSE — FIDELL.** — The engagement was announced on Dec. 6th, 1947, of Jack L. Millhouse, of Lincoln, and Margaret Fidell, of Whitley Bay. 2763

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## MEETINGS

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Faversham, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 6d. Ospringe available after tea only.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2699

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting (district annual) at Staveley (8), Dec. 13th.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec. 2686

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Idle, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, 1s. 9d. per head.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 2707

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Oxford, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon. 2739

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Sat., Dec. 13th, St. Mary's, Leyton, 2.30. Tea and business 4.45. Further ringing 6.15. Handbells 7.30. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2735

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Godstone (8), Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Tea at Curd's Tea Rooms 5. Names to me.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 2727

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 13th, Tewin (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea, please. Bus service 388 from Welwyn Church at 42 minutes past each hour, from Hertford bus station hourly on the hour.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2726

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Goole (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.). Notify Mr. J. Waud, 37, Oxford Road, Goole. 2748

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting Bromborough (8), Sat., Dec. 20th, at 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2749

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Selby Abbey, Dec. 20th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 2s. 6d., for all who notify Mr. J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, by Dec. 17th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 2747

**STANDON, HERTS.**—The bells (6) will be reopened on Sat., Dec. 20th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Names for tea must be sent to me by Sat., Dec. 13th. There is no cafe in the village, so only those who notify me will get tea.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green, Standon, Ware, Herts. 2719

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, New Romney, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Humphery, 1, High Street, New Romney.—T. Cullingworth, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2730

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Next meeting Twickenham, Sat., Dec. 20th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. No tea.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Perivale 5320. 2745

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Sat., Dec. 20th, at 3.45. Business.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 2754

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.**—Quarterly meeting Ripley (8), Dec. 20th. Bells 3. Tea 5.30, Hutchinson's Café. Names for tea not later than Wed., Dec. 17th, to Mr. F. F. Hill, 5, Argyle Road, Ripley, Derby. 2762

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8), Dec. 20th, 2.30. Make own tea arrangements; cafes available. Service 4.30.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec. 2766

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at Measham, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) at 3. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—J. W. Cotton, Over-seal. 2767

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting Barnwood, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify by 17th.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos. 2761

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Sat., Dec. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 2755



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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Meeting Exeter, St. Thomas', Dec. 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. St. David's and Heavitree available, Cathedral evening. Number for tea by 16th.—E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, St. Thomas, Exeter. 2757

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bokon Branch.—Meeting Holy Trinity, Bolton, Sat., Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 2750

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—The Lord Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new ring of six by Taylors on Sun., Dec. 21st, at 10.30 a.m. It is hoped to have an hour's ringing after the service.—H. Denman. 2759

HEREFORD DIO. GUILD.—Kington District at Kington, Jan. 3rd; Leominster District at Leominster, Jan. 10th. Details later.—J. Preece. 2756

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**Christmas Eve**

Who are ringing for Christ  
In the belfries to-night,  
With arms lifted to clutch  
The rattling ropes that race  
Into the dark above  
And the mad romping din?

SUCH a question crossed the mind of Robert Bridges when he wrote his poem "Christmas Eve, 1918," and it is probable that a similar thought has occurred to many an individual as he listens to the bells from town and village tower as he wends his way to the Christ Mass. How the candles on the altar twinkle with a mysterious light! The miracle of Bethlehem those centuries ago comes afresh each succeeding year—baffling, mysterious, but with peace and quietude eventually giving way to inward happiness.

'Blessed be the towers that crown England so fair,' proclaimed Bridges. We, the people of the towers, rejoice with him for that blessing. The privilege of such service is great and should not be lightly regarded. The music of the bells on Christmas Eve is of the sweetest, bringing with it a spiritual happiness to those whose hearts are attuned to hear the message, and to the world at large a consciousness of the spirit of goodwill. Enmity and such evil thoughts associated with it give way to friendship between man and man that crosses the barriers of race, class and creed. It is the maintenance of this friendship—in the belfry, district and guild—which is the true essence of Christmas. It dare not stop, it must not stop with the passing of Christmas.

And on Christmas Eve, as the bells cease to ring, there comes from afar 'starry music—Angels' song comforting as the comfort of Christ.' There is not one of us who in this Christmas, 1947, does not need that comfort. Wherever one looks there are tribulations and difficulties which man himself seems powerless to surmount. The comfort of this Christmas with its accompanying goodwill will strengthen us in what lies ahead. Both spiritually and in mundane affairs we need that mystic touch told so expressively in the little-known Christmas hymn:

Now display thy saving power,  
Ruined nature now restore,  
Now in mystic union join  
Thine to ours, and ours to thine.



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## DUBLIN.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 21 cwt.
*DAVID MACKENZIE ... Treble	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 5
†T. W. WARREN JONES... 2	*RODNEY MACKENZIE ... 6
MISS JOAN ROWE ... 3	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 7
MISS ADA C. DUKES ... 4	*J. MAXWELL MAGILL... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

\* First peal. † First in method. Changes rung on 2 to 7 inclusive.

## ASH, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 81 cwt.	
*MRS. EDNA DENVER ... Treble	*EDGAR SHERWOOD ... 4
†MRS. M. PEPLER ... 2	†FRANK ELLIS ... 5
†ERIC PEPLER ... 3	CHARLES W. DENVER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENVER.

\* First peal in two methods. † First peal. ‡ First of Minor.

## ALBURY, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

WALTER SPARROW ... Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 5
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 4
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

## EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Stedman, 240 by Morris, 240 by Lindoff and 37 six-scores (10 callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS E. STEAD ... Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 4
LESLIE EVANS ... 2	E. PETER ROCK ... 5
RONALD H. MEWIES ... 3	ROBERT JENKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. PETER ROCK.

## CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores of Bob Doubles, 8 six-scores April Day, two Morris' 240 and 22 six-scores of Grandsire.

CLIFF BENNETT ... Treble	*JACK NAISH ... 4
*MRS. J. NAISH ... 2	FRED SAVAGE ... 5
*MRS. T. KIMBER ... 3	HARRY PARSONS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED SAVAGE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## BELFAST.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,440 St. Simon's, 1,440 Plain Bob, 2,160 Grandsire (18 different callings) and one 240 Morris'. Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
A. ERNEST McGRATH ... 5-6	

Conductors: Each ringer called 1,680 changes.

First peal of three Doubles methods in Ireland. St. Simon's now rung in a peal for Association for first time. First peal by all in three methods.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

IN MO. WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN A. ACRES ... 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5-6
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 3-4	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 7-8

†GEOFFREY DODDS ... 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten handbells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5070 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... Treble	JAMES F. HARVEY ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5	JOHN PINFOLD ... 11
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 6	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to James F. Harvey.

## TEN BELL PEAL

## RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

JOHN THORPE ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	HARRY MORGAN ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... 9
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

The first peal of Royal rung in this method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER ... Treble	ROBERT G. FISHER ... 5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 2	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 6
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
ALBERT E. BRACEY... 4	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by RUSSELL W. CURSON.

In memoriam Sidney L. Back.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

*EDGAR BECKETT ... Treble	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
CLIFFORD BIRD ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

\* First peal.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Ten-part (C.C.C. No. 25). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 28 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	JOHN W. BEST ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	HARRY PYE ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
JAMES S. WEBB ... 4	JOHN GRIFFITHS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 7th.

## HOLMFIRTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLEY ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... 7
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First peal on the eight bells, augmented 1934. In memoriam the nine killed in the bus crash at Holmfirth on October 18th.



## EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

ROBERT COLLINS ... .. Treble	BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 5
DORIS E. COLGATE ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 7
ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

## YORKTOWN, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. FARR ... Treble	*JACK A. PARKER ... .. 5
*G. SIDNEY JOYCE ... .. 2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON ... 6
WILLIAM J. PARKER ... .. 3	CHARLES W. DENYER ... .. 7
FREDERICK MARCHANT ... 4	EDWIN HUNT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN SCOTT ... .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 5
*IAN D. HALLS ... .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... .. 7
ARTHUR D. COOK ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Major.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*STANLEY M. RUDDEN Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 5
*MISS ENID WALKLATE ... 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 6
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 3	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 7
*GEORGE CARE ... .. 4	ERIC NOBLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

## SHALFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Holt's Original.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

T. MARK WHITE ... .. Treble	KENNETH A. GIRDLER ... 5
*MARY DAVY ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. HUNTER ... .. 6
PETER F. DAVY ... .. 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 7
LESLIE C. W. HUNTER ... 4	PETER C. SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Triples. To commemorate the centenary of the church.

## CLAVERTLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ALAN F. THIRST ... .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

## BARNET, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BARNET SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 6
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. 7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* 250th peal for this Association. The first peal in the method.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

**A PEAL OF VICTORIA LITTLE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	HENRY O. BAKER ... .. 5
JOHN HAYES ... .. 2	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
JAMES S. WEBB ... .. 3	HARRY PYE ... .. 7
*JOHN W. BEST ... .. 4	*PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* 50th peal. + 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all on the bells and for the Guild.

## WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Being 2,944 London, 736 each Cambridge and Superlative (rung in alternate courses) and 608 Bristol with 111 changes of method.

GEORGE LEDSHAM ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 2	*ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**

ROLAND KENDALL ... Treble	HARRY WILD ... .. 5
PAUL BIRKETT ... .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
*BRIAN D. PRICE ... .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal in the method. To Mr. and Mrs. H. Wild on their wedding anniversary.

## STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS  
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Johnson's Variation.

BEN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	JAS. W. GROUNDS ... .. 6
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 3	*JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 7
RONALD KENRICK ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* 100th peal.

## CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 5
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 2	JOHN CRAGG ... .. 6
WALTER TOMLINSON ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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### ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Middleton's.		Tenor 12½ cwt.
*WILLIAM SALT ... .. Treble	ALAN CATTALL ... ..	5
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... ..	6
JILL POOLE ... .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH ... ..	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Major.

### WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

THOMAS BARKER ... .. Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT ... ..	5
*ARTHUR RIGBY ... .. 2	JOHN JACKSON ... ..	6
*ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 3	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... ..	7
*SIDNEY TUSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM SMALLEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES L. WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Stedman.

### THORNE, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES THORLEY ... .. Treble	HORACE S. MORLEY ... ..	5
ERNEST THORLEY ... .. 2	CHARLES THORLEY, SEN. ...	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3	THOMAS D. LEASK ... ..	7
ERNEST PADGETT ... .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ...	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

First peal of Major for Selby and District Society.

### MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF B.V.M., SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... Treble	IVAN KAY ... ..	5
MARY WALSHAW ... .. 2	RICHARD BENSON ... ..	6
HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... ..	7
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... ..	Tenor

Arranged by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

### MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	5
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... ..	6
*ERIC NOBLES ... .. 3	GEORGE R. CARE ... ..	7
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

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

### PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition.		Tenor 12½ cwt.
MRS. J. COTTERELL ... Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... ..	5
HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. TATE ... ..	6
BERNARD MOODY ... .. 3	FRED TERRY ... ..	7
CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 4	HARRY NEWTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

### HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	*ALFRED BONE ... ..	5
*MISS R. MARY DAVIES ... 2	†THOMAS E. DAVIES ... ..	6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... ..	7
*ALAN TOZER ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. FLEMING. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

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

### BEXLEY, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... ..	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... ..	7
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

### FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DICKERSON ... Treble	ALBERT PEGG ... ..	5
THOMAS SIMMONS ... .. 2	GEORGE POYNNTZ ... ..	6
ERNEST A. HEAD ... .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ...	7
CECIL POYNNTZ ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

### STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

One 240 and forty 120's.		Tenor 9½ cwt.
HARRY C. JONES ... .. Treble	WALTER LEE ... ..	4
FRANCIS PURSELL ... .. 2	FRANK REED ... ..	5
*ROY EGERTON ... .. 3	*WILLIAM BEAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

\* First peal.

### LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

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

JOSEPH A. LUNN ... .. Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... ..	4
*MISS FIFI M. LACEBY ... 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..	5
BERNARD MANN ... .. 3	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods. For the christening of Patricia Ann, daughter of conductor.

### OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being an extent each of: (1) New Bob; (2) Union; (3) Stedman; (4) Oxford Bob; (5) St. Brise; (6) St. Colum; (7) Kennington; (8) Norfolk; and two extents each of (9) Grandsire; (10) Fortune; (11) Reverse St. Bartholomew; (12) Northrepps Pleasure; (13) Antelope; (14) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (15) Clifford Pleasure; (16) Southrepps Pleasure; (17) St. Nicholas; (18) St. Giles; (19) Winchendon Place; (20) St. Miles; (21) St. Simon's; (22) St. Martin's; (23) Plain Bob; (24) Old; (25) April Day.

*NORA HONEY ... .. Treble	CECIL G. CALCUTT ... ..	3
HARRY P. FLOYD ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	4
ALAN R. PINK ... ..		Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal, and the first peal in 25 methods by the rest of the band. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

### WORCESTER.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... ..	4
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	5
ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Minor.



**BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY ... Treble	RONALD F. LUNN ... 4
FREDK. J. JACKSON ... 2	FRANK LAMB ... 5
JAMES THORLEY ... 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

**WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS MARY TANNER ... Treble	*CHARLES PRITCHARD ... 4
MISS NESTA D. SMITH ... 2	†WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
RICHARD SMITH ... 3	†LESLIE SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE SPENCER.

\* First peal. † 25th peal together. Conductor's 50th peal.

**KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY J. SANGER ... Treble	RONALD G. BECK ... 4
ALEC MUNDY ... 2	*VICTOR J. FARTHING ... 5
EDWARD CHIVERS ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Minor.

**MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER BERESFORD ... Treble	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... 4
MISS JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	WALTER J. COPE ... 5
DENNIS BERESFORD ... 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

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

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Nov. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
 AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7-8
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

**BELFAST.**

**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,*  
 IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Four different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK F. DUKES.

First peal of Bob Doubles in Ireland and by all the band.

**LEICESTER.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*  
 IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
COLIN HARRISON ... 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 9-10
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' by all, also the first for the Guild. 100th peal by Charles Marshall.

**WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Nov. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*  
 AT SUNNYVIEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN A. ACRES ... 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 3-4	*J. REGINALD HEATH ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Austin.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The B.B.C. have decided to broadcast the bells of Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor, Co. Down, on Christmas Day, at about 9.20 a.m. This is a small village church containing six bells, tenor 12½ cwt., erected in 1880 by Taylors. In charge of the ringing is Mr. James B. Cunningham, J.P., who is in his 90th year and is a past president of the Irish Association. He hopes to take the treble on Christmas Day. Mr. Cunningham is Ireland's oldest ringer.

The bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will be broadcast, approximately 9.20 to 9.30 a.m., on Christmas morning, December 25th, in the Round the World series, ending with the bells of Bethlehem.

Mr. E. T. Newbury, hon. secretary, Tewkesbury Branch, has been in Cheltenham Hospital since November 20th for an operation to an injured shoulder. He is progressing favourably and hopes to be back in the towers for Christmas.

Our attention has been drawn to an historical error in a recent issue. The Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria's accession to the Throne was in 1837. Mr. C. H. Webb, of Coventry, recalls attending a village feast on that day.

Kipling's 'it's best foot first' is recalled by the experience of two members of the Salisbury Guild, who attended the meeting at Wimborne and missed the last bus for Salisbury at Cranborne. They decided to walk the remaining 18 miles, setting out at 9.40 p.m. and arriving at Salisbury at 3.35 a.m., weary, languid and sore distressed. Only one of the pair was present for service ringing later in the morning!

This missing of the last bus seems to be a habit in these parts. Recently a prominent member of the Guild was forced to walk from Warminster to Salisbury (25 miles) through the same cause. Perhaps proximity to the Plain gives rise to these pedestrian feats.

Holmfirth, Yorkshire, tower is in a built-up area. A number of bedroom windows are level with the louvres and not more than four yards away. Permission was granted for the first peal in the tower on November 11th, as it was in memory of the victims of the bus crash at Holmfirth, most of whom were members of the Bolsterstone Church Male Voice Choir.

Mr. John Downing, of Hastings, called his first peal on the occasion of the Royal Wedding.

The peal by the University of London Society on November 20th was Grandsire Triples and not Stedman Triples as was erroneously recorded in our issue of December 5th. Will those concerned please accept our profound apologies?

Miss Nora Honey is unique among the first pealers. Her first was rung in 25 methods of Doubles, the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung. The development of five-bell ringing by Mr. Alan R. Pink during the year is a feature of the performances on lesser bells.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Bourne-mouth on November 11th was arranged especially for Percy W. Brayshaw, a member of the young ringers at St. Peter's, Bourne-mouth, all of whom are now in the Forces. Percy Brayshaw is leaving for South Africa shortly for a course lasting two years.

Between the ringers of Bedford and the Mayor a close contact has been maintained since the bells of St. Paul's were rehung two years ago. It was a special pleasure for the band to ring a quarter of Grandsire Caters on the occasion of the wedding of the Mayor's daughter, Miss Margaret Canvin, to Mr. Edgar Coker. Miss Betty Spice conducted and there were scored first quarters of Caters by A. Lacey, Miss Pat Gilbert, L. Williams, J. Davey and E. Jeffries. Other ringers were H. Harlow, S. Foskett, N. Inskip and D. Thompson.

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## DEDICATIONS AND AUGMENTATIONS

### TERRINGTON ST. JOHN

The recently rehung ring of six bells at Terrington St. John, Norfolk, was dedicated on November 29th by Canon Mowbray Smith, the address being given by the Rev. J. P. Pellow, Vicar of Wisbech, a well-known ringer.

Previously the bells were hung in a very slight and cramped oak frame, with the treble 'hoisted,' the frame being badly decayed. Owing to their high position, they set up a very heavy movement in the tall slender tower which affected the 'go' to a large extent.

They are now hung in a massive iron frame in two tiers of three, the base of the frame being some 14 feet lower in the tower. Hung on ball bearings with completely new fittings, the bells now 'go' as well as one could wish, and the movement in the tower is greatly reduced.

The bells, which were originally cast by Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market, have been retuned, and the treble and fifth recast, making a very satisfactory job indeed. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were represented at the dedication by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

### DOWNHAM BELLS

A moving ceremony took place at St. Margaret's Church, Downham, Essex, on November 22nd.

The Bishop of Chelmsford dedicated the new ring of six bells. The old four bells in this tower have been recast and a new tenor and treble added, and the ring hung in a new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, on the instructions of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Keddie, of Downham Grange, as a memorial to their three sons who gave their lives in the last war.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Vaughan-Jones, and the address given by the Very Rev. W. E. R. Morrow, Provost of Chelmsford. During the service, immediately after the dedication, a course of Bob Minor was rung by R. Thrift, E. Runter, P. Green, Dr. Patrick Spencer-Phillips, G. Green and Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, and after the service some Kent Treble Bob.

Tea was provided at The Grange by Mr. and Mrs. Keddie for the ringers. Mr. B. Newson was in attendance on behalf of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

### HANSLOPE, BUCKS

Two new trebles completing the octave were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Sunday, November 23rd, at Hanslope, Bucks. Following the service, the opening touch was Stedman Triples, after which the bells were available to visiting ringers, who numbered 60. Tea for these was kindly provided by the Church Parochial Council, and further ringing was enjoyed by all until 8 p.m.

The inscriptions on the new bells are:—Treble: Dedicated to the glorious memory of those of this parish who made the supreme sacrifice and all who served their King and country in two Great Wars, 1914-18, 1939-45. Second: Dedicated to the memory of a beloved Vicar, the Rev. William Jardine Harkness, M.A., and his wife, Frances, 1892-1929.

Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, added two new bell pits and rehung the old six. The architect was Major J. H. R. Freeborn.

The new bells blend perfectly with the old six, and this beautiful old church with its spire now contains a handsome ring of eight with a 22 cwt. tenor.

### MIDDLETON CHENEY TENOR

Dear Sir.—I see in Belfry Gossip, December 5th, that Middleton Cheney tenor is still growing heavier. I had the pleasure of a peal on this tenor in 1938, and I was given the weight by Taylor and Co., who tuned and rehung this fine six. She is now 22 cwt. 2 or 15 lb. in D (after tuning and removing cannons).—Yours sincerely,  
Peltbam, Middlesex.

TONY PRICE.

### A NEW TREBLE AT LYNEHAM

About 60 ringers from the surrounding villages attended the dedication of a new treble bell to complete the six at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Lyneham, Wilts, on December 6th. The bell was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and weighs approximately 5½ cwt. It was presented by Major and Mrs. Buxton in appreciation of the work of Mr. L. A. Wilson during the past 50 years and is inscribed 'G. and M.B. 1947 and L. A. Wilson.'

The act of dedication was performed by Archdeacon Coulter, after which the local ringers rang rounds. In his address the Archdeacon mentioned the work of Mr. Wilson in North Wilts and elsewhere in looking after bells and training ringers, and thanked Major and Mrs. Buxton for their generous gift.

Tea followed in the Village Hall, which was also the gift a few years ago of Major Buxton. Before leaving, Major Buxton expressed his pleasure that he had been the means, thanks to the enthusiasm and persuasive tongue of Mr. L. A. Wilson, of giving so many people pleasure, and hoped the bells would be rung for many years, reminding them all of the House of God. He thanked Mr. Wilson for his kindness and help to the family over a period of 45 years.

Mr. Wilson said that Lyneham had now a grand ring of six, and he hoped that the local ringers would be able to tackle the art of change ringing. He thanked Major and Mrs. Buxton for their gift.

Another pleasing incident followed—the presentation to Mr. Wilson of a model bell hung complete in an oak frame with rope, slider and stay, which would be useful for demonstration purposes. The bell and frame were the work of Mr. Stevens' boys of the Hillmorton band.—Mr. Wilson suitably replied to this kind thought.

Ringling during the day included the first 120 on the bells by a ladies' band from Calne, Yatesbury and Wootton Bassett.

### ALDEBY, NORFOLK

On Sunday, November 23rd, the Lord Bishop of Norwich dedicated a new bell at Aldeby, near Beccles. This fine old cruciform church, once collegiate, now possesses a ring of five in a minor key. The work has been done by the Whitechapel Foundry in their usual excellent manner, and the 'go' leaves nothing to be desired. The new treble is 2ft. 4in. in diameter, weight 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb., and is inscribed: 'Given by Aldeby and Wheatacre in memory of the men who gave their lives, 1939-1946.'

At the dedication a large number of ringers attended, including the president, general secretary and Ringing Master of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Handbells were rung before the service, and afterwards the five were rung in various methods; also a grand tea was provided by the ladies of Aldeby.

## A BRISTOL PEAL BOARD MEMORIAL

A ceremony of some interest took place during the annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, held on December 6th at St. Mary Redcliffe, when a peal board recording peals rung in memory of Messrs. W. A. Cave and S. H. Wood was unveiled and dedicated by Canon S. E. Swann.

The board, which is beautifully executed, was designed by the students of the Merchant Vintners School of Printing, and presented by Mr. A. J. Corrigan. Following the dedication a course of Stedman Cinques was rung by D. G. Clift 1, Miss A. Brown 2, A. E. Reeves 3, A. M. Tyler 4, J. M. Stallard 5, G. Pearce 6, F. C. Mogford 7, S. Pearce 8, W. Williams 9, A. J. Corrigan 10, R. C. Seager 11, E. F. Hancock 12.

## Guildford's New Cathedral

### ARCHITECT AMENDS PLANS.

To enable better facilities for ringers, the architect of Guildford's new Cathedral in course of erection has amended his design of the tower.

Representation was made to him by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, that according to the original drawings there was not an adequate space between the bells and the ringers.

Mr. Edward Maufe has replied to Mr. Lewis as follows:—

'I have always been very conscious of the defects in the height of the tower in my competition drawings, which did not allow adequate space between the ringing chamber and the bell chamber, but you will probably know that competition drawings seem invariably to be produced in a rush, and I had to keep the tower lower in height than I wish, because of cost.'

'However, at a later date I explained the necessity of increasing the height of the tower to the Guildford Committee, and they agreed that I should raise it. Actually I put another 17ft. in its height, which enables me to arrange the various floors even more generously than you set out in your letter.'

'I am very glad to have your clear statement of the conditions desirable for bellringing in such a tower, and I think you can rest assured that my tower now satisfies these conditions.—Yours sincerely, Edward Maufe.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis acknowledges in the following terms:—

Dear Mr. Maufe,—Thank you very much for your letter of the 4th. I feel quite happy that, while my criticism of the original drawings may have been justified, the alteration you have made should prove to be quite satisfactory. I will let Mr. Hazelden and his brother ringers at Guildford know that they need have no anxiety about the hanging of the bells.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. E. M. ATKINS

At the quarterly meeting of the St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Guild of Ringers, on November 30th, Mr. E. M. Atkins was presented with a book in recognition of his 25 years' service to the belfry.

Mr. R. H. Gilbert, who made the presentation, said he well remembered Mr. Atkins first coming to St. Augustine's belfry and his teaching the local band the art of change ringing for the first time. Since those days Mr. Atkins had always been most generous in his help for those who expressed a desire to learn change ringing—a task which demanded much time, skill and patience. On behalf of the Guild, Mr. Gilbert thanked Mr. Atkins for his years of service and reminded members of how fortunate they were in having for their ringing master one who, while eminent among ringers, was happy in the company of those whose only qualification was the desire to learn.

Beneath the record of the peals are the following tributes:—

WILLIAM A. CAVE has mastered all the arts of ringing and was a conductor supreme qualities on any number of bells. He had been honorary secretary and later Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and was an honorary member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers up to the time of his death. He was associated with this tower for 43 years.

STEPHEN H. WOOD was Master of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers 1926-7. He was honorary member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and a member of the Methods Committee of the Council. He was largely instrumental in founding the Scottish Association of Change Ringers and was instructor to this tower for some years.



## A Christmas Quiz for Ringers

Three book prizes are offered to the answers nearest the correct solution. Closing date January 1st, 1948. Envelopes to be addressed 'Christmas Quiz,' c/o The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

1. One English and one Welsh cathedral have a ring of bells in a detached tower. Both are rings of 8. Where are they?

2. What method can be called into rounds with only one call?

3. Which Cambridge Colleges have rings of bells?

4. On how many bells would a plain course of Kent Treble Bob amount to a peal of 5,040 changes?

5. Which tower has the greatest weight of bell metal in Great Britain?

6. To ring a peal in every county in England and Wales where would one have to ring a peal?

7. A band rang a peal at Westminster Abbey. How many times did the tenor bell revolve on its axis in one direction, while striking changes other than rounds, if the number of changes rung was 5,001?

8. Which of these carols, popular tunes, may be chimed correctly on an ordinary ring of 8 bells? 'Good King Wenceslas'; 'Noel'; 'While Shepherds Watched'; 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing.'

9. After a ringer had written out a 720 of Bob Minor in one column, rounds only at the end, his wife thinking he was going to add them up did this for him. What was her result?

10. To celebrate Christmas our friends, the Bell family, rang a plain course of Bob Major at their church, which has 8 bells, the ropes falling in a perfect circle, in correct order. As they were ringing I noted the following:

Mary said to Walter, 'I take you off now.'

Mary and Sue dodged together in 3-4.

Walter nearly missed his dodge with Eric.

Walter and William were ringing opposite one another.

Henry and Bertram dodged in 5-6 together.

Henry stood opposite Eric.

John was not opposite Sue.

William never dodged with Walter.

Neither lady can ring the back 3 bells. Which was each ringing? 'KEWSETT.'

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION MEETING AT HARSTON.

Nineteen members and friends attended a meeting of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Harston on Nov. 29th, the following towers being represented: Battle (Sussex), Cambridge, Chrishall, Fulbourn, Harston, Little Shelford, Sawston and Trumpington.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. C. Askham), who extended a very warm welcome. An excellent tea followed at the Pemberton Arms.

During the business meeting, presided over by Mr. Cook, the elections of the following non-resident life members at recent peals were ratified: Miss B. Whistler, of Battle (Sussex), Mr. P. M. Freeman, of Lincoln, and Mr. R. Heath, of Newmarket.

Next meeting is the district annual at Cambridge in January.

### Dorset Ringers' Enterprise

Sunday, November 23rd, was observed as Ringers' Sunday at Fordington St. George, Dorchester, and marked the launching of the £220 appeal to rehang the bells, which are the oldest in the town. A very mellow though hard going ring of six, they had long been silent until in May a new band was formed, and although all are beginners, with the exception of the captain and vice-captain, they have made good progress.

Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who recently inspected the belfry, gave as their opinion that £220 was needed to put the bells in good ringing order, and the ringers have pledged themselves to raise this amount. They actually got going on the appeal—for 2,000 half-crowns—2-3 weeks before the Ringers' Sunday and made a promising start.

Mr. Charles Turner, a ringer at Charminster, and Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, were the preachers, and at both morning and evening services the ringers rang handbell touches of Grandsire Doubles and played a couple of hymn tunes—innovations which were much appreciated by the congregations.

Collections for these services were for the bell appeal fund, and by the end of the month the Fordington ringers had reached £70—one-third of their target.

Visiting ringers to the tower will remember it for two very fine pre-Reformation bells (the 3rd and 5th), which are among the oldest in Dorset. Would anyone who cares to help a keen and youthful band in their effort to restore these bells please send their donation to the correspondent, J. B. Whalley, 2, Chestnut Villas, Dorchester?

### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers who fail this week-end to send their remittances to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, will be replaced from our waiting list of subscribers.

## ANOTHER RINGERS' CROSSWORD

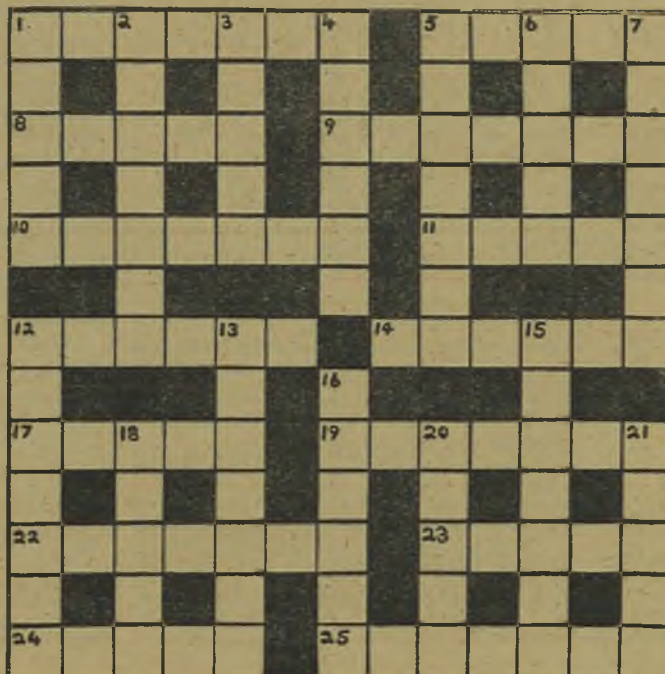
By 'KEWSETT'

### THE MINSTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting held last Saturday attracted 60 members, and visitors, including two from (1 across), that fine detached tower with a ring of ten in Suffolk; and one from the Welsh ring of ten at (2 down).

The accounts had been (19 across) by the secretary, and when the chairman had (12 across) his pen, the minutes were signed.

Mr. Smith of (15 down), Herts, had been invited to say a few (5 across) on teaching beginners. He spoke of how he had (10 across) up enthusiasm and had planted (6 down) so deep that his band had taken all in their (4 down) and could now ring (12 down) Surprise. 'Nothing,' said Mr. Smith, '(18 down) keenness so much as to (12 across) beginners with advanced theory. The instructor must (7 down) the needs of elementary teaching first, or else he, and not his pupils, will be the (3 down). Also, the only permissible (8 across)



to attract learners are promises of a hobby of interest and service.'

Mention was made of the (1 down) at Barton, recently given. There were no ringers, and the Vicar wanted them to (9 across) the old year. The secretary rose to (14 across) this had not already been arranged, and a motion was (16 down) that it should be done.

A report on the ringing at Whitchurch was given. Ringing there has ceased, the belfry (5 down) are blocked with nests, the (13 down) are dangerous to use, and only the ting-tang rings its (20 down). At one time Whitchurch was an (11 across) of ringing in the desert, but now the (25 across) hour has come when the bells are silent. The bearings had to be (21 down) with castor oil recently, and if the neglect (24 across) the ring will be lost. Men of action, and not (22 across) were needed.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of his Parish (23 across).



## OBITUARY

### MR. FRED CHALK.

Whilst reading 'The Ringing World' on November 29th, Mr. Fred Chalk, of Heybridge, Essex, collapsed and died. He was at work the previous day for Messrs. Bentall and Co., on whose staff he had been for 58 years. His age was 72.

A member of an old ringing family, Mr. Chalk's father helped to form the Essex Association in 1879 and taught his nine children to ring on handbells. Mr. Fred Chalk was a regular service ringer at All Saints', Maldon, and had rung about 100 peals.

The funeral service at All Saints' Church on December 4th preceded interment at Langford, Mr. Chalk's native village. A course of Grandshire Triples was rung over the grave by Miss A. F. Waldoock 1-2, J. D. Buckingham 3-4, H. J. Mansfield 5-6, C. J. Mann 7-8. Other ringers present were Messrs. A. South, S. Easter, S. Linnett, E. Richardson, W. Chalk, W. H. Chalk, P. Chalk and P. A. Chalk.

### MR. F. BLAGDEN TOMPKINS.

With the passing of Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the Sussex County Association has lost another of its old and valued members. Mr. Tompkins, who died on December 6th, was elected a member of Chichester Cathedral band in 1890; he held the office of hon. treasurer of the S.C.A. from 1895 (in succession to the Rev. R. F. Tompkins) until 1908, when, on the departure of G. F. Attree for Canada, he was elected Master, which position he held until 1919 when he resigned, to be succeeded by Mr. J. T. Rickman. He was also delegate to the Central Council (1905-1913), trustee of funds (1916-1947) and vice-president (1920-1947). His position as senior partner of an old established firm of solicitors enabled him to give valuable advice and guidance to the Association.

Among his many public appointments were those of clerk to the Chichester City magistrates for almost 50 years, clerk to the old Guardians Committee, Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Coroner, Superintendent Registrar and clerk to the Vagrancy Committee, also clerk to a large number of local charities. He was also a special constable for many years and Superintendent of Chichester 'Specials' for the first two years of World War II.

He leaves a son and daughter, his wife having died several years ago.

At the funeral service on December 10th at St. Pancras' Church, Chichester, the Association was represented by the Master (Mr. F. I. Hairs), the hon. general secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong), Mr. R. G. Blackman and others. Half-muffled ringing took place at the Cathedral in the evening. F.I.H.

### SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The Southern District's annual meeting was held at Baglan on December 6th. The six bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Ll. Jones), who is himself learning to ring with his new band.

The business meeting followed tea. Mr. E. Stith was re-elected secretary for the 21st time, Mr. T. M. Roderick auditor, and one life and nine ringing members from Baglan were elected. Ringing was kept going until about 8 p.m., methods rung ranging from Doubles to Surprise Minor.

### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Over 50 members and friends attended the meeting at Brierley Hill on December 6th. The Rector (the Rev. C. N. Crowther-Green) conducted a short service and presided at the meeting which followed.

Three new members were elected. The next meeting (annual) will be held at Dudley in March. The members stood in silence in memory of Robert Matthews. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, organist and ladies who had served tea.

## Salisbury Diocesan Guild

### MAYOR AND RINGER-BRIDPORT'S MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on December 6th, with an attendance of about 50 representing Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Burton Bradstock, Evershot, Litton Cheney, Loders, Lyme Regis and Powerstock, with visitors from Abbotsbury, Wimborne, Frome and Hardington.

Before the service in church the Rector of Bridport ascended the tower with the churchwardens, and in the presence of Mrs. Northover and members of her family, dedicated a tablet, unveiled by Mr. C. Crabbe, commemorating the late Mr. W. S. B. Northover, who had been not only a prominent citizen of the town and one time Mayor, but also a devoted ringer for over 50 years. Immediately following the dedication, members of the Bridport tower rang a short touch of call changes to his memory.

The Rector, Canon G. C. Clare, conducted the service and gave a helpful address. At the business meeting, following an ample meat tea, in the Church House, the chairman of the branch, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, was supported by the Rector, Col. Yeo (churchwarden) and the Rev. B. N. Carver.

Mr. C. H. Lathey (hon. secretary) presented the accounts, showing a balance in hand of £17 11s. 7d., apart from subscriptions still outstanding. Members received his consent to offer himself for re-election with acclamation. The following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Lathey; Ringing Master, Mr. H. D. W. Bishop. It was resolved that in future only two deputy ringing masters should be elected, Mr. H. G. Keeley and Mr. J. Barrett being chosen. Mr. Critchard kindly offered to assist the hon. secretary in every way possible, and this offer was warmly received.

Two new members were elected from Beaminster, one from Lyme Regis, three from Bridport and four from Powerstock. Canon G. C. Clare was elected as an hon. member.

Owing to the petrol restrictions, quarterly meetings were proposed as near the bus routes as possible, viz., at Loders, Beaminster, Symondsbury and Powerstock, with the annual at Bridport.

Both Loders and Bridport towers asked for the help of an instructor in change ringing and they were promised assistance by other towers next year.

The chairman voiced the thanks of all to the Rector of Bridport for his welcome and interest, and at the same time welcomed him in his new sphere of work, following Canon L. Barlett, who had always been such a good friend to the Guild. Thanks were also accorded Mr. Elsworth, the organist, Mr. C. H. Lathey, hon. secretary, and the caterers.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds and call changes to Triples and Major in the standard methods.

### LEICESTER GUILD AND LADIES GUILD

A joint meeting of the Loughborough District and the Midland District of the above Guilds was held at Shepshed on November 29th. About 35 ringers and friends attended. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. C. Hunt), and Mr. Paul Taylor (chairman of the Loughborough District) read the lesson.

Tea was served in the Charnwood Cafe, after which the respective meetings were held. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to Grandshire and Stedman Triples, Bob Minor and Major, and Double Norwich.

ST. IVES, HUNTS. — At All Saints'. Bob Major and Bob Minor: Rev. B. F. Sheppard, J. P. Stocker, H. W. Pratt, L. W. Fisher, C. Goodyer, Wm. Ransome, sen. and jun., G. L. Perkins, John Perkins, F. Warrington (cond.)

## Royal Wedding Quarter-peals

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — 1,260 Minor (60 Oxford, 720 Kent, 480 Plain Bob): K. Everett 1, E. J. Howard 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, A. Putland 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS. — 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob): S. Keach (first quarter) 1, R. Dacle (first inside) 2, Miss S. Earl 3, Miss E. Walklate 4, Miss J. Saddington 5, G. Watson (cond.) 6.

CHISELDON, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Sgt. J. R. Worrall 1, C. E. Williams 2, B. Thompson 3, Sgt. W. E. Mashiter (first quarter) 4, S. C. Archer 5, A. H. Atwell 6. B. Thompson and S. C. Archer were joint conductors.

LEYTON, LONDON. — 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary's Church: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, C. W. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. W. Otley 6, E. W. Furbanks 7, E. D. Smith 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — At St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Ann Thomas 1, E. S. Hawker 2, C. W. H. Powell 3, S. H. Green 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, Rev. C. C. Cox 7, C. E. Tett 8.

MANCHESTER. — At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandshire Caters: R. Airey 1, C. Fairley 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, H. Hollingworth 4, J. Hague 5, A. Ridyard 6, H. Ludkin (cond.) 7, B. Walshaw 8, R. Langdon 9, G. Pye 10.

NORTH MARSTON, BUCKS. — 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. F. Gibbard (cond.) 1, W. Woodford 2, G. Edmans 3, A. Sheppard 4, H. France 5, F. Gregory 6. First quarter in method by all.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS. — 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. T. J. Lock 1, T. J. Lock 2, G. A. Spencer 3, E. Sprague 4, B. Cornell 5, A. Lawrence 6, D. C. Price (first as conductor) 7, W. J. Arnold 8.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY, N.S.W. — 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Ray B. Altass 1, Norman G. Robinson 2, Miss R. Donnelly 3, Ian A. Napper 4, R. S. Rowe (cond.) 5, J. Duncan 6, W. M. Rowe 7, E. W. Wright 8. First quarter of Triples by all the band and for the Association.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Beryl Strange (first quarter) 1, J. Manners 2, T. I. Holborow 3, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 4, W. M. Greenaway 5, L. Hedges 6.

SHERBORNE, HANTS. — 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: D. Oliver (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Englefield (first inside) 2, Miss B. Perry 3, E. A. Smith 4, D. Fraser (first as conductor) 5, Miss B. Miles 6.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss L. Wilson 1, B. Heaseman 2, Mrs. G. P. Elphick 3, G. P. Elphick 4, H. James 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. W. E. Daw (cond.) 7, F. J. Cress 8.

SPRINGFIELD, CHELMSFORD. — 1,080 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, Miss J. Thomas (first quarter-peal) 2, Miss A. White 3, E. Runter (cond.) 4, R. Thrift 5, H. Devenish 6.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — At St. Anne's Church, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Rowe 1, A. Butler 2, G. Carter 3, J. Peyton 4, T. Bevan 5, F. Barker (cond.) 6.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS. — 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Mrs. G. Franklin 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, Miss M. Clarke 3, C. Hall 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5, K. Holtom 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX. — At St. Mary's, 1,264 Bob Major: L. H. Bowler (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, E. Lankester 3, Mrs. E. Lankester 4, R. G. Spears 5, M. Hodgson 6, E. H. Kirby 7, A. Cutler 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX. — 1,260 Bob Minor, followed by 216 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Balls 1, J. Edwards 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, W. Gusterson 4, L. Mills 5, F. Clarke 6.



## Christmas Greetings

To all bellringers, Christmas and New Year greetings.—A. R. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Holy Trinity Bellringers Association, Hobart, Tasmania.

To all ringing friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Royal Grammar School, Guildford. 2753

Wishing all our ringing friends a joyful Christmas with many happy memories of the past and good hunting for 1948 from Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bullen, 39a, High Street, Ely, Cambs. 2769

Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1948 to all our ringing friends.—From the Rector and ringers of St. John-the-Evangelist Church, Slimbridge, Glos.—H. J. Hobbs (captain). 2768

'Fear not, I bring you tidings of great joy.' Warmest Christmas love to Ian from the Seven Spuds and ringers at Hempsted. The bells are ringing; keep your bell up. 2765

St. David's Guild.—Greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all members and ringing friends.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 2764

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Swann, 5, Heathlands Road, Sutton Coldfield. 2770

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and happy New Year from Francis S. Wilson to his old friends in Portsea, Swindon, Devizes, Abergavenny, Newport, Mon., Cardiff, Ludlow, Bridge-north, Guildford, Tewkesbury, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham, Diss (Norfolk), Wincanton, Easebourne, and, last but not least, to his new friends since 1940 at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth. 50 years of ringing.) 2758

To 'The Ringing World' and all ringers, greetings from C. H. Webb, Coventry. 2774

To all our friends, a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 1948, from Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 2773

Happy Christmas wishes and a peaceful New Year to all ringers, especially to my son, Stuart Smith, serving in Germany. Hoping to see you soon, son.—From all at 79, Williams Lane, Accrington. 2772

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston, extend best Christmas and New Year greetings to members of Dudley and District Guild and all ringing friends. 2776

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wolstencroft send greetings to their friends and wish them a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 2775

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends.—Hilda G. Snowden, Halstead. 2777

A happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be.—W. D. (Bill) Ashdown, Beare Cottage, Dog Village, Broadclyst, Exeter. 2778

Hearty good wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends far and near.—Fredk. White, 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells. 2779

To old and new friends, greetings for Christmas and wishes for a 'far, far better' New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Burgess Hill. 2780

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild (Southern District).—To all ringers and friends. Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 2781

My very best wishes to all ringing friends of Doulting tower for a happy Christmas and peace in the New Year.—John Albert Smith, Doulting, Shepton Mallet. 2782

Don Mears, Hitchin, sends hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, especially those who extended such hospitality to him during the war years. 2798

To all my friends and acquaintances, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Times change, and we with times, But not in ways of friendship.—John Fowler, Cookham. 2795

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ayre, Leverstock Green, wish all members of the Hertford County Association and friends throughout the country a merry Christmas with good health and prosperity in 1948. 2793

Mrs. A. Richardson and Enid send Christmas greetings to all friends at home and in Australia.—Glyn Garth, Surfleet. 2792

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray. 2788

To all loyal Sunday service ringers, pealers or otherwise, particularly those 'teen agers who are doing such wonderful work each week (ears up top). You are all made of the right stuff, so make haste slowly, remembering that good rounds or call changes are better than poor Surprise. We here all wish you the best ever.—George Gilbert, Burnham, Bucks. 2791

Christmas and New Year greetings to friends, home and overseas.—Thomas G. Myers, Plymouth, Devon. 2789

To the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Elmbank Road, Liverpool 15.—Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.—From the bellringers, St. Chad's, Norton-in-Hales, Shropshire (Archie Harrison, captain). 2786

Hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 2785

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to fellow-Cumberlands and all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent. 2804

Wishing all our ringing friends the compliments of the season.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen, Virginia Cottages, Donington, Spalding, Lincs. 2805

To all ringing friends, very hearty Christmas greetings with sincere wishes for a happy New Year.—G. R. Newton. 2807

To the Master and members of Suffolk Guild, to all ringers and old acquaintances in Beds and Herts, hearty greetings.—Archie Fitch, Sudbury, Suffolk. 2809

Hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. 2801

Hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1948 to all ringing friends, old and new.—T. Groombridge, sen. and jun. 2802

We send Christmas and New Year greetings to all old and new friends, near and far.—From St. Margaret's, Barking. 2814

Greetings for Christmas and the coming year to all ringing friends.—Charles J. Sedgley, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 2813

Christmas greetings and best wishes to all ringing friends, especially members of Beverley and District Ringing Society.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Champney Road, Beverley. 2808

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## MEETINGS

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. —Next meeting Twickenham, Sat., Dec. 20th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. No tea.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Perivale 5320. 2745

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. —Meeting at Measham, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) at 3. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 2767

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting Sat., Dec. 20th, at Ramsbottom. Bells from 3. 2796

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Boyne Hill, Sat., Dec. 27th, 6 to 9.—A. D. Barker, Slough 23260. 2803

DERBYSHIRE ASSN. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Duffield, Dec. 27th, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—W. A. Parsons, Dis. Hon. Sec. 2815

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Practice meeting Pinchbeck, Sat., Jan. 3rd, 6. Cambridge Major and Grandsire Triples. 2806

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting Mildenhall, Sat., Dec. 27th. Bells (10) available at 2.30. Tea 4.30. Please advise district secretary. All ringers and beginners invited to attend.—R. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 2799

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting Sat., Jan. 3rd, Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, 6.15 prompt. Ringing at St. Martin's (12) from 4.30 to 6.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 2810

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 3rd, 3. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 2783

MIDDLESEX ASSN. — Meeting St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, N.15, on Sat., Jan. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.45, with tea and business to follow. Approach via Manor House; 1½d. fare on trolley bus, routes 659 or 679, to St. Anne's Road Station, turn left and three minutes' walk.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2794

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Feniton, Jan. 10th. Service 4. Business and tea after. Names for tea not later than Dec. 31st.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 2787

ST. LUKE'S, BROMLEY, KENT. —Mr. A. Purdom having left the district, the St. Luke's ringers have appointed P. J. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley, to act as the local secretary. 2771

ESSEX ASSN.—A.G.M., White Monday, 1948. Preliminary notice. Members are reminded that notices of motion and nominations for officers, sponsored by two members (with names and addresses), must be sent to me by Feb. 1st, 1948.—R. C. Heazel, Hon. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham. 2812

WEST HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: S. Childs 1, T. Bannister 2, H. Impey 3, W. Honor 4, P. E. Jones 5, F. Corke (cond.) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich: H. Herbert 1, A. Fitch 2, W. Scott (first in method) 3, T. Bird 4, C. Clarke 5, L. Johnson 6, A. Haynes (first in method) 7, D. H. Elliott (cond.) 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Best 1, P. J. Goldsworthy 2, J. E. Daniels 3, Miss F. M. Child 4, G. E. Evenden 5, A. J. Butler 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, P. A. Hunt 8. First quarter of Stedman by 2, 3 and 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. M. Freeman (first quarter) 1, E. J. Lindley (first of Stedman as conductor) 2, M. R. D. Harford 3, J. B. Rowsell 4, J. F. Moor 5, G. Dodds 6, S. E. Darmon 7, R. Leigh 8. First of Stedman by 4 and 5.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hopwood 1, A. Frost 2, F. R. Harris 3, A. Clarke 4, A. Cairns 5, H. Cook 6, E. A. Jackson (cond.) 7, V. Excelbey 8. First quarter by 1, 6 and 8.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cornelius 1, H. Perry 2, D. R. Best 3, J. T. Lock 4, R. Welch 5, F. Welch 6, R. Beale (cond.) 7, T. Priddle (first quarter) 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 29th at the Church of the Holy Cross, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Perry 1, J. Webb 2, E. G. Orland 3, S. Osborne 4, E. Lines 5, S. M. Ruddlesden 6, R. G. Care (cond.) 7, K. R. Holton 8. First quarter of Triples by all except 7 and 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Bishop 1, A. H. Webb 2, H. K. White 3, J. Gordon 4, E. R. Robey 5, H. L. Bishop 6, B. J. L. Brown 7, R. B. Blond (first in method as cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS. — On Nov. 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: C. Fennell (first quarter) 1, J. Mason 2, M. Mason 3, P. Mason 4, R. N. Elliott (cond.) 5, D. Mason 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Canon G. F. Coleridge.

MORTON, DERBY. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (360 Cambridge, 360 Kent, 360 Oxford and 180 Bob Minor): E. Gough (first quarter) 1, M. Richards 2, P. Wright 3, G. Holdgate 4, E. Stirland 5, B. Richards (cond.) 6. First quarter in methods by all ringers.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: J. F. Smallwood 1, J. Chilcott 2, M. Chilcott 3, G. Atsop 4, W. Langdon 5, W. J. Paice 6, H. Belcher 7, H. M. Page 8, H. Langdon (cond.) 9, F. Asprey (first quarter on ten) 10.

## Christmas Greetings—continued

The season's greetings to all, whether at home or abroad. Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting all friends in the near future.—W. T. Elson, 59, Pursers Cross Road, S.W.6. 2784

To all our ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 2816

Greetings, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to our readers everywhere. Hoping to see you all in 1948.—From the All Saints' (Isleworth) band (Sheila Harris, Sec.). 2811

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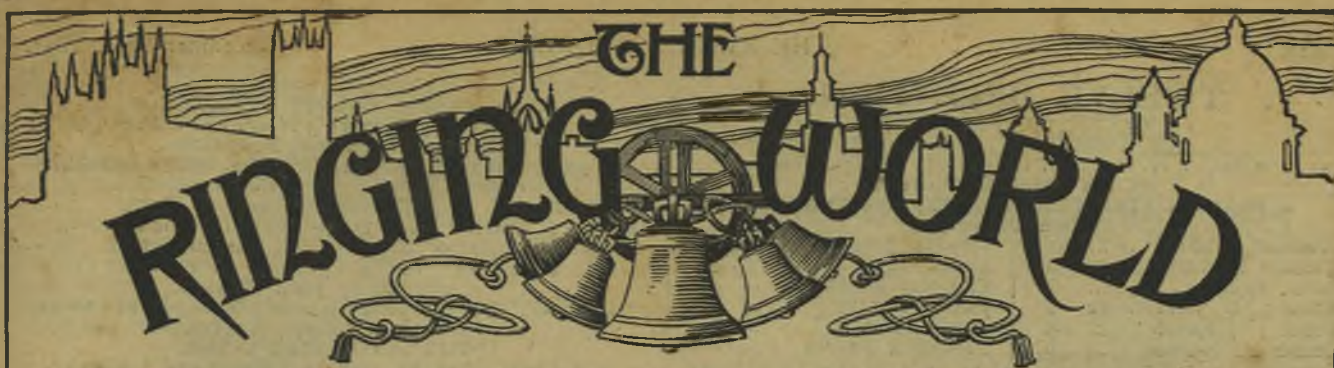
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## 'THE CHURCH AND ART'

UNDER the above title the Central Council for the Care of Churches published this week their tenth report, a comprehensive survey of how our great cathedrals withstood the damages of war and also principles for general guidance of Diocesan Advisory Committees and Churchwardens on the care of churches. References are made to church bells and, while much of the information is of general knowledge to ringers, the comments will be of special interest.

What bells have we lost during the war asks the compiler of the report. We quote: 'First, perhaps, the well-known bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. In this case the bells were not those long familiar and recorded for wireless broadcasting, but a modern ring. More serious losses are splendid rings by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and St. Nicholas', Bristol. Another fine ring by the same founder was that of St. Dunstan-in-the-East; one which survived of these bells is to go to Canberra, in Australia. The ring of eight at St. Lawrence Jewry is gone, and also that of Whitechapel. There is little doubt but that these famous rings in the City of London will be replaced.'

The report goes on: 'It is often pointed out that modern tuning methods are usually undesirable where ancient bells are concerned. But such treatment is possible in the case of 19th-century rings, and has just been successfully applied to a light ring of eight at St. Katharine's, Feltham.'

'But bell losses might have been much greater. The bells of Exeter Cathedral are untouched, so are those of St. Paul's, London, Canterbury, Lincoln, York, Westminster Abbey and St. Martin's-in-the-Field, and, indeed, the great majority of our ringing bells. Even at Coventry, where so much else went, the bells were untouched. Of ancient or mediæval bells, as far as our information goes, we have lost none or, at the worst, next to none.' As to protective measures in war time the report states that the earliest bells in the City of London were sent to Cleve Abbey, West Somerset, where they still remain for the present. They include mediæval bells from St. Bartholomew-the-Great and St. Bartholomew-the-Less, and early examples from the Whitechapel Foundry belonging to St. Andrew Undershaft.

At present there is only one member with a direct interest in ringing—the Rev. E. G. Benson—on the Central Council for the Care of Churches. Our Council should have direct representation or liaison with this body; the experts of our art could make a useful contribution.



## TWELVE BELL PEAL

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 35½ cwt.

WILLIAM BARTON ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
JOHN THORPE ... .. 3	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 10
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SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 6	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

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First peal on the bells since being recast and relung.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. Treble	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 6
ALBERT M. TYLER ... .. 2	HENRY J. SANGER ... .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 8
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ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. M. TYLER.

In memoriam Stephen H. Wood, killed by enemy action November 24th, 1940.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	*ROGER O. FRY ... .. 8
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 9
FRANK A. PENN ... .. 5	†T. MARK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5013 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

JOHN FREEMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
MISS BETTY BROWN ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ELHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

Carter's Twelve-part.	
JOHN W. UNWIN ... .. Treble	*CYRIL E. BUESDEN ... 5
*MISS D. M. JENNER ... 2	*R. GEORGE FRENCH ... 6
*DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE ... 3	*EDWARD J. WELLS ... 7
FRANK VERNEY ... .. 4	†AUSTIN KEMP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON ... Treble	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TAPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.
*SIDNEY BAILEY ... .. Treble	†SIDNEY G. SMITH ... 5
ALBERT A. EASTON ... .. 2	JOHN DOWNING ... .. 6
FREDK. N. SMEATON ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 7
SYDNEY C. DRIVER ... .. 4	JOHN E. PENNELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN DOWNING.

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

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 19 cwt.
E. REGINALD RETTER ... Treble	JOHN SALWAY ... .. 5
REGINALD WOODLEY ... 2	CHARLES J. TURNER ... 6
MISS Q. PRING ... .. 3	GEORGE E. RETTER ... 7
WILLIAM REEKS ... .. 4	ERNEST E. RETTER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

In memoriam Mrs. R. Howay, late member of the local band. Died November 27th, 1946.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 23½ cwt.
*KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 6
*PETER C. WRIGHT ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
JOHN E. JUDGE ... .. 4	H. PETER RAYNOR ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 400th peal.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE ... Treble	GORDON BENFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 2	ARTHUR C. WALSH ... 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 5
ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Treble	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 2	DAVID MACKAY ... .. 6
DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by A. H. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5'
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

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



LANCASTER. LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Peter,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD RAINFORD ... Treble	JAMES E. BURLS ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
JOHN WOODS ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.  
First peal of Major on the bells.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... 5
LEONARD WILLIAMS ... 2	NORMAN INSKIP ... 6
DONALD C. MEARS ... 3	SIDNEY FOSKET ... 7
REGINALD WEST ... 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*FREDK. A. SALTER ... Treble	COLIN HARRISON ... 5
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.  
\* First peal in the method. To welcome the Rev. F. J. BOSS.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... Treble	*MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4	ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ... Treble	*RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 5
S. FRANK TUFFLEY ... 2	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	MARK ROSIER ... 7
REGINALD F. CROOK ... 4	REGINALD W. REX ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.  
\* First peal of Major.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 18 cwt.
MRS. J. COTTERELL ... Treble	CLEMENT GLENN ... 5
*HARRY C. WALTERS ... 2	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 6
BERNARD MOODY ... 3	FRED NEWTON ... 7
JOHN H. LENTON ... 4	HARRY NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* 50th peal of Steedman Triples.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Middleton's.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

In memoriam W. C. Rumsey on the anniversary of his death.

SIX BELL PEALS

BUCKNALL STAFFORDSHIRE

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being one extent each of Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS M. FLACKETT ... Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 4
WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 2	REGINALD O. PRESTON ... 5
F. WM. GROCOTT, SEN. ... 3	*F. W. GROCOTT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. 81 bobs. 48 singles. Tenor 15 cwt.

*STANLEY GILBERT ... Treble	FRANK W. LACK ... 4
*PETER BORDER ... 2	HERBERT FIELDS ... 5
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

COUNTSTHORPE LEICESTERSHIRE

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being three extents of Kent and four extents of Plain Bob.	
BERT HUBBARD ... Treble	NEVILLE MOVES ... 4
*JILL POOLE ... 2	JOHN T. MORRIS ... 5
R. T. E. HUBBARD ... 3	*PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Minor.

KEMPSTON BEDFORDSHIRE

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WALTER IZZARD ... Treble	PEARL INSKIP ... 4
CLIFFORD IZZARD ... 2	ERNEST FREEMAN ... 5
GEORGE HUTCHINGS ... 3	CYRIL A. PRINDIVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. PRINDIVILLE.

\* First peal.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Nov. 18 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

*ARTHUR SHEPPARD ... Treble	GIRLING RIGBY ... 4
*DENNIS CARLISLE ... 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 5
PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

PEASEMORE, BERKSHIRE

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., Nov. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

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

Seven different 720's.	Tenor 9 cwt.
*RICHARD G. ALLEN ... Treble	*S. FRANK TUFFLEY ... 4
MARK ROSIER ... 2	*REGINALD F. CROOK ... 5
*JAMES W. WILSON ... 3	CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL J. HIBBERT.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Minor. First of Bob Minor as conductor. Ring for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

WORTH, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Seven different 720's.	
JAMES LAKER ... Treble	CHARLIE STONER ... 4
LESLIE JUPP ... 2	ERIC KNAPP ... 5
ARTHUR STONER ... 3	ALBERT E. LAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LAKER.



### BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being two 2,160's (C.C.O. Nos. 152 and 153) and one 720 (C.C.O. No. 150).

JAMES THORLEY ... .. Treble	FRANK REED, R.A.F. ... 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 2	FRANK LAMB ... .. 5
ERNEST THORLEY ... 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

A farewell to Frank Reed prior to his leaving for the Far East.  
WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

*M. G. COLLINS (13) ... Treble	BERT STANDEN ... .. 4
FRANK H. HICKS ... 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
†BENJAMIN STEPNEY ... 3	†ALBERT ELLIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal. † First of Grandsire. In memoriam Mrs. M. Baker.

### MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
An extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleed and Cambridge.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 4
*MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
MISS BETTY SPICE ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

\* 250th peal.

### GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

### THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... Treble	*MISS ENID WALKLATE ... 4
*JOHN SHATFORD ... 2	ERIC NOBLES ... .. 5
ERNEST WHITMORE ... 3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal in five methods.

### BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.

### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

JACK MUSSELL ... .. Treble	PETER D. WENHAM ... 4
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
*DAVID R. REED ... 3	PETER ANGER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal of Minor.

### HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON ... 4
ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 2	*HORACE BENNETT ... 5
JOHN G. AMES ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal in five methods on an 'inside' bell.

### SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 each of Norfolk, Cambridge, Beverley, London, Primrose, Ipswich and York.

JAMES H. MUSSON ... Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4
CHARLES WOOD ... 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 5
CECIL WADE ... 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

### MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven 720's called differently.

HARRY J. HALL ... .. Treble	FREDK. W. MIDDLETON ... 4
HENRY TOOKE ... 2	LEONARD G. TOOKE ... 5
MRS. F. C. GOODMAN ... 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

In memoriam Herbert G. Lake, member of local company.

### CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

HARRY PURCHASE ... .. Treble	GEORGE SPARKES ... .. 4
*SYDNEY SMITH ... 2	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 5
STANLEY BRISTOW ... 3	EDGAR QUICKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.

\* First peal in the method.

## HANDBELL PEALS

### NOTTINGHAM.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven 720's each called differently.

PETER NIX ... .. 1-2	WALTER F. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sun., Nov. 16, 1947, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

AT 92, ETWALL ROAD, HALL GREEN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different 720's.

MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT 14, ASTON LANE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;**  
Tenor size 15 in C.

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 1-2	ALAN SHORT ... .. 5-6
FRED PRICE ... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7-8

MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: Frederick W. Rushworth.

A farewell peal to Fred Price, who is leaving the district.

### BUSHEY, HRTS.

### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2

HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6	
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CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8
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Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

### THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Half's Original

*HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 1-2	†FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	†HAROLD A. MAY ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal on eight 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

### BOURNEMOUTH.

### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'



# 'THE RINGING WORLD'

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

A list that denotes rare achievement is the 400 peals of Mr. Walter F. Judge, of Oxford. For details see next week.

Leicester handbell enthusiasts remembered Mr. James George's birthday. There was a peal on the eve.

The Ladies' Guild will note with pleasure that Miss Evelyn Steel has rung her 250th peal—seven Surprise Minor methods.

To peal ringers we would say have patience. We have 149 in hand at the time of writing. As far as possible publication will be in chronological order.

The first peal on the recast bells of Wakefield Cathedral was a silver wedding compliment to the Provost, the Very Rev. N. T. Hopkins, who gave such encouragement to their restoration.

'Aristophanes' is reminded that a rule governing the publication of letters is that the name and address of the sender must be forwarded to the Editor. The Editor is not an expert at guessing handwriting.

Sympathy is expressed with Mr. R. O. Fry, of Bath, who was taken suddenly ill last week-end. He was to have conducted in a peal attempt at Sherborne Abbey last Saturday. Because of his illness the attempt has been postponed.

We regret this is an eight-page issue. Unfortunately there are others to come, as the ration received from the Paper Controller is not what we anticipated. It is probable that 'The Ringing World' will alternate between eight and twelve page issues.

Steps are being taken to maintain interest. To conserve space, Notices are being set in a smaller type. May we remind secretaries that the charge is still one penny a word (minimum 2s.). Counting was particularly bad during the Christmas rush.

The peal at Seal, Kent, is the first peal on the bells since 1898 and was rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and Mr. H. J. Ford, the only two surviving members of the band which rang that peal, the first on the bells.

In connection with the Nativity play at Kilburn Parish Church from December 30th to January 2nd, there will be ringing each evening. Mr. E. M. Atkins, of 18, Westbere Road, N.W.2, appeals for volunteers to ensure that a complete band will be available each evening. He would welcome information of attendance in advance (phone Hampstead 4510).

Veteran of the South Wigston band is Mr. John Clarke, who has been ringing there regularly since the bells were installed in 1901. On December 7th he called 1,260 Grandsire Triples in celebration of his 79th birthday, the ringers being R. Perry 1, G. Deacon 2, J. E. Clarke 3, C. Marshall 4, A. Bodycote 5, A. Patrick 6, J. L. Willars 7, F. Ford 8.

To mark the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, a peal of Belgrave Surprise Major was rung at Chilvers Coton. Those taking part were the Master, a former Master, the general secretary, a former general secretary, two district secretaries and the auditor and committee member.

History for the Peterborough Guild was made by the peal at Tichmarsh, Northants, on Nov. 29th. It was the first peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob for the Guild and the first peal of Spliced Major, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor (Mr. George W. Jeffs). There was, however, a first or two left for the conductor—the first to 'circle' the tower and his first Treble Bob as conductor.

## The Banstead Peal

Dear Sir,—I, too, would like to congratulate the local band at Banstead on ringing a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.

To answer your query: Is there another tower in the country whose local band could ring this peal?

We have, at All Saints' Church, Oxford, a band who have progressed so far in Spliced Surprise ringing that eight and ten methods are rung regularly for Sunday service. On practice nights we are joined by some of St. Giles' ringers and university members, and have rung up to twelve methods spliced.

This local band is capable of ringing a peal in ten Surprise methods, but owing to two of its members not caring for peal ringing, no attempt has ever been made, though seven of its members—with the addition of Mr. Bennett, of St. Giles—have rung peals in four, five, six, eight (2) and ten methods.

Perhaps a short summary on how ringing in Oxford has reached its present high level would be of interest.

When the ban on ringing was lifted, there still existed in Oxford the nucleus of a pre-war band of Surprise ringers, and with the general public taking a more active interest in ringing, recruits began to come along and rapid progress was made. This progress, in the early days, was helped largely owing to the keenness of John Spice and a few other university members. If, at that time, the policy of the more advanced members had been a selfish one, a band could have been formed which, in a short space of time, could have rung almost any method. This would have been a grave mistake, for with the 'going down' of John and Betty Spice, Wilfrid Moreton, not to mention the secession from ringing of 'Dick' Post, the advanced ringing in Oxford would have broken up.

No, the policy of Oxford ringing has been a long term one. We have never neglected to teach recruits, and bring along the slow ones, until we have, besides the Spliced ringers, several ringing Surprise methods, and others in the Grandsire and Stedman stage. The combined ringers of the three active eight-bell towers also meet at 9 a.m. every Sunday and ring for the Cathedral services, when some good Grandsire and Stedman Cinques are rung.

The motto here is, 'Keep Teaching,' a motto which some of the experts would do well to adopt.—Yours faithfully, W. F. JUDGE.

54, Templar Road, Oxford.

## NEW ZEALAND AND ROYAL WEDDING

Dear Sir,—Arrangements were in hand for the Christchurch Cathedral Bellingers Society to ring on the occasion of the Royal Wedding, and the N.Z. Broadcasting Service were to make recordings of the ringing. It is with regret that we have to report that these arrangements were cancelled because of the tragic fire in Christchurch at the time; this fire is the worst one in the history of New Zealand. Forty-one people were burnt to death and the city was in mourning for a week; a civic funeral was held on the Sunday, when an undenominational service was held in the Christchurch Cathedral, at the conclusion of which the bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege left for the cemetery.

At a later date the N.Z. Broadcasting Service visited the belfry and made three recordings of the Cathedral bells, one being set changes on ten bells, consisting of Queen's, Whittington and Titum changes. The second one was a plain course of Grandsire Triples on the heavy eight bells, and the third recording was 120 Grandsire Doubles on the light six. It is proposed to use these recordings occasionally prior to church services that are being broadcast.

With best wishes to all ringers. Yours faithfully, G. N. SLOAN, Christchurch Cathedral Society.

## Royal Wedding Peals

### DEFINITION WANTED.

Dear Sir,—When is a 'Wedding Peal' not a 'Wedding Peal'?

This question is prompted by a careful perusal of the issues of 'The Ringing World' for December 5th and 12th, in which 158 peals, purporting to be 'Royal Wedding Peals,' have been published. Of these only 86 can, in my opinion, be regarded as such, having been actually rung on the day of the Royal Wedding. The remaining 72 appear to be just ordinary peals.

Perhaps the term 'Wedding Peal' is subject to a periodic elasticity in order that certain bands will have ample opportunity to get a peal in.

On referring to the issue of May 9th, 1947, it is noticeable that only five peals not rung on the Royal Birthday were classified as birthday peals, although many were rung within a few days of that date.

If this kind of 'date-stretching' is allowed to continue, the whole point of ringing for these special occasions will become a farce.

Whilst on the subject of Royal Peals, it is interesting to note that in only six towers were peals scored both on the 21st birthday and the wedding day of Her Royal Highness. This means that only a very few ringers managed to score a 'double.'—Yours faithfully,

Maidstone, Kent. G. F. CANTRILL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

A year of progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch at Leckhampton on December 13th. Mr. J. Ballinger was elected chairman for the coming year in succession to Mr. Dyer, other officers remaining as before.

The secretary reported that the year started with 73 members (27 in arrears) and ended with 84 (one in arrears). The branch had lost by death Mr. J. Causon, a founder member. Nine members had been written off after consultation with the towers concerned. Elections totalled 17, including the whole of the Childswickham band, and four rejoined.

Service ringing had been maintained in most towers. St. Mark's, unfortunately, had been prevented from ringing through damage to the spire caused by the gales of last winter. He understood the repairs were to be put in hand as soon as possible.

Members heard with regret of the serious illness of Mr. Walter Yeend, and that the Association was losing the Rev. N. E. Hope, who is moving into the Oxford Diocese. A committee was appointed to organise an outing on June 19th.

There were 42 ringers at the meeting from 12 towers, including several visitors. Tea was provided by the local band and helpers. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich.

## A PONTEFRAC CELEBRATION

Mr. Harry Walters, of Pontefract, has achieved his ambition to ring 50 peals of Stedman Triples, of which he has conducted 38. At the conclusion of the peal at his own tower on November 29th, Harry entertained the band and a few friends to a substantial supper. The Vicar of St. Giles' spoke in appreciation of Harry's long and untiring service to his church, and presented him with a fountain pen from his friends as a small token of appreciation of his good work. The evening passed all too quickly with recollections of past ringing experiences interspersed with handbell ringing and a touch of Stedman on the piano.

For some years Harry has been greatly handicapped owing to a mishap to his left hand, which cannot grasp the sally, and the tail end has to be hitched on to the hand with a short bight. His ringing is perforce limited to light, easy-going bells with short draught. His striking, notwithstanding his disability, is of the best.



## EVERARD SLADE POWELL

### AN APPRECIATION.

The recent death of the Rev. E. S. Powell has removed from the Exercise one whose contributions to the art of ringing have been considerable, both in the theoretical and practical fields.

At the time he was completing his education at Oxford at the turn of the century, E. S. Powell had not taken up ringing, nor did he do so until several years later. It appeared that mathematics was his strong point, for he was a scholar of Christ Church and later achieved a first class in Maths. Mods. and in his Final Schools. However, he desired to enter the Church and after taking Holy Orders he was appointed curate of Esher in 1899. In 1903 he was appointed curate of St. Thomas', Exeter, and it was here that he became attracted to ringing and learned to handle a bell.

His next move was to Holbeton, Devon, where he became Vicar from 1906-1926. During this time his interest and ability in all that pertains to ringing were developing and maturing, and it is not surprising to see him becoming general secretary of the Devon Guild (1913-1924) and the president of the same body (1924-1935). During the last few years of this presidency he held the Rectory of Clyst St. George (1928-1935), and he was always very proud of being Rector of the church which had previously been in the charge of H. T. Ellacombe.

It is by his work on the Methods Committee of the Central Council that he will perhaps be best remembered in future. He had begun to represent the Devon Guild on the Central Council in 1914, and in 1927 he was elected to the Methods Committee. Here with two others whose names are famous in the Exercise, H. Law James and J. Armiger Trollope, he was jointly responsible for the compilation of the Central Council's 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.' Later the committee, now consisting of E. S. Powell, J. A. Trollope and Stephen Wood issued a similar work—the 'Collection of Triples Methods'—and a notable contribution to this publication was E. S. Powell's work on Erin Triples.

In 1928 he married Miss Molly Davenport, of Sheffield, who was also a ringer, and for many years, in fact up to the time of his death, they were to have the great pleasure which accrues when husband and wife can share and actively pursue a common interest.

In 1932, taking the view that no up-to-date book existed by means of which newcomers to ringing might be introduced to the four standard methods, they undertook the joint authorship of 'The Ringer's Handbook,' which is still the standard work for beginners.

In 1933 E. S. Powell relinquished his residence in, but not his affection for, Devon, when the Dean of Christ Church offered him the living of Staverton, Northamptonshire, which he held till his retirement in 1946. His ability made itself as apparent in Northamptonshire as in Devon and in 1935 he became Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and remained so for 11 years.

While the Central Council publications and his own work have ensured for his talents in the theoretical field the profound respect of the Exercise, a visit to one of his practice nights, or, better still, membership of one of his bands, would engender much admiration for his qualities as a teacher. He had all the attributes which make for success in such a sphere, namely, a thorough knowledge of ringing, immense patience with a beginner, a notable sense of humour, an ability to impart knowledge and an insistence on good discipline, while his personal example as a ringer could hardly be bettered.

Needless to say, it would never have done if the bells of the churches in his charge had been unsuitable for good ringing, and he was instrumental in securing the rehanging of the bells at Holbeton and Staverton.

He was not, in his own words, a prolific peal ringer, as he cared more for teaching, and strangely enough he kept no records of his peals, but it is estimated that he rang between three and four hundred; of these he conducted a good many. He was an able conductor, possessing to a high degree the attribute of knowing everyone else's work as well as his own, and thus being able to correct trips quickly and confidently.

The peal of which perhaps he had the happiest memories was one of Grandsire Cinques rung entirely by Devon men at Exeter Cathedral on January 6th, 1926, and composed and conducted by himself. The time was 3 hours and 55 minutes, and the peal proceeded with scarcely a trip and felt most comfortable. It is believed that there has been no other peal of Grandsire Cinques at Exeter since that one.

At the beginning of 1947 he retired from active work and went to live in Somerset. In September he was visiting Sheffield and was ringing for evensong in Sheffield Cathedral when he gave up his bell and a few minutes later died peacefully.

Thus passed on in the surroundings that he would have wished a grand and great man who made the lives of many others the happier for his presence and who by the exercise of his gifts left richer the art of ringing.

December, 1947.

D.C.B.

## OBITUARY

### MR. W. A. COOPER.

The death took place on November 22nd at the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, of Mr. William Alfred Cooper, at the age of 78 years. He had been ailing for several months and went into hospital for a major operation, which proved to be too much for him to overcome. His remains were taken into St. Peter's Church for the service, and afterwards laid to rest in the Wolverhampton Cemetery.

William Cooper commenced ringing in his late teens at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, and later joined the Wednesbury band. When he retired from his occupation as fitter in the engineering business he moved to Wolverhampton, and took up the post of caretaker at the Girls' High School. He then became a member of the St. Peter's band, and so remained until he found the climbing of so many steps was too much for him. But he would not in appearance when he felt fit to do so. His total number of peals for the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was 127, several of which he conducted. He was a member of the R.A.O.B. (Earl Haig Lodge). H.K.

### MR. GEORGE HAYDEN.

The last survivor of the old All Saints' company, West Ham, Mr. George Hayden died on December 9th, aged 86. His passing was precipitated by a fall at his home a week previously.

A native of Braughing, Herts, he came to London about 60 years ago and joined the six-bell company at Leytonstone, where he remained for a few years. He then joined All Saints', West Ham, and was towerkeeper for many years. He had many peals on six, eight and ten bells to his credit and was an excellent striker.

The interment was in West Ham Cemetery on December 17th following a service held at All Saints' Church. Six of his ringing friends attended, viz., T. H. Taffender, R. W. Stannard, A. Prior, C. A. Hughes, J. Bullock and G. Dawson, four of whom rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells over the grave.

Our old friend will be greatly missed, as he had a cheerful word for everybody. May he rest in peace. G.D.

## QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE. — At St. Peter's Church on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. F. Trueman 1, J. B. Robinson 2, R. Wimperry 3, D. Ogden 4, R. Edwards (cond.) 5. R. Pickup (first quarter) 6.

EALING. — At St. Stephen's on Nov. 30th. 1,264 Bob Major: J. C. Birt 1, A. Jones 2, J. King 3, D. K. Judd 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (cond.) 5, K. L. Brown 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, F. A. Finch 8.

ENDERBY, LEICS. — On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Rivers 1, L. Rivers 2, J. Smith 3, J. Baines 4, W. Salt 5, G. Ball 6, A. Ballard (cond.) 7, J. Chapman 8. First quarter 1 and 8. First in method 2. First inside 5.

GLOUCESTER. — On Nov. 23rd, at St. Mary De-Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wright 1, T. Newman 2, H. Barnett 3, H. Austin 4, W. Sidwell 5, G. Case 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss B. J. Denton 1, Mrs. F. Hopgood 2, Miss S. E. Harris 3, E. Dodds 4, H. W. Rogers 5, D. J. Charnley 6, F. Hopgood 7, S. Croft (first quarter as cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1 and 4.

KILBURN, LONDON. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. M. Davies 1, E. Lankester 2, Miss M. Lane (first quarter inside) 3, Mrs. E. Lankester 4, Miss V. Look 5, T. Davies 6, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 7, J. Wilkins 8.

NORTON, GLOS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. W. Poulton 1, T. C. Arkell (first quarter) 2, C. Rouse (first as conductor) 3, S. W. Hughes 4, W. H. Poulton 5, H. E. Poulton 6. Rung half-muffled for the late Mrs. A. J. Cook.

OXFORD. — On Nov. 30th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, 1,260 Bob Minor: K. Higgins 1, A. Routh 2, P. Semmens 3, P. C. Wright 4, P. Raynor 5, C. J. Dickinson (cond.) 6. Members of Oxford University Society.

PITMINSTER, TAUNTON. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Burston 1, J. Summerhays (cond.) 2, R. Shire 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, P. Holway 6. First quarter of Stedman by local band together.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE. — On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. S. H. Jones 1, Miss Hemmings 2, J. Stennitt 3, H. Minion 4, S. H. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Minor 6. In memoriam to James Pagett.

ST. ALBANS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,330 Stedman Caters: H. E. C. Goodenough 1, Miss B. Lavton (first quarter of Caters) 2, J. G. Blow 3, D. A. Bawles 4, L. T. Hansell 5, T. A. Blow 6, W. J. Arnold (first quarter of Caters as cond.) 7, E. Sprague 8, R. F. Ewer 9, B. A. Cornell 10.

STOKE-ON-TRENT. — On Nov. 30th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Rowley 1, F. Wilshaw 2, W. Carnwell 3, A. Peake 4, N. Holland 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, W. P. Deane (cond.) 7, C. H. Page 8. First quarter of Cambridge Major by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

STRATTON, WILTS. — At St. Margaret's on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Richards (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, Miss N. Davis 4, H. Bishon 5, J. Berry 6, W. W. Daniell 7, E. Vincent 8.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Warboys 1, F. Bird (cond.) 2, G. Walker 3, C. Newman 4, T. Camp 5, Rev. S. E. F. Robinson 6. First quarter on the bells, and the first quarter by all except the conductor.

WISBECH, CAMBS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Unsell 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, F. Wigmore (cond.) 3, H. Piggins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, J. Phillips 6, E. H. Mastin 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means 9, G. Duffield 10. For evensong, 1,264 Bob Major with 9.10 covering.

WEST MALLING, KENT. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. G. Godger (first quarter) 1, Miss A. J. Jordan 2, J. L. F. Upton 3, L. W. Wells 4, C. F. Mills (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. R. Chapman 6.



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## NEW YEAR'S GREETING

The Apsley St. Mary ringers wish all fellow ringers and friends a happy and a prosperous New Year. 2820

## DEATH

ELLIS.—On Friday, Dec. 12th, 1947, at 1, Victoria Villas, Garland Road, Parkeston, Charles James Ellis, for over 50 years bell-ringer at St. Nicholas' Church, Harwich, and District Master of N.E. Essex Division, passed peacefully away, aged 68 years. 2837

## MISCELLANEOUS

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## MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Boyne Hill, Sat., Dec. 27th, 6 to 9.—A. D. Barker, Slough 23260.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Duffield, Dec. 27th, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—W. A. Parsons, Dis. Hon. Sec. 2815

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Practice meeting, Pinchbeck, Sat., Jan. 3rd, 6. Cambridge Major and Grandsire Triples. 2806

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting Sat., Jan. 3rd, Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, 6.45 prompt. Ringing at St. Martin's (12) from 4.30 to 6.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 2810

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Bell Foundry, White-chapel, Jan. 3rd, 3. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 2783

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, N.15, on Sat., Jan. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.45, with tea and business to follow. Approach via Manor House; 1½d. fare on trolley bus, routes 659 or 679, to St. Anne's Road Station, turn left and three minutes' walk.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2794

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Sat., Jan. 3rd, All Saints', Pitmoor, Sheffield, 3 to 4.45; St. Mary's, 6.30 to 8.30. Tea obtainable in city.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 2787

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN, LONDON.—The Coventry Nativity Play will be performed in church at 8 p.m. on Dec. 30th, 31st, Jan. 1st and 2nd. Ringing each night at 7.30 and at end of performances. All ringers welcome. 2825

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, 3 p.m., on Jan. 3rd. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please bring own food.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec. 2836

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Horsham (8), Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by Dec. 31st. 2826

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Audley (8), Sat., Jan. 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. R. Howley, Swanley, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2818

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Annual meeting, Kington, Jan. 3rd. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service, 5. Tea 5.30 to those who notify by Dec. 30th.—J. B. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 2822

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting Ilminster (8), Jan. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Good bus service. Please notify for tea by Dec. 30th.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 2824

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Devizes, Jan. 3rd, St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James' (6) bells available. Service, St. James, 4.30. Tea, for those who notify, 5 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid prior to this meeting.—W. O. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. 2827

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (E.).—Meeting at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, Sat., Jan. 3rd, 2.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. All Saints' 6-8 p.m.—John Downing, Hon. Sec. 2835

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting St. Annes, Sat., Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 2832

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Newport Pagnell (8), Sat., Jan. 3rd, at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 2828

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Jan. 3rd. St. Maurice's (6) 2.45 to 6. Cathedral (12), 6 p.m. Meeting, Dumpers' Restaurant, 3.30, followed by tea. Guild service, Cathedral, 5.15. Names for tea to L. A. Tremear, The Dean, Alresford, Hants, by Dec. 31st. 2830

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Whit Monday, 1948. Preliminary notice. Members are reminded that notices of motion and nominations for officers, sponsored by two members (with names and addresses), must be sent to me by Feb. 1st, 1948.—R. C. Heazel, Hon. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham. 2812

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, Bath Abbey, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea only for those who notify by Jan. 3rd.—S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 2834

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Sat., Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting following. Names to D. E. Latchford, Tolcarne, Collett Road, Hemel Hempstead, by Wed., Jan. 7th. Help the caterer by sending thank card. Thank you!—W. C. Hughes, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2829

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Linton (8), Sat., Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 2823

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Darenty Branch.—Annual meeting Darenty, Sat., Jan. 10th. Names for tea to me by Jan. 6th, please.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 2831

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deddington, Sat., Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 2819

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Feniton, Jan. 10th. Service 4. Business and tea after. Names for tea not later than Dec. 31st.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 2787

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